

**Legislative Council  
Budget 160  
House Bill Nos. 1001, 1504, 1505, Senate Bill No. 2015**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2003-05 legislative appropriation	33.00	\$7,532,856		\$7,532,889
2001-03 legislative appropriation	<u>33.00</u>	<u>7,373,402</u>		<u>7,373,435</u>
2003-05 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriation	0.00	\$159,454	\$0	\$159,454

**Item Description**

**Information technology study** - House Bill No. 1505, the Information Technology Department appropriations bill, included a \$350,000 general fund appropriation to the Legislative Council to hire a consultant to assist with an interim study of information technology organization and management and to hire a consultant to assist in the preparation of the request for proposal and consultant oversight.

**Salary equity increases** - The 2003 Legislative Assembly provided \$150,000 from the general fund for providing salary equity increases to Legislative Council employees.

**Status/Result**

The Legislative Council, through its Information Technology Committee, entered into a \$30,000 contract with Techwise Solutions, LLC, Fargo, to assist in the preparation of the request for proposal and to provide consultant manager services associated with the information technology organization and management study. The Legislative Council, also through the Information Technology Committee, entered into a \$207,110 contract with Pacific Technologies, Inc., Bellevue, Washington, to conduct the information technology organization and management study. Pacific Technologies, Inc., presented its final report to the committee on January 13, 2004, and the Budget Section on January 14, 2004.

The Legislative Council provided salary equity increases to its employees, which averaged 4.6 percent, effective September 1, 2003.