

**Legislative Council
Budget No. 160
Senate Bill Nos. 2001, 2003, House Bill No. 1050**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2005-07 executive budget (bills as introduced)	33.00	\$7,598,596	\$0	\$7,598,596
2005-07 legislative appropriations	33.00	7,788,941		7,788,941
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	0.00	\$190,345	\$0	\$190,345
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2003-05 appropriations	0.00	\$256,085	\$0	\$256,085

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Legislative Council is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in House Bill No. 1050.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for state employee salary increases		\$19,463		\$19,463
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$559.15 to \$553.95 per month per policy		(4,118)		(4,118)
Added funding in Senate Bill No. 2003 for conducting a higher education study		175,000		175,000
Total	0.00	\$190,345	\$0	\$190,345

FTE Changes

The 2005-07 biennium appropriation includes funding for 33 FTE positions, the same as the 2003-05 biennium authorized level.

Other Sections in Bill

Section 6 requires a Legislative Council study of the feasibility of printing bills and resolutions using high-speed printers for the 2007 legislative session.

Section 7 requires a Legislative Council study of the need for additional legislative committee meeting rooms.

Section 8 requires a Legislative Council study of the appropriateness of increasing the daily compensation for chairmen of substantive standing committee divisions established by House or Senate rules.

Section 9 allows the legislative branch to continue any of its unspent 2003-05 biennium appropriation authority for costs relating to the legislative application replacement system computer project.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2058 increases the state mileage reimbursement rate from 31 to 37.5 cents per mile.

Senate Bill No. 2195 increases the state meal reimbursement rate from a total of \$20 per day to a total of \$25 per day and increases the in-state lodging reimbursement allowance from a maximum of \$45 per night plus tax to a maximum of \$50 per night plus tax.