

**Legislative Council  
Budget 160  
Senate Bill Nos. 2001, 2200; House Bill No. 1013**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2013-15 legislative appropriation	37.00	\$12,862,475 <sup>1</sup>	\$69,999	\$12,932,474
2011-13 legislative appropriation	34.00	11,561,158	70,000	11,631,158
2013-15 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2011-13 appropriation	3.00	\$1,301,317	(\$1)	\$1,301,316

<sup>1</sup>This amount includes \$375,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$12,487,475.

**Item Description**

**One-time funding** - The Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$125,000 from the general fund for one-time funding items. Of this amount, \$50,000 is for office improvements, \$25,000 is for office equipment replacement, and \$50,000 is for information technology projects. The Legislative Assembly also provided in House Bill No. 1013, a \$100,000 general fund appropriation to contract with consultants and other personnel to complete a study of education funding and accountability and in Senate Bill No. 2200, a \$150,000 general fund appropriation for costs associated with a study of higher education funding methods. The funding is summarized as follows:

Office improvements	\$50,000
Office equipment replacement	25,000
Information technology projects	50,000
Education funding and accountability study	100,000
Higher education funding methods study	150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>

**FTE positions** - The Legislative Assembly authorized 3 new FTE fiscal analyst positions.

**Office renovation** - In September 2013 the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee approved the renovation of the Legislative Council library and office space using available carryover funds. Renovations include the relocation of the Legislative Council library to the renovated Senate committee clerk area, the renovation of the current library space to provide six offices, and the replacement of the existing stairwell to the third-floor information technology area to meet safety and accessibility requirements.

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**Status/Result**

The following is a summary of the status of the Legislative Council's one-time funding:

Office improvements	As of March 31, 2014, the Legislative Council has spent \$31,725 of the office improvements funding for office furniture updates.
Office equipment replacement	Funding is provided for a copier. As of March 31, 2014, the Legislative Council has not yet purchased the copier, and none of the office equipment replacement funding has been spent.
Information technology projects	Funding is provided for a library records migration project. As of March 31, 2014, the Legislative Council has not yet spent the information technology projects funding. The Legislative Council staff is working with the Information Technology Department to determine the appropriate migration technology.
Education funding and accountability study	The Legislative Council has contracted with Picus Odden and Associates to assist with the study for \$84,140. Through March 2014, the Legislative Council has spent \$74,421 of the education funding and accountability study funding.
Higher education funding methods study	The funding is not anticipated to be spent.

The Legislative Council is in the process of filling two of the three fiscal analyst positions. One position is anticipated to be filled in June 2014 and the other in July 2014.

The renovation projects were bid in January 2014 and the estimated total cost of all of the projects, including architect and engineering fees, is \$368,827. The projects will be paid from available Legislative Council carryover funds. Construction began in March 2014 with the library relocation, which is substantially complete as of May 1. The renovation of the old library space to provide additional offices and the replacement of the stairwell are underway, and both projects are anticipated to be completed by July 2014.

