

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	1,948,352
2	Session Staff.....	745,229
3	Employer Paid Benefits	3,270,853
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5	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
6	Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	1,038,796
7	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	922,306
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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..... \$18,271,738

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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. Prior to the legislative service office
18 contracting with any consultant under this section, a vote
19 shall be taken of the joint education interim committee to
20 provide their recommendation regarding any proposed
21 contract.

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23 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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

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11 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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16 (a) Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) of any
17 unexpended, unobligated amounts appropriated to the
18 governor's office under 2015 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
19 112, Section 2(b) is transferred from the governor's office
20 and reappropriated to the legislative service office for
21 the period commencing with the effective date of this
22 section and ending June 30, 2017. Expenditures of amounts
23 reappropriated under this section shall only be used for

1 payment of salary, per diem and mileage for legislative
2 members of the digital information privacy task force to
3 carry out the purposes of 2014 Wyoming Session Laws,
4 Chapter 123, as amended by 2015 Wyoming Session Laws,
5 Chapter 112.

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7 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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11 (a) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars
12 (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
13 service office for legislative travel expenses as authorized
14 in this section.

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

1 actual travel expenses, including travel, lodging, meals and
2 necessary incidentals, provided:

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

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

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16 (c) This section is effective immediately.

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18 **Section 11.** There is appropriated forty-two thousand
19 dollars (\$42,000.00) from the general fund to the
20 legislative service office for payment of registration,
21 mileage and per diem for legislators attending the Wyoming
22 state treasurer's investment conference in the 2016 or 2017

1 interim. Registration payments shall not exceed three
2 hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per legislator.

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4 **Section 12.** There is appropriated from the capitol
5 building rehabilitation and restoration account to the
6 legislative service office forty thousand dollars
7 (\$40,000.00) for meeting per diem, salary and mileage of
8 legislators serving on the capitol building rehabilitation
9 and restoration oversight group.

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

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13 (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately"
14 means effective immediately upon completion of all acts
15 necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article
16 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. Any appropriation
17 contained in this act that is effective immediately shall
18 not lapse until June 30, 2018, unless otherwise specified.

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

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