

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0050

Appropriation for the legislature.

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, 2018:

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14 SALARIES

15	LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary .....	\$6,834,598
16	Legislators - Session .....	1,162,740

1	Legislators - Interim .....	1,934,132
2	Session Staff.....	745,229
3	Employer Paid Benefits .....	3,269,731
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5	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	1,038,796
7	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	907,648
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9	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
10	Travel Expenses.....	118,800
11	Per Diem.....	165,800
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13	ANNUAL DUES	
14	National Conference of State Legislatures .....	242,562
15	The Energy Council.....	76,800
16	Council of State Governments.....	185,736
17	Other .....	10,600
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19	REGISTRATION FEES.....	81,000
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21	TELECOMMUNICATIONS.....	90,000
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23	ITD SERVICES (Network connections & backup) ...	13,000

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2 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [1.] ..... 984,566

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

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7 STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS ..... 380,000

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9 TOTAL..... \$18,241,738

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11 Footnotes to Section 1:

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

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21 **Section 2.** [Standard Provision-Flex]. The Management  
22 Council may transfer funds from one expense category to

1 another under Section 1 of this act as the activities of  
2 the legislature may require.

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4       **Section 3.** [Standard Provision-Travel]. The  
5 appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall  
6 be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative  
7 travel and per diem expenses to attend out-of-state  
8 meetings including, but not limited to, the National  
9 Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State  
10 Governments, the Education Commission of the States, the  
11 State Legislative Leaders Foundation and the Energy Council.  
12 Travel authorization and reimbursements shall be in  
13 accordance with policies of the Management Council.

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

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17       (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and  
18 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following  
19 appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2016, and are  
20 hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for  
21 the following purposes:

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1           (i) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts  
2 reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service  
3 office under 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 126,  
4 Sections 4(a)(i) and 9, are reappropriated for expenditure  
5 by the legislative service office for the period commencing  
6 July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2018. Expenditures of  
7 amounts reappropriated under this paragraph shall be for  
8 professional consulting expertise and other support  
9 necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature  
10 pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities,  
11 issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may  
12 be retained by the legislative service office only upon  
13 approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended,  
14 unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual  
15 agreements between the Council and professional  
16 consultants;

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18           (ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2016,  
19 resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers  
20 prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative  
21 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement  
22 laptop computers and support systems for the period July 1,  
23 2016 through June 30, 2018.

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2 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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4 **Section 5.** [Technology Project].

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6 (a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand  
7 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the  
8 legislative service office for continued development and  
9 support of the legislative management system.

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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 2016 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 sixty-two thousand dollars  
4 (\$62,000.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary for  
5 purposes of this section.

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7 (c) As used in this section:

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

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

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

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22 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and  
23 9-4-207(a), any unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated

1 from the school foundation program account to the attorney  
2 general under 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26,  
3 Section 2, Section 015, for purposes of the school finance  
4 litigation law office shall not revert on June 30, 2016,  
5 and are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative  
6 service office for the period commencing July 1, 2016 and  
7 ending June 30, 2018. Expenditures of amounts  
8 reappropriated under this subsection shall be for  
9 professional consulting expertise and other support  
10 necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature  
11 pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities,  
12 issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may  
13 be retained by the legislative service office only upon  
14 approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended,  
15 unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual  
16 agreements between the Council and professional  
17 consultants.

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19 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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

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8           (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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13           (a) Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) of any  
14 unexpended, unobligated amounts appropriated to the  
15 governor's office under 2015 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter  
16 112, Section 2(b) is transferred from the governor's office  
17 and reappropriated to the legislative service office for  
18 the period commencing with the effective date of this  
19 section and ending June 30, 2017. Expenditures of amounts  
20 reappropriated under this section shall only be used for  
21 payment of salary, per diem and mileage for legislative  
22 members of the digital information privacy task force to  
23 carry out the purposes of 2014 Wyoming Session Laws,

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

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4 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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8 (a) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars  
9 (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative  
10 service office for legislative travel expenses as authorized  
11 in this section.

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

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

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

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13           (c) This section is effective immediately.

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15           **Section 11.** [Effective Dates].

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17           (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately"  
18 means effective immediately upon completion of all acts  
19 necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article  
20 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. Any appropriation  
21 contained in this act that is effective immediately shall  
22 not lapse until June 30, 2018, unless otherwise specified.

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

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