

Chapter 53

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, 2012:

SALARIES	
LSO Staff Permanent/Temporary	\$6,298,338
Legislators - Session	1,176,246
Legislators - Interim	1,544,467
Session Staff	791,325
Employer Paid Benefits	2,444,988
IN-STATE TRAVEL	
Mileage and Per Diem - Session	1,067,370
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim	904,137
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL	
Travel Expenses	122,800
Per Diem	186,900
ANNUAL DUES	
National Conference of State Legislatures	233,854
The Energy Council	64,000
Council of State Governments	168,473
REGISTRATION FEES	85,600
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE	220,000
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT [1.], [2.]	1,495,630
(Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS	<u>430,000</u>
TOTAL\$17,234,128

Footnotes to Section 1:

1. [Legislative Computer Equipment]. One hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000.00) shall be used for the purchase of laptop computers and support systems. 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. This footnote is effective immediately.

2. [Technology Enhancement Projects]. Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be used to begin implementation of projects identified through the ongoing information technology project management process, including redesign of the legislative website; integration of the document management system within the website; and upgrades and enhancements to legislative management software.

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, 2010, and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for the following purposes:

(i) Appropriation for leadership office furnishings, including painting and minor repairs, 2008 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 47, Section 7(a);

(ii) Appropriation for committee room hearing tables and furnishings, 2008 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 47, Section 7(b);

(iii) Appropriation for ongoing architectural and interior design consulting, 2008 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 47, Section 7(e);

(iv) Any balance remaining on June 30, 2010, 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, 2010 through June 30, 2012;

(v) Any balance in the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) remaining on June 30, 2010, is appropriated to fund the constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012.

(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) three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000.00) to fund constituent service allowance reimbursements for the period July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012.

Section 6. [PDA Devices].

(a) There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office to be used to reimburse specified legislators for their expense of purchasing personal digital assistants (PDA's) or similar devices necessary for carrying out their legislative duties and providing service to and on behalf of their constituents, subject to the following:

(i) Reimbursement under this subsection shall be available only to legislators elected at the 2010 general election or appointed to fill a vacancy after the 2010 general election;

(ii) The amount of reimbursement to any legislator shall be in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the purchase price of the device, but the reimbursement shall not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00);

(iii) Expenses shall be reimbursed upon submission to the legislative service office of a verified claim form and purchase receipt.

Section 7. [Artwork/Facilities Appropriations].

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

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

(ii) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for committee room hearing tables and furnishings;

(iii) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) for miscellaneous furnishings and projects.

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

Section 8. [New Legislator Compensation].

(a) For the period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2012, 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 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) 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 2010 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 2010 general election to fill a vacancy in the House or Senate and before the person is duly sworn in.

Section 9. [Legislative Redistricting]. There is appropriated two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$285,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office to fund hardware, software, staff support and committee meetings required for legislative redistricting following the 2010 census.

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, 2012, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2010.

Approved March 5, 2010.