

SENATE FILE NO. SF0002

Legislative budget.

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; providing for terms
4 and conditions and other requirements relating to
5 appropriations for the remainder of the current biennium
6 ending June 30, 2026 and the period of the budget as
7 specified; providing for carryover of certain funds beyond
8 the biennium as specified; and providing for effective
9 dates.

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

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13 **Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general
14 fund to the legislative service office the following
15 specified amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
16 to pay the costs and expenses of the Wyoming legislature

1 through June 30, 2028:

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3 SALARIES

4 LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary\$11,499,818

5 Legislators - Session1,156,600

6 Legislators - Interim2,239,976

7 Session Staff575,608

8 Employer Paid Benefits4,906,076

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10 IN-STATE TRAVEL

11 Mileage and Per Diem - Session1,543,200

12 Mileage and Per Diem - Interim1,252,390

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14 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

15 Travel Expenses93,800

16 Per Diem128,800

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18 DUES

19 National Conference of State Legislatures293,524

20 The Energy Council76,800

21 Council of State Governments271,346

22 Other15,520

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1 REGISTRATION FEES75,600
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3 TELECOMMUNICATIONS50,000
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5 ETS SERVICES (Network connections & backup)10,000
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7 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT1,524,720
8 (Information technology, copying,
9 supplies and equipment, furniture,
10 contract services, special projects, etc.)
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12 STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS405,000
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14 TOTAL\$26,118,778
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16 **Section 2.** [Standard Provision-Flex]. The Management
17 Council may transfer funds from one expense category to
18 another under Section 1 of this act as the activities of
19 the legislature may require.
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21 **Section 3.** [Standard Provision-Travel]. The
22 appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall
23 be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative

1 travel and per diem expenses to attend out-of-state
2 meetings in accordance with policies of the Management
3 Council. In addition to other out-of-state travel
4 authorized in Management Council policies, Management
5 Council may approve out-of-state travel for legislators
6 that furthers the interests of the state of Wyoming. This
7 travel may include travel to meet with legislators or
8 legislative committees from other states and travel to
9 attend other meetings, conferences or events that further
10 the interests of the state of Wyoming.

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

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14 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, the unobligated
15 portions of the following appropriations shall not revert
16 on June 30, 2026, and are hereby reappropriated to the
17 legislative service office for the following purposes:

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19 (i) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts
20 reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service
21 office under 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 59,
22 Sections 4(a)(i) and 7 and 2025 Wyoming Session Laws,
23 Chapter 140, Section 2 are reappropriated for expenditure

1 by the legislative service office for the period commencing
2 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. Expenditures of
3 amounts reappropriated under this paragraph shall be for
4 professional consulting expertise and other support
5 necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature
6 pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities,
7 issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may
8 be retained by the legislative service office only upon
9 approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended,
10 unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual
11 agreements between the Management Council and professional
12 consultants;

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14 (ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2026,
15 resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers
16 prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative
17 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement
18 laptop computers and support systems for the period
19 commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028;

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21 (iii) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts
22 appropriated for expenditure under 2024 Wyoming Session
23 Laws, Chapter 59 are reappropriated for expenditure by the

1 legislative service office at the direction of the
2 Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the
3 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense
4 category under this act, for the period commencing July 1,
5 2026 and ending June 30, 2028.

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7 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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9 **Section 5.** [New Legislator Training Compensation].

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11 (a) From and after the date the state canvassing
12 board certifies the results of the 2026 general election in
13 accordance with W.S. 22-16-118, legislators elect and newly
14 appointed legislators may, to the extent authorized by the
15 Management Council, receive mileage and per diem at the
16 same rate as members of the legislature plus an amount
17 equal to the daily salary paid to legislators for each day
18 spent at a legislative training function or at a meeting of
19 an interim committee to which they will be assigned.

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21 (b) There is appropriated from the general fund to
22 the legislative service office thirty-four thousand dollars
23 (\$34,000.00) for purposes of this section.

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2 (c) As used in this section:

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4 (i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to
5 the legislature during the 2026 general election who is not
6 a current member of the legislature and before the person
7 is duly sworn in;

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9 (ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person
10 appointed after the 2026 general election to fill a vacancy
11 in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn
12 in.

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

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16 (a) 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 actual
23 travel expenses, including travel, lodging, meals and

1 necessary incidentals, provided:

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

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8 (ii) In designating members authorized to
9 receive travel reimbursement under this section, preference
10 shall be given to members who have expressed an intention
11 to seek re-election to, or if mid-term to continue to
12 serve in, the Wyoming legislature during the 2027 and 2028
13 legislative sessions.

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15 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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17 **Section 7.** [Wyoming State Treasurer's Investment
18 Conference]. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars
19 (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
20 service office for payment of registration, mileage and per
21 diem for legislators attending the Wyoming state treasurer's
22 investment conference in the 2026 or 2027 interim.

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1 **Section 8.** [Interpretive Exhibits and Wayfinding
2 Subcommittee].

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

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11 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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