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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

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; 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, 2022:

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14       SALARIES

15       LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary .....	\$8,694,968
16       Legislators - Session .....	1,176,246
17       Legislators - Interim .....	1,947,602
18       Session Staff .....	649,608
19       Employer Paid Benefits .....	4,432,169

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2	IN-STATE TRAVEL	
3	Mileage and Per Diem - Session .....	1,065,024
4	Mileage and Per Diem - Interim .....	860,090
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6	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
7	Travel Expenses .....	80,800
8	Per Diem .....	110,800
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10	ANNUAL DUES	
11	National Conference of State Legislatures .....	267,587
12	The Energy Council .....	76,800
13	Council of State Governments .....	217,332
14	Other .....	10,520
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16	REGISTRATION FEES .....	55,600
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18	TELECOMMUNICATIONS .....	50,000
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20	ITD SERVICES (Network connections & backup) ...	10,000
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22	GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT .....	808,610
23	(Information technology, copying,	
24	supplies and equipment, furniture,	
25	contract services, special projects, etc.)	
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27	STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS .....	385,000
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29	TOTAL .....	\$20,898,756
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31       **Section 2.** [Standard Provision-Flex]. The Management  
32 Council may transfer funds from one expense category to  
33 another under Section 1 of this act as the activities of  
34 the legislature may require.

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36       **Section 3.** [Standard Provision-Travel]. The  
37 appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall  
38 be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative  
39 travel and per diem expenses to attend out-of-state  
40 meetings in accordance with policies of the Management  
41 Council.

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

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45       (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and

1 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following  
2 appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2020, and are  
3 hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for  
4 the following purposes:

5  
6 (i) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts  
7 reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service  
8 office under 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 24,  
9 Sections 4(a)(i) and 7, are reappropriated for expenditure  
10 by the legislative service office for the period commencing  
11 July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022. Expenditures of  
12 amounts reappropriated under this paragraph shall be for  
13 professional consulting expertise and other support  
14 necessary to carry out and execute work of the legislature  
15 pertaining to required K-12 education responsibilities,  
16 issues and studies. Professional consulting expertise may  
17 be retained by the legislative service office only upon  
18 approval of the Management Council, and the unexpended,  
19 unobligated amounts may be expended for contractual  
20 agreements between the Council and professional  
21 consultants;

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23 (ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2020,  
24 resulting from the sale of legislative laptop computers  
25 prior to that date is appropriated to the legislative  
26 service office to be used for the purchase of replacement  
27 laptop computers and support systems for the period July 1,  
28 2020 through June 30, 2022;

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30 (iii) Any unexpended, unobligated amounts  
31 appropriated for expenditure under 2018 Wyoming Session  
32 Laws, Chapter 24 are reappropriated for expenditure by the  
33 legislative service office at the direction of the  
34 Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the  
35 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense  
36 category under this act, for the period commencing July 1,  
37 2020 and ending June 30, 2022.

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39 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

42  
43 (a) There is appropriated one hundred twenty-five  
44 thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) from the general fund to the  
45 legislative service office for continued development and

1 support of the legislative management system.

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3 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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5 **Section 6.** [New Legislator Training Compensation].

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7 (a) From and after the date the state canvassing  
8 board certifies the results of the 2020 general election in  
9 accordance with W.S. 22-16-118, legislators elect and newly  
10 appointed legislators may, to the extent authorized by the  
11 Management Council, receive mileage and per diem at the  
12 same rate as members of the legislature plus an amount  
13 equal to the daily salary paid to legislators for each day  
14 spent at a legislative training function or at a meeting of  
15 an interim committee to which they will be assigned.

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17 (b) There is appropriated from the general fund to  
18 the legislative service office thirty-four thousand dollars  
19 (\$34,000.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary for  
20 purposes of this section.

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22 (c) As used in this section:

23  
24 (i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to  
25 the legislature during the 2020 general election who is not  
26 a current member of the legislature and before the person  
27 is duly sworn in;

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29 (ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person  
30 appointed after the 2020 general election to fill a vacancy  
31 in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn  
32 in.

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34 **Section 7.** [Reappropriation of School Foundation  
35 Program Account Funds].

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37 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and  
38 9-4-207(a), any unexpended, unobligated amounts  
39 appropriated from the school foundation program account to  
40 the attorney general under 2018 Wyoming Session Laws,  
41 Chapter 134, Section 2, Section 015, as amended by 2019  
42 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 2, Section 015,  
43 for purposes of the law office shall not revert on June 30,  
44 2020. On July 1, 2020 these amounts are reappropriated for  
45 expenditure by the legislative service office for the

1 period commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022.  
2 Expenditures of amounts reappropriated under this  
3 subsection shall be for professional consulting expertise  
4 and other support necessary to carry out and execute work  
5 of the legislature pertaining to required K-12 education  
6 responsibilities, issues and studies. Professional  
7 consulting expertise may be retained by the legislative  
8 service office only upon approval of the Management  
9 Council, and the unexpended, unobligated amounts may be  
10 expended for contractual agreements between the Council and  
11 professional consultants.

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13 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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17 (a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand  
18 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the  
19 legislative service office to be expended at the direction  
20 of the Management Council for extraordinary expenses of the  
21 legislature and as necessary to supplement any expense  
22 category under this act.

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24 (b) This section is effective immediately.

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

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28 (a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and  
29 9-4-207(a), any unexpended, unobligated amounts appropriated  
30 for expenditure under 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 79,  
31 Section 10, as amended by 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter  
32 42, and 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 24, Section 9 are  
33 reappropriated to the legislative service office for  
34 legislative travel expenses as authorized in this section.

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36 (b) Subject to available appropriation, legislators  
37 traveling out-of-state, including internationally, in  
38 connection with executive branch or legislatively approved  
39 efforts to expand and diversify Wyoming's energy and  
40 industrial economy or to attract new business enterprises to  
41 the state or to improve access to and growth in domestic and  
42 international markets, are authorized reimbursement of actual  
43 travel expenses, including travel, lodging, meals and  
44 necessary incidentals, provided:

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2 (i) Reimbursement of travel expenses for members  
3 of the legislature to participate in economic  
4 development efforts under this section shall require the  
5 approval of the Management Council;  
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7 (ii) In designating members authorized to  
8 receive travel reimbursement under this section, preference  
9 shall be given to members who have expressed an intention  
10 to seek re-election to, or if mid-term to continue to  
11 serve in, the Wyoming legislature during the 2021 and 2022  
12 legislative sessions.  
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14 (c) This section is effective immediately.  
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16 **Section 10.** [Wyoming State Treasurer's Investment  
17 Conference]. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars  
18 (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative  
19 service office for payment of registration, mileage and per  
20 diem for legislators attending the Wyoming state treasurer's  
21 investment conference in the 2020 or 2021 interim.  
22 Registration payments shall not exceed three hundred fifty  
23 dollars (\$350.00) per legislator.  
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25 **Section 11.** [Facilities Appropriations].  
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27 (a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand  
28 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the  
29 legislative service office to hire a consultant and other  
30 qualified professionals to assist with the design,  
31 procurement, ordering, purchasing and installation of  
32 office furnishings, other furnishings, fixtures and  
33 equipment and owner identified improvements within the  
34 capitol building and capitol extension. Contracts shall be  
35 awarded under this section by a vote of a majority of the  
36 members of the state building commission and a vote of the  
37 majority of the members of the Management Council.  
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39 (b) Management Council may also engage the services of  
40 consultants and other qualified professionals to procure  
41 the items listed in this subsection using funds  
42 appropriated under this subsection. There is appropriated  
43 from the general fund to the legislative service office:  
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1 (i) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)  
2 for miscellaneous furnishings and projects;  
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4 (ii) Ninety-one thousand dollars (\$91,000.00)  
5 for room management equipment and professional fees;  
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7 (iii) Two hundred ten thousand dollars  
8 (\$210,000.00) for video conferencing and video streaming in  
9 at least four (4) public meeting rooms in the capitol  
10 extension.  
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12 (c) Funds appropriated under this section shall be  
13 expended pursuant to all requirements of law, including the  
14 requirements of article 3, section 31 of the Wyoming  
15 constitution.  
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17 (d) This section is effective immediately.  
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19 **Section 12.** [Legislative Redistricting]. There is  
20 appropriated two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars  
21 (\$285,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative  
22 service office to fund hardware, software, staff support  
23 and committee meetings required for legislative  
24 redistricting following the 2020 census.  
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26 **Section 13.** [CSG Annual Meeting]. There is  
27 appropriated one hundred twenty-five thousand seven hundred  
28 dollars (\$125,700.00) from the general fund to the  
29 legislative service office for members of the legislature  
30 and staff of the legislative service office to attend the  
31 2020 annual meeting of the Council of State Governments.  
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33 **Section 14.** [Effective Dates].  
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35 (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately"  
36 means effective immediately upon completion of all acts  
37 necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article  
38 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. Any appropriation  
39 contained in this act that is effective immediately shall  
40 not lapse until June 30, 2022, unless otherwise specified.  
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42 (b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is  
43 effective July 1, 2020.  
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45 (END)