

SENATE FILE NO. SF0002

Legislative budget.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to appropriations for the legislature;
2 providing appropriations for the operation of the
3 legislative branch of state government; and providing for
4 effective dates.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general
9 fund to the legislative service office the following
10 specified amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
11 to pay the costs and expenses of the Wyoming legislature
12 through June 30, 2026:

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14 SALARIES

15 LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary\$9,853,818

16 Legislators - Session1,156,600

1	Legislators - Interim	2,537,876
2	Session Staff	650,608
3	Employer Paid Benefits	4,786,512
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5	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Session	1,095,024
7	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim	1,238,390
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9	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
10	Travel Expenses	88,800
11	Per Diem	118,800
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13	ANNUAL DUES	
14	National Conference of State Legislatures	269,500
15	The Energy Council	76,800
16	Council of State Governments	229,022
17	Other	15,520
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19	REGISTRATION FEES	65,600
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21	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	50,000
22		
23	ETS SERVICES (Network connections & backup)	10,000

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2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT1,039,220

3 (Information technology, copying,
4 supplies and equipment, furniture,
5 contract services, special projects, etc.)

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7 STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS335,000

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9 TOTAL\$ 23,617,090

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11 **Section 2.** [Standard Provision-Flex]. The Management
12 Council may transfer funds from one expense category to
13 another under Section 1 of this act as the activities of
14 the legislature may require.

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16 **Section 3.** [Standard Provision-Travel]. The
17 appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall
18 be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative
19 travel and per diem expenses to attend out-of-state
20 meetings in accordance with policies of the Management
21 Council. In addition to other out-of-state travel
22 authorized in Management Council policies, Management
23 Council may approve out-of-state travel for legislators

1 that furthers the interests of the state of Wyoming. This
2 travel may include travel to meet with legislators or
3 legislative committees from other states and travel to
4 attend other meetings, conferences or events that further
5 the interests of the state of Wyoming.

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7 **Section 4.** [Carry Forward of Prior Appropriations].

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9 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, the unobligated
10 portions of the following appropriations shall not revert
11 on June 30, 2024, and are hereby reappropriated to the
12 legislative service office for the following purposes:

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14 (i) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts
15 reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service
16 office under 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 5, Sections
17 4(a)(i) and 7 are reappropriated for expenditure by the
18 legislative service office for the period commencing July
19 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. Expenditures of amounts
20 reappropriated under this paragraph shall be for
21 professional consulting expertise and other support
22 necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature
23 pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities,

1 issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may
2 be retained by the legislative service office only upon
3 approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended,
4 unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual
5 agreements between the Management Council and professional
6 consultants;

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8 (ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2024,
9 resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers
10 prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative
11 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement
12 laptop computers and support systems for the period
13 commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026;

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15 (iii) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts
16 appropriated for expenditure under 2022 Wyoming Session
17 Laws, Chapter 5 are reappropriated for expenditure by the
18 legislative service office at the direction of the
19 Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the
20 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense
21 category under this act, for the period commencing July 1,
22 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

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1 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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3 **Section 5.** [Technology Projects].

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5 (a) There is appropriated one hundred fifty thousand
6 dollars (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the
7 legislative service office for continued development and
8 support of the legislative management system and other
9 continuing legislative information technology projects.

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11 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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13 **Section 6.** [New Legislator Training Compensation].

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15 (a) From and after the date the state canvassing
16 board certifies the results of the 2024 general election in
17 accordance with W.S. 22-16-118, legislators elect and newly
18 appointed legislators may, to the extent authorized by the
19 Management Council, receive mileage and per diem at the
20 same rate as members of the legislature plus an amount
21 equal to the daily salary paid to legislators for each day
22 spent at a legislative training function or at a meeting of
23 an interim committee to which they will be assigned.

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2 (b) There is appropriated from the general fund to
3 the legislative service office thirty-four thousand dollars
4 (\$34,000.00) for purposes of this section.

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6 (c) As used in this section:

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8 (i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to
9 the legislature during the 2024 general election who is not
10 a current member of the legislature and before the person
11 is duly sworn in;

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13 (ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person
14 appointed after the 2024 general election to fill a vacancy
15 in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn
16 in.

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18 **Section 7.** [School Finance]. There is
19 appropriated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
20 from the school foundation program account to the
21 legislative service office for professional consulting
22 expertise and other support necessary to carry out and
23 execute work of the legislature pertaining to required K-12

1 education responsibilities, issues and studies.
2 Professional consulting expertise may be retained by the
3 legislative service office only upon approval of the
4 Management Council, and the unexpended, unobligated amounts
5 may be expended for contractual agreements between the
6 Management Council and professional consultants.

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8 **Section 8.** [Special Contingency].

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10 (a) There is appropriated three hundred fifty
11 thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) from the general fund to the
12 legislative service office to be expended at the direction
13 of the Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the
14 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense
15 category under this act.

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17 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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19 **Section 9.** [Economic Development Authorized Travel].

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21 (a) Subject to available appropriation, legislators
22 traveling out-of-state, including internationally, in
23 connection with executive branch or legislatively approved

1 efforts to expand and diversify Wyoming's energy and
2 industrial economy or to attract new business enterprises to
3 the state or to improve access to and growth in domestic and
4 international markets, are authorized reimbursement of actual
5 travel expenses, including travel, lodging, meals and
6 necessary incidentals, provided:

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8 (i) Reimbursement of travel expenses for members
9 of the legislature to participate in economic
10 development efforts under this section shall require the
11 approval of the Management Council;

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13 (ii) In designating members authorized to
14 receive travel reimbursement under this section, preference
15 shall be given to members who have expressed an intention
16 to seek re-election to, or if mid-term to continue to
17 serve in, the Wyoming legislature during the 2025 and 2026
18 legislative sessions.

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20 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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22 **Section 10.** [Wyoming State Treasurer's Investment
23 Conference]. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars

1 (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
2 service office for payment of registration, mileage and per
3 diem for legislators attending the Wyoming state treasurer's
4 investment conference in the 2024 or 2025 interim.

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6 **Section 11.** [Facilities Appropriations].

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8 (a) Management Council may engage the services of
9 consultants and other qualified professionals to procure
10 the items listed in this subsection using funds
11 appropriated under this subsection. There is appropriated
12 from the general fund to the legislative service office:

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14 (i) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
15 miscellaneous furnishings and projects in the capitol
16 complex;

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18 (ii) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for room
19 management equipment and professional fees.

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21 (b) Funds appropriated under this section shall be
22 expended pursuant to all requirements of law, including the

1 requirements of article 3, section 31 of the Wyoming
2 constitution.

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4 (c) This section is effective immediately.

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6 **Section 12.** [Interpretive Exhibits and Wayfinding
7 Subcommittee].

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9 (a) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand
10 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the
11 legislative service office to pay the salary, mileage and
12 per diem of the legislative members of the capitol
13 interpretive exhibits and wayfinding subcommittee created
14 by 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 140, Section 8(a).

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16 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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18 **Section 13.** [CSG Annual Meeting]. There is
19 appropriated one hundred fifty thousand dollars
20 (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
21 service office for costs of hosting the 2025 annual meeting
22 of the Council of State Governments West in Wyoming,
23 including providing travel expenses and per diem for

1 members of the legislature and staff of the legislative
2 service office to attend the 2025 annual meeting of the
3 Council of State Governments West.

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5 **Section 14.** [Creation of Task Forces]. Management
6 Council shall only expend funds appropriated in this act to
7 create task forces comprised of legislators and non-
8 legislators upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the appointed
9 members of Management Council finding that an emergency
10 exists in the state of Wyoming necessitating the creation
11 of a task force.

1 **Section 15.** [Effective Dates].

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3 (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately"
4 means effective immediately upon completion of all acts
5 necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article
6 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. Any appropriation
7 contained in this act that is effective immediately shall
8 not lapse until June 30, 2026, unless otherwise specified.

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10 (b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is
11 effective July 1, 2024.

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