

SENATE FILE NO. SF0001

Appropriation for the legislature.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

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

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

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7 **Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general fund
8 to the legislative service office the following specified
9 amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the
10 costs and expenses of the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh
11 Wyoming legislatures through June 30, 2004:

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13 SALARIES

14	Permanent/Temporary.....	\$3,290,000
15	Legislators - Session.....	946,500
16	Legislators - Interim.....	371,500
17	Session Staff.....	698,000

1	Employer Paid Benefits.....	1,100,000
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3	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
4	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	666,500
5	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	610,500
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7	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL 1.	
8	Travel Expenses.....	81,057
9	Per Diem.....	150,200
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11	ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2003 and 2004)	
12	National Conference of State Legislatures.	166,500
13	The Energy Council.....	64,000
14	Council of State Governments.....	131,200
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16	REGISTRATION FEES.....	63,730
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18	TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	190,000
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20	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT 2.....	711,500
21	(Information technology, copying,	
22	supplies and equipment, furniture,	
23	contract services, special projects, etc.)	
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1	STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS.....	375,000
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3	CONTRACT SERVICES-SCHOOL FINANCE AUDITS.....	<u>325,000</u>
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5	TOTAL.....	\$9,941,187

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7 1. [NCSL] - All members of the legislature and all
 8 professional staff of the Legislative Service Office are
 9 authorized to attend the 2002 annual convention of the
 10 National Conference of State Legislatures.

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12 2. [Legislature Computer Equipment] - Not to exceed one
 13 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be used
 14 for the lease or purchase of laptop computers and support
 15 systems for the laptops. Expenditure of funds under this
 16 footnote shall be subject to approval of the select
 17 committee on the legislature.

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19 **Section 2.** [Standard Provision] - The management
 20 council may transfer funds from one expense category to
 21 another under section 1 of this act as the activities of
 22 the legislature may require.

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1 **Section 3.** [Standard Provision] - The appropriation for
2 out-of-state travel under this act shall be used to
3 reimburse legislators for documented legislative travel and
4 per diem expenses to meetings including, but not limited
5 to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the
6 Council of State Governments and The Energy Council.
7 Reimbursements shall be made with the permission of the
8 speaker of the house or the president of the senate, in
9 accordance with policies of the management council.

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

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13 (a) The unobligated portions of the following
14 appropriations are hereby re-appropriated to the
15 legislative service office subject to any conditions in the
16 original appropriations:

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18 (i) Appropriation for reapportionment of the
19 legislature, 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 5;

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21 (ii) Appropriation for artwork conservation,
22 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 7;

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1 (iii) Appropriation for chambers furnishings,
2 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 321;

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4 (iv) Appropriation for computer equipment, 2001
5 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 326;

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7 (v) Appropriation for chambers furnishings, 2001
8 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 330;

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10 (vi) Appropriation for computer programming and
11 website development, 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139,
12 Section 331.

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14 **Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]

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16 (a) During the period July 1, 2002, through June 30,
17 2004, each member of the legislature is entitled to receive
18 a constituent service allowance as provided under this
19 section. This allowance is intended to defray expenses
20 incurred by each member in providing service to and on
21 behalf of his constituents, which services are in addition
22 to attending sessions of the legislature, attending
23 meetings of interim committees and engaging in authorized
24 interim work for which salary, per diem and mileage are

1 authorized by law. The allowance is subject to the
2 following:

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4 (i) The allowance shall be paid quarterly upon
5 submission by the legislator of a claim form verifying that
6 he is a member of the legislature and thereby entitled to
7 the allowance under this section;

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9 (ii) Claim forms shall be submitted to the
10 legislative service office not later than the last day of
11 the month following the calendar quarter for which the
12 allowance under this section is being claimed;

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14 (iii) To the extent funds appropriated under
15 this section are not sufficient to pay claims, payment
16 shall be made on a proportional basis. Legislators may
17 request payment of less than the full amount of the
18 allowance;

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20 (iv) The allowance shall be four hundred fifty
21 dollars (\$450.00) per calendar quarter or fractional
22 portion thereof that the member is in office for the period
23 July 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, and seven hundred
24 fifty dollars (\$750.00) per calendar quarter or fractional

1 portion thereof that the member is in office for the period
2 January 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. Except that the
3 allowance shall not be paid for the first calendar quarter
4 of 2003 unless that person will be a member of the fifty-
5 seventh legislature.

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7 (b) Four hundred eighty-six thousand dollars
8 (\$486,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
9 legislative service office to be expended under the
10 direction of the management council only for the
11 constituent service allowance authorized in this section.

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13 **Section 6.** [Update of Econometric Model for Mineral
14 Tax Incentives] Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is
15 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
16 service office to be used exclusively for updating the
17 econometric model to evaluate mineral tax incentives
18 developed pursuant to 1999 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
19 168, Section 3, during the 2003-2004 biennium. These funds
20 shall be expended only with the approval of the management
21 council.

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23 **Section 7.** [Effective Immediate Appropriations]

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1 (a) Six thousand eight hundred thirty-seven dollars
2 (\$6,837.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
3 legislative service office for constituent service
4 allowance claims submitted for the period October 1, 2001,
5 through December 31, 2001, and eighty-one thousand dollars
6 (\$81,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
7 legislative service office for constituent service
8 allowance claims for the period January 1, 2002, through
9 June 30, 2002. Payment of claims shall be subject to the
10 conditions provided in 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94,
11 Section 10.

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13 (b) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is
14 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
15 service office for out-of-state travel for the period
16 ending June 30, 2002, subject to the conditions provided in
17 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 3.

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19 (c) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
21 service office for legislator salaries and employer paid
22 benefits to cover interim committee activities for the
23 period ending June 30, 2002.

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1 (d) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) is
2 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
3 service office for expenses of the special legislative
4 session convening February 11, 2002.

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6 (e) Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) is
7 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
8 service office for the purpose of purchasing nametags for
9 legislators' desks.

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11 (f) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is appropriated
12 from the general fund to the legislative service office to
13 be expended by the select committee on legislative
14 facilities, in consultation with the Wyoming state museum,
15 for artwork in the chambers of the Wyoming legislature.

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17 (g) Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) is
18 appropriated from the general fund to the legislative
19 service office to be expended by the select committee on
20 legislative facilities for legislative furnishings.

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22 **Section 8.** [Additional travel] Legislators shall be
23 authorized mileage for one (1) additional trip to travel to
24 their residence and return to the legislature during the

1 2003 general session. There is appropriated twelve thousand
2 nine hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$12,988.00) from the
3 general fund to the legislative service office for the
4 purposes of this section.

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6 **Section 9.** [Additional travel] Legislators shall be
7 authorized mileage for one (1) additional trip to travel to
8 their residence and return to the legislature during the
9 2004 budget session. There is appropriated twelve thousand
10 nine hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$12,988.00) from the
11 general fund to the legislative service office for the
12 purposes of this section.

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14 **Section 10.** [Additional per diem] Legislators shall
15 be authorized not to exceed seven (7) additional days per
16 diem for a mid-session recess during the 2003 general
17 session. Legislative salary shall not be paid for any days
18 the legislature is in recess under this section. There is
19 appropriated fifty thousand four hundred dollars
20 (\$50,400.00) from the general fund to the legislative
21 service office for the purposes of this section.

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23 **Section 11.** [Electrical work] Forty thousand dollars
24 (\$40,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the

1 legislative service office for legislative facilities
2 electrical work.

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4 **Section 12.** [Computer support] Sixty-three thousand
5 dollars (\$63,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund
6 to the legislative service office for the purposes of
7 computer support including software licensing and upgrades,
8 server upgrade, program adjustments and RealAudio support.
9 Expenditure of funds under this section shall be subject to
10 approval by the select committee on the legislature.

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12 **Section 13.** [Effective date] - Section 7 of this act is
13 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
14 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
15 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. The balance of this act is
16 effective July 1, 2002.

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