

**Legislative Council
Budget 160
Senate Bill No. 2001**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 legislative appropriation	34.00	\$10,439,503 ¹	\$70,000	\$10,509,503
2007-09 legislative appropriation	<u>33.00</u>	<u>8,748,442</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>8,818,442</u>
2009-11 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriation	1.00	\$1,691,061	\$0	\$1,691,061

¹This amount includes \$170,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$10,269,503.

Item Description

One-time funding - The Legislative Assembly identified a total of \$170,000 from the general fund, of which \$100,000 relates to a state employee compensation study, \$50,000 relates to office improvements, and \$20,000 relates to office equipment replacement, as one-time funding. This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for the 2011-13 biennium, and the Legislative Council is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2011 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Salary equity increases - The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$50,000 from the general fund for salary equity increases.

Energy council organization - The Legislative Assembly provided funding of \$64,000 from the general fund for the membership dues of joining an energy council organization.

Annual pocket brochure - House Concurrent Resolution No. 3036 (2009) directed the Legislative Council to prepare and publish an annual pocket brochure of pertinent state economic indicators and state government statistics.

Status/Result

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

State employee compensation study	The Legislative Council has contracted with Hay Group at a cost of \$100,000 for a state employee compensation study. The Legislative Management's interim Government Services Committee is responsible for conducting the study, receiving the final report from the Hay Group, and for preparing any recommendations for the 2011 Legislative Assembly.
Office improvements	The funding is anticipated to be spent during the second year of the biennium.
Office equipment replacement	The funding is anticipated to be spent during the second year of the biennium.

The Legislative Council provided salary equity adjustments, as approved by the Legislative Management chairman, to 30 FTE positions effective July 1, 2009. The salary equity adjustments ranged from \$10 to \$100 per employee per month.

The state of North Dakota was officially accepted into The Energy Council in March 2010. Dues paid for fiscal year 2010 were \$32,000.

The Legislative Council published *2009 North Dakota Finance Facts*, which contains key indicators and trends relating to North Dakota's economy, state budget, and the performance of its agencies and departments. The 2010 brochure will be distributed in September 2010.