

**Legislative Council**  
**Budget No. 160**  
**Senate Bill No. 2001; House Bill Nos. 1012, 1025, and 1322**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2025-27 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>\$27,738,820</b>	<b>\$538,000</b>	<b>\$28,276,820</b>
2025-27 base budget <sup>1</sup>	45.00	19,134,709	88,000	19,222,709
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	25.00	\$8,604,111	\$450,000	\$9,054,111

<sup>1</sup>The 2025-27 biennium base budget for Legislative Council has been increased by \$255,000 from the general fund for funding added for salaries and wages during the October 2023 special legislative session (House Bill No. 1541 (2023))

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>Ongoing General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>One-Time General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>
<b>2025-27 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>\$26,538,820</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$27,738,820</b>
2023-25 legislative appropriations <sup>1</sup>	19,134,709	775,500	19,910,209
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$7,404,111	\$424,500	\$7,828,611
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	38.7%	54.7%	39.3%

<sup>1</sup>The 2023-25 biennium general fund appropriation and ongoing general fund appropriation have been increased by \$255,000 for additional salaries and wages funding appropriated during the October 2023 special legislative session (House Bill No. 1541 (2023)).

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS**  
**Changes to Base Budget**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes		\$771,648		\$771,648
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026		748,789		748,789
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month		420,358		420,358
Added funding for 2025-27 biennium legislative compensation adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, for legislators' attendance at interim meetings and for increases in Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay from \$5 to \$10 per day		40,572		40,572

Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$27,000 for new positions and \$101,202 for vacant positions		128,202	128,202
Added funding for 25 FTE positions, including policy analysts, program evaluators, legal counsel, fiscal analyst, information technology (IT) support, human resources, and administrative support. Funding is provided for salaries and wages, based on a phased-in hiring schedule.	25.00	4,938,963	4,938,963
Transferred \$4,938,963 for 25 new FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$4,445,067 resulting in the savings as shown		(493,896)	(493,896)
Transferred \$919,211 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$643,448 resulting in the savings as shown		(275,763)	(275,763)
Added funding for operating expenses related to new FTE positions, including dues and professional development		57,500	57,500
Increased funding for interim travel		7,047	7,047
Increased funding for IT, including service contracts, equipment, consulting, data processing, and software		221,607	221,607
Increased funding for professional services to provide a total of \$770,000		500,000	500,000
Increased funding for other operating expenses		49,084	49,084
Added funding for public printing transferred from the Secretary of State pursuant to House Bill No. 1002		290,000	290,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for operating expenses related to new FTE positions, including IT equipment and office furniture.		375,000	375,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for capital assets for IT equipment, including tape library and video encoder hardware replacement		280,000	280,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for consulting services related to a study of the impacts of legislative term limits		225,000	225,000
Added <b>one-time funding</b> from the community health trust fund to contract for services related to a disabilities services study (House Bill No. 1012)			\$150,000

Added <b>one-time funding</b> , including funding from grants or donations, for consulting services related to a study of the deployment of advanced nuclear power plants (House Bill No. 1025)	300,000	300,000	600,000	
Added <b>one-time funding</b> for consulting services related to an ambulance delinquent billing reimbursement study (House Bill No. 1322)	20,000		20,000	
Total	<u>25.00</u>	<u>\$8,604,111</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>	<u>\$9,054,111</u>

### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 70 FTE positions for the Legislative Council for the 2025-27 biennium, an increase of 25 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium authorized level of 45 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added policy analysts, program evaluators, legal counsel, fiscal analyst, IT support, human resources, and administrative support positions.

### One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the Legislative Council for the 2025-27 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Costs related to new positions	\$375,000		\$375,000
IT equipment	280,000		280,000
Legislative term limit study	225,000		225,000
Disabilities services study		\$150,000	150,000
Advanced nuclear power study	300,000	300,000	600,000
Ambulance delinquent billing reimbursement study	20,000		20,000
Total	\$1,200,000	\$450,000	\$1,650,000

### Legislative Pay Increases

The Legislative Assembly approved Senate Bill No. 2001 providing for legislative pay increases. Section 7 increases legislative leader, assistant legislative leader, and standing committee chairmen pay by \$5 per day during future legislative sessions to provide \$20 per day for legislative leaders and \$15 per day for assistant legislative leaders and standing committee chairmen. Section 8 increases legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 3 percent each year of the 2025-27 biennium. Section 9 increases legislators' interim meeting pay by 3 percent each year of the 2025-27 biennium and Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay by \$5 per day to provide \$10 per day for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislative Management. The compensation adjustments are as follows:

	Current Compensation Rate	Rate Effective July 1, 2025	Rate Effective July 1, 2026
Monthly compensation	\$592	\$610	\$628
Leaders' additional monthly compensation	\$424	\$437	\$450
Daily session pay	\$213	\$219	\$226
Speaker of the House, House Majority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, House Minority Leader, and Senate Minority Leader additional daily session pay	\$15	\$20	\$20
Chairmen of the substantive standing committees, House Assistant Majority Leader, Senate Assistant Majority Leader, House Assistant Minority Leader, and Senate Assistant Minority Leader additional daily session pay	\$10	\$15	\$15
Interim meeting pay	\$213	\$219	\$226
Chairman of Legislative Management additional daily pay for interim meetings	\$5	\$10	\$10
Interim committee chairman	\$5	\$10	\$10

### **Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2001**

**New and vacant FTE pool line item** - Section 3 provides guidelines regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

**Transfers** - Section 4 allows transfers of funds between line items of appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

**Continuation of appropriation authority** - Section 5 allows transfers of funds between line items of the 2023-25 biennium appropriations for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council as requested by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council. The section also provides unspent funds appropriated for the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council for the 2023-25 biennium be continued and that unexpended appropriations enacted prior to the 2023-25 biennium may be canceled as directed by the Chairman of the Legislative Management or the Director of the Legislative Council.

**Use of Legislative Assembly rooms and halls** - Section 6 amends the section related to the use of Legislative Assembly rooms and halls to provide the 15<sup>th</sup> floor of the Capitol is reserved for the exclusive use of the Legislative Council. **(The Governor vetoed this section.)**

**Compensation of members of the Legislative Assembly** - Section 7 increases legislative leader, assistant legislative leader, and standing committee chairmen pay by \$5 per day during future legislative sessions to provide \$20 per day for legislative leaders and \$15 per day for assistant legislative leaders and standing committee chairmen. Section 8 increases legislators' daily pay during legislative sessions, monthly compensation, and additional monthly compensation for legislative leaders by 3 percent each year of the 2025-27 biennium. Section 9 increases legislators' interim meeting pay by 3 percent each year of the 2025-27 biennium and Legislative Management chairman and interim committee chairmen pay by \$5 per day to provide \$10 per day for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislative Management.

**Legislative Intent - Chamber accessibility** - Section 10 provides legislative intent that Legislative Management gather additional information regarding chamber access.

### **Related Legislation**

**House Bill No. 1002 - Secretary of State** - This bill provides the statutory changes to transfer the publication of any session laws, compilations, or codifications from the Secretary of State to the Legislative Council and removes funding of \$271,335 from the general fund for public printing from the Secretary of State's budget.

**House Bill No. 1012 - Disability services study consulting** - Section 52 of this bill appropriates one-time funding of \$150,000 from the community health trust fund to Legislative Council to contract for consulting services for a disability services study.

**House Bill No. 1025 - Advanced nuclear energy study** - This bill appropriates one-time funding of \$600,000, of which \$300,000 is from the general fund and \$300,000 is from special funds derived from grants or donations from nonstate sources, to Legislative Council for consulting services related to a study on the feasibility, siting, and deployment of advanced nuclear power plants in the state.

**House Bill No. 1322 - Study of delinquent billing reimbursement grant system for ambulance service providers** - This bill provides one-time funding of \$20,000 from the general fund to Legislative Council to contract for consulting services related to a study of the feasibility and desirability of establishing a delinquent billing reimbursement grant system for ambulance service providers.

**House Bill No. 1442 - Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency** - This bill establishes the Legislative Task Force on Government Efficiency and requires the Legislative Council to provide staffing and administrative services for the task force.

**Senate Bill No. 2084 - Lodging rates** - This bill increases the in-state lodging and out-of-state mileage rates for all employees to follow established General Services Administration rates and increases the Legislative Assembly maximum monthly lodging reimbursement from 70 percent to 75 percent of the daily General Services Administration rate. The Legislative Council estimated the fiscal impact of the change to the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council would be \$198,000 and \$28,000, respectively.