

ENROLLED ACT NO. 28, SENATE

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2024 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, 2026:

SALARIES

LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary .....	\$9,853,818
Legislators - Session .....	1,156,600
Legislators - Interim .....	2,537,876
Session Staff .....	650,608
Employer Paid Benefits .....	4,786,512

IN-STATE TRAVEL

Mileage and Per Diem - Session .....	1,095,024
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim .....	1,238,390

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Travel Expenses .....	88,800
Per Diem .....	118,800

ANNUAL DUES

National Conference of State Legislatures .....	269,500
The Energy Council .....	76,800
Council of State Governments .....	229,022
Other .....	15,520

REGISTRATION FEES .....	65,600
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS .....	50,000
ETS SERVICES (Network connections & backup) .....	10,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT .....	1,039,220
(Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS .....	335,000
TOTAL .....	\$ 23,617,090

**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 meetings in accordance with policies of the Management Council. In addition to other out-of-state travel authorized in Management Council policies, Management Council may approve out-of-state travel for legislators that furthers the interests of the state of Wyoming. This travel may include travel to meet with legislators or legislative committees from other states and travel to attend other meetings, conferences or events that further the interests of the state of Wyoming.

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

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(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, the unobligated portions of the following appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2024, 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 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 5, Sections 4(a)(i) and 7 are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. 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 Management Council and professional consultants;

(ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2024, 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 commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026;

(iii) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts appropriated for expenditure under 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 5 are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office at the direction of the Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense

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category under this act, for the period commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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

(a) There is appropriated one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for continued development and support of the legislative management system and other continuing legislative information technology projects.

(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 2024 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 thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000.00) for purposes of this section.

(c) As used in this section:

(i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to the legislature during the 2024 general election who is not

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a current member of the legislature and before the person is duly sworn in;

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

**Section 7.** [School Finance]. There is appropriated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the school foundation program account to the legislative service office 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 Management Council and professional consultants.

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

(a) There is appropriated three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) 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 this act.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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

(a) Subject to available appropriation, legislators

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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 2025 and 2026 legislative sessions.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 10.** [Wyoming State Treasurer's Investment Conference]. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) 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 2024 or 2025 interim.

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

(a) Management Council may engage the services of consultants and other qualified professionals to procure the items listed in this subsection using funds

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appropriated under this subsection. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office:

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

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

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

(c) This section is effective immediately.

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

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

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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members of the legislature and staff of the legislative service office to attend the 2025 annual meeting of the Council of State Governments West.

**Section 14.** [Regulatory Reduction Task Force].

(a) The regulatory reduction task force as it was created and as it existed during the 2023 interim is hereby authorized and continued until December 31, 2024. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for purposes of providing salary, mileage and per diem to the legislative members of the regulatory reduction task force appointed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 15.** [Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult Task Force].

(a) The mental health and vulnerable adult task force as it was created and as it existed during the 2023 interim is hereby authorized and continued until December 31, 2024. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for purposes of providing salary, mileage and per diem to the legislative members of the mental health and vulnerable adult task force appointed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 16.** [Creation of Task Forces].



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(a) Management Council shall only expend funds appropriated in this act to create additional task forces comprised of legislators and non-legislators upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the appointed members of Management Council finding that an emergency exists in the state of Wyoming necessitating the creation of a task force through December 31, 2024. Management council may adopt a policy for creating task forces effective for the sixty-eighth legislature and beyond.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

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**Section 17.** [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, 2026, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2024.

(END)

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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 Senate.

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Chief Clerk