

ENROLLED ACT NO. 48, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2016 BUDGET SESSION

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

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

**Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office the following specified amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the costs and expenses of the Wyoming legislature through June 30, 2018:

SALARIES

LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary .....	\$6,834,598
Legislators - Session .....	1,162,740
Legislators - Interim .....	1,948,352
Session Staff .....	745,229
Employer Paid Benefits .....	3,270,853

IN-STATE TRAVEL

Mileage and Per Diem - Session .....	1,038,796
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim .....	922,306

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Travel Expenses .....	118,800
Per Diem .....	165,800

ANNUAL DUES

National Conference of State Legislatures .....	242,562
The Energy Council .....	76,800
Council of State Governments .....	185,736
Other .....	10,600

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REGISTRATION FEES .....	81,000
TELECOMMUNICATIONS .....	90,000
ITD SERVICES (Network connections & backup) ...	13,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [1.] .....	984,566
(Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS .....	380,000
TOTAL .....	\$18,271,738

Footnotes to Section 1:

1. Legislative laptop computers being replaced shall be sold in accordance with Management Council directives. Any proceeds received from the sale of any laptop computer shall be deposited into the general fund and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office to be used for the purchase of replacement laptop computers and support systems.

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

**Section 3.** [Standard Provision-Travel]. The appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative travel and per diem expenses to attend out-of-state

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meetings including, but not limited to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments, the Education Commission of the States, the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the Energy Council. Travel authorization and reimbursements shall be in accordance with policies of the Management Council.

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

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2016, and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for the following purposes:

(i) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office under 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 126, Sections 4(a)(i) and 9, are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office for the period commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018. Expenditures of amounts reappropriated under this paragraph shall be for professional consulting expertise and other support necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities, issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may be retained by the legislative service office only upon approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended, unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual agreements between the Council and professional consultants. Prior to the legislative service office contracting with any consultant under this paragraph, a vote shall be taken of the joint education interim committee to provide their recommendation regarding any proposed contract;

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(ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2016, resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative service office to be used for the purchase of replacement laptop computers and support systems for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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

(a) There is appropriated two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for continued development and support of the legislative management system and development of improvements to the legislative website.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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

(a) From and after the date the state canvassing board certifies the results of the 2016 general election in accordance with W.S. 22-16-118, legislators elect and newly appointed legislators may, to the extent authorized by the Management Council, receive mileage and per diem at the same rate as members of the legislature plus an amount equal to the daily salary paid to legislators for each day spent at a legislative training function or at a meeting of an interim committee to which they will be assigned.

(b) There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office sixty-two thousand dollars

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(\$62,000.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary for purposes of this section.

(c) As used in this section:

(i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to the legislature during the 2016 general election who is not a current member of the legislature and before the person is duly sworn in;

(ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person appointed after the 2016 general election to fill a vacancy in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn in.

**Section 7.** [Reappropriation of School Foundation Program Account Funds].

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), any unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the school foundation program account to the attorney general under 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 2, Section 015, for purposes of the school finance litigation law office shall not revert on June 30, 2016, and are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office for the period commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018. Expenditures of amounts reappropriated under this subsection shall be for professional consulting expertise and other support necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities, issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may be retained by the legislative service office only upon approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended, unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual

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agreements between the Council and professional consultants. Prior to the legislative service office contracting with any consultant under this section, a vote shall be taken of the joint education interim committee to provide their recommendation regarding any proposed contract.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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

(a) There is appropriated one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office to be expended at the direction of the Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense category under section 1 of this act.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 9.** [Reappropriation of Digital Information Privacy Task Force Funds].

(a) Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) of any unexpended, unobligated amounts appropriated to the governor's office under 2015 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 112, Section 2(b) is transferred from the governor's office and reappropriated to the legislative service office for the period commencing with the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2017. Expenditures of amounts reappropriated under this section shall only be used for payment of salary, per diem and mileage for legislative members of the digital information privacy task force to carry out the purposes of 2014 Wyoming Session Laws,

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Chapter 123, as amended by 2015 Wyoming Session Laws,  
Chapter 112.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 10.** [Economic Development Authorized Travel].

(a) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for legislative travel expenses as authorized in this section.

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

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

(ii) In designating members authorized to receive travel reimbursement under this section, preference shall be given to members who have expressed an intention to seek re-election to, or if mid-term to continue to serve in, the Wyoming legislature during the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions.

(c) This section is effective immediately.

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**Section 11.** There is appropriated forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for payment of registration, mileage and per diem for legislators attending the Wyoming state treasurer's investment conference in the 2016 or 2017 interim. Registration payments shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per legislator.

**Section 12.** There is appropriated from the capitol building rehabilitation and restoration account to the legislative service office forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for meeting per diem, salary and mileage of legislators serving on the capitol building rehabilitation and restoration oversight group.

**Section 13.** [Effective Dates].

(a) As used in this act, "effective immediately" means effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. Any appropriation contained in this act that is effective immediately shall not lapse until June 30, 2018, unless otherwise specified.



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(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2016.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk