

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. SF0002

ENROLLED ACT NO. 1, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2026 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to appropriations for the legislature; providing appropriations for the operation of the legislative branch of state government; providing for terms and conditions and other requirements relating to appropriations for the remainder of the current biennium ending June 30, 2026 and the period of the budget as specified; providing for carryover of certain funds beyond the biennium as specified; 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, 2028:

SALARIES

LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary	\$11,499,818
Legislators - Session	1,156,600
Legislators - Interim	2,239,976
Session Staff	575,608
Employer Paid Benefits	4,906,076

IN-STATE TRAVEL

Mileage and Per Diem - Session	1,543,200
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim	1,252,390

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Travel Expenses	93,800
Per Diem	128,800

DUES

National Conference of State Legislatures	293,524
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The Energy Council	76,800
Council of State Governments	271,346
Other	15,520
REGISTRATION FEES	75,600
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	50,000
ETS SERVICES (Network connections & backup)	10,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	1,524,720
(Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS	405,000
TOTAL	\$26,118,778

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

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attend other meetings, conferences or events that further the interests of the state of Wyoming.

Section 4. [Carry Forward of Prior Appropriations].

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, the unobligated portions of the following appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2026, 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 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 59, Sections 4(a)(i) and 7 and 2025 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 140, Section 2 are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office for the period commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. 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, 2026, 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, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028;

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(iii) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts appropriated for expenditure under 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 59 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 category under this act, for the period commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

Section 5. [New Legislator Training Compensation].

(a) From and after the date the state canvassing board certifies the results of the 2026 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 2026 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

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appointed after the 2026 general election to fill a vacancy in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn in.

Section 6. [Economic Development Authorized Travel].

(a) 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 2027 and 2028 legislative sessions.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

Section 7. [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

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investment conference in the 2026 or 2027 interim.

Section 8. [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 9. [Economic Modeling]. There is appropriated four hundred ninety-two thousand one hundred dollars (\$492,100.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for regional economic modeling software and maintenance fees for the 2027-2028 biennium to support the legislative service office budget fiscal division fiscal note process, the legislative service office research division administrative rules economic impact analysis and other projects and assignments of the legislature as necessary.

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Section 10. [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, 2028, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk