

Chapter 102

APPROPRIATION FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Original Senate File No. 2

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, 2014:

SALARIES	
LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary	\$6,502,793
Legislators - Session	1,162,740
Legislators - Interim [3.]	1,459,371
Session Staff	734,015
Employer Paid Benefits	2,955,509
IN-STATE TRAVEL	
Mileage and Per Diem - Session	1,060,432
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim	911,072
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
Travel Expenses	117,600
Per Diem	191,800
ANNUAL DUES	
National Conference of State Legislatures	234,001
The Energy Council	72,000
Council of State Governments	177,151
REGISTRATION FEES	95,200
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	180,800
ITD SERVICES (Network connections & backup)	150,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [1.],[2.],[4.]	1,013,520
(Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS	<u>430,000</u>
TOTAL\$17,448,004

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. In preparing for

replacement of laptop computers for legislators in the 2015-2016 fiscal biennium, the Select Committee on Legislative Technology and Process shall consider making available computers using alternative operating systems for legislators requesting such systems so long as the alternative operating system is no more expensive than the replacement laptop computer. This footnote is effective immediately.

2. Of this amount, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be used to purchase tablet computers for a pilot project for the Joint Appropriations Committee to connect to the legislative management system to access budget hearing materials electronically. The committee co-chairs and the legislative service office staff shall develop the implementation plan during the 2012 interim.

3. Of this amount, up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be used to fund the costs of attendance of members of the joint education interim committee at meetings held during the 2012 interim by the select committee on statewide education accountability, as created under 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 184, Section 4(b). Expenses of meeting attendance shall not include payment of salary for preparation or travel days as provided under W.S. 28-5-101(e)(iii) and (iv). This footnote is effective immediately.

4. Of this amount, up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be used to purchase a portable sound system for interim committee meetings. This footnote is effective immediately.

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 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, 2012, and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for the following purposes:

(i) Any remaining balance of funds originally appropriated to the legislative service office by 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Ch. 47, Section 7(a) and carried forward and reappropriated to the legislative service office by 2010 Wyoming Session Laws, Ch. 53, Section 4(a)(i) and 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Ch. 88, Section 347(b)(i), to be used for miscellaneous furnishings and projects;

(ii) Appropriation for development and implementation of the legislative management system, 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Ch. 88, Section 347(a)(i);

(iii) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2012, 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 July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014;

(iv) Any balance in the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on June 30, 2012, is appropriated to the legislative service office to fund the constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

(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 thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to fund constituent service allowance reimbursements for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

Section 6. [Technology Project]. There is appropriated six hundred forty thousand dollars (\$640,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for continued development of the legislative management system.

Section 7. [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations].

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

(i) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for upgrade of the wireless alarm system;

(ii) Seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for development of the Capitol public outreach plan;

(iii) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for administration of the legislative artwork donation program;

(iv) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for reproduction artwork in leadership offices.

(b) The appropriations in this section are effective immediately.

Section 8. [New Legislator Compensation].

(a) For the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, from and after the date the state canvassing board certifies the results of a 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. 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.

(b) As used in this section:

(i) "Legislator elect" means a person elected to the legislature during the 2012 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 2012 general election to fill a vacancy in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn in.

Section 9. [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, 2014, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2012.

Approved March 21, 2012.