

ENROLLED ACT NO. 68, SENATE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2014 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, 2016:

SALARIES	
LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary.....	\$6,636,321
Legislators - Session.....	1,162,740
Legislators - Interim .....	1,392,682
Session Staff.....	770,250
Employer Paid Benefits .....	3,044,748
IN-STATE TRAVEL	
Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	1,038,496
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	943,691
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
Travel Expenses.....	118,800
Per Diem.....	203,800
ANNUAL DUES	
National Conference of State Legislatures.....	233,026
The Energy Council.....	76,800
Council of State Governments.....	176,636
REGISTRATION FEES.....	90,800

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS.....	160,000
ITD SERVICES (Network connections & backup)...	100,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [1.]..... (Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	1,189,097
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS.....	<u>405,000</u>
TOTAL.....	\$17,742,887

Footnotes to Section 1:

1. Legislative laptop computers being replaced shall be sold in accordance with Management Council directives. Any proceeds received from the sale of any laptop computer shall be deposited into the general fund and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office to be used for the purchase of replacement laptop computers and support systems. The Select Committee on Legislative Technology and Process shall consider the impact on legislative staff and the overall security of the legislative network by allowing members the opportunity to acquire alternative legislative products with different computer operating systems.

**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

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travel and per diem expenses to attend out-of-state meetings including, but not limited to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments and the Energy Council. Travel authorization and reimbursements shall be in accordance with policies of the Management Council.

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

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), the unobligated portions of the following appropriations shall not revert on June 30, 2014, 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 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 101, Section 7(a), are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office for the period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016. 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 Council and professional consultants;

(ii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2014, 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

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laptop computers and support systems for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016;

(iii) Any balance in the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on June 30, 2014, is appropriated to the legislative service office to fund the constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]. There is appropriated from the general fund to the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) five hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$515,000.00) to fund constituent service allowance reimbursements for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

**Section 6.** [Technology Project].

(a) There is appropriated seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$775,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for continued development of the legislative management system.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 7.** [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations].

(a) There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office:

(i) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for miscellaneous furnishings and projects.

**Section 8.** [New Legislator Training Compensation].

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(a) From and after the date the state canvassing board certifies the results of the 2014 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 sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary for purposes of this section.

(c) As used in this section:

(i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to the legislature during the 2014 general election who is not a current member of legislature and before the person is duly sworn in;

(ii) "Newly appointed legislator" means a person appointed after the 2014 general election to fill a vacancy in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn in.

**Section 9.** [Reappropriation of School Foundation Program Account Funds].

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), any unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the school foundation program account to the attorney general under 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 2, Section 015, for purposes of the school finance

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litigation law office, shall not revert on June 30, 2014, and are reappropriated for expenditure by the legislative service office for the period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2016. 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 Council and professional consultants.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 10.** [Special Contingency].

(a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) 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.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 11.** [Economic Development Authorized Travel].

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

(b) Subject to available appropriation, legislators traveling out-of-state, including internationally, in

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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 Senate may be authorized by the President of the Senate and travel expenses for members of the House of Representatives may be authorized by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for economic development projects for which legislative participation is authorized in the 2014 general government appropriations bill, Senate File 0001 and House Bill 0001;

(ii) Reimbursement of travel expenses for members of the legislature to participate in other economic development efforts shall require the approval of the Management Council;

(iii) In designating members authorized to receive travel reimbursement under this section, preference will be given to members who have expressed an intention to seek re-election to, or if mid-term to continue to serve in, the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions.

(c) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 12.** [Technological Issues in Legislative Facilities].

(a) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for legislative expenses

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associated with addressing technological issues relating to the legislature, including incorporation of technology in legislative functions and facilities as provided in this section.

(b) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house shall authorize from members of their respective houses serving on the select committee on technology and process, the select committee on legislative facilities or the oversight group created by 2014 Senate File 103 as enacted into law, to review the incorporation of technology in legislative functions and facilities in other states. As approved by the senate president and speaker, the members selected may travel out-of-state to review the issues specified in this section and are authorized mileage, per diem and actual expenses when undertaking those activities.

(c) This section is effective immediately.

**Section 13.** [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, 2016, unless otherwise specified.



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(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2014.

(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