

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
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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.

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

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

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7 (i) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts
8 reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service
9 office under 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 5, Sections
10 4(a)(i) and 7 are reappropriated for expenditure by the
11 legislative service office for the period commencing July
12 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. Expenditures of amounts
13 reappropriated under this paragraph shall be for
14 professional consulting expertise and other support
15 necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature
16 pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities,
17 issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may
18 be retained by the legislative service office only upon
19 approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended,
20 unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual
21 agreements between the Management Council and professional
22 consultants;

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1 (ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2024,
2 resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers
3 prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative
4 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement
5 laptop computers and support systems for the period
6 commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026;

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8 (iii) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts
9 appropriated for expenditure under 2022 Wyoming Session
10 Laws, Chapter 5 are reappropriated for expenditure by the
11 legislative service office at the direction of the
12 Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the
13 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense
14 category under this act, for the period commencing July 1,
15 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

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17 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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21 (a) There is appropriated one hundred fifty thousand
22 dollars (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the
23 legislative service office for continued development and

1 support of the legislative management system and other
2 continuing legislative information technology projects.

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4 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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

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18 (b) There is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the legislative service office thirty-four thousand dollars
20 (\$34,000.00) for purposes of this section.

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22 (c) As used in this section:

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1 (i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to
2 the legislature during the 2024 general election who is not
3 a current member of the legislature and before the person
4 is duly sworn in;

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6 (ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person
7 appointed after the 2024 general election to fill a vacancy
8 in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn
9 in.

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11 **Section 7.** [School Finance]. There is
12 appropriated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
13 from the school foundation program account to the
14 legislative service office for professional consulting
15 expertise and other support necessary to carry out and
16 execute work of the legislature pertaining to required K-12
17 education responsibilities, issues and studies.
18 Professional consulting expertise may be retained by the
19 legislative service office only upon approval of the
20 Management Council, and the unexpended, unobligated amounts
21 may be expended for contractual agreements between the
22 Management Council and professional consultants.

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

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3 (a) There is appropriated three hundred fifty
4 thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) from the general fund to the
5 legislative service office to be expended at the direction
6 of the Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the
7 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense
8 category under this act.

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10 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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14 (a) Subject to available appropriation, legislators
15 traveling out-of-state, including internationally, in
16 connection with executive branch or legislatively approved
17 efforts to expand and diversify Wyoming's energy and
18 industrial economy or to attract new business enterprises to
19 the state or to improve access to and growth in domestic and
20 international markets, are authorized reimbursement of actual
21 travel expenses, including travel, lodging, meals and
22 necessary incidentals, provided:

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1 (i) Reimbursement of travel expenses for members
2 of the legislature to participate in economic
3 development efforts under this section shall require the
4 approval of the Management Council;

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6 (ii) In designating members authorized to
7 receive travel reimbursement under this section, preference
8 shall be given to members who have expressed an intention
9 to seek re-election to, or if mid-term to continue to
10 serve in, the Wyoming legislature during the 2025 and 2026
11 legislative sessions.

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13 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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15 **Section 10.** [Wyoming State Treasurer's Investment
16 Conference]. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars
17 (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
18 service office for payment of registration, mileage and per
19 diem for legislators attending the Wyoming state treasurer's
20 investment conference in the 2024 or 2025 interim.

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

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1 (a) Management Council may engage the services of
2 consultants and other qualified professionals to procure
3 the items listed in this subsection using funds
4 appropriated under this subsection. There is appropriated
5 from the general fund to the legislative service office:

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7 (i) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
8 miscellaneous furnishings and projects in the capitol
9 complex;

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

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14 (b) Funds appropriated under this section shall be
15 expended pursuant to all requirements of law, including the
16 requirements of article 3, section 31 of the Wyoming
17 constitution.

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19 (c) This section is effective immediately.

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21 **Section 12.** [Interpretive Exhibits and Wayfinding
22 Subcommittee].

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

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8 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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10 **Section 13.** [CSG Annual Meeting]. There is
11 appropriated one hundred fifty thousand dollars
12 (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
13 service office for costs of hosting the 2025 annual meeting
14 of the Council of State Governments West in Wyoming,
15 including providing travel expenses and per diem for
16 members of the legislature and staff of the legislative
17 service office to attend the 2025 annual meeting of the
18 Council of State Governments West.

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1 **Section 14.** [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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