

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

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2009-11 executive budget (bills as introduced)	33.00	\$10,075,195	\$70,000	\$10,145,195
2009-11 legislative appropriations	34.00	10,439,503	70,000	10,509,503
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	1.00	\$364,308	\$0	\$364,308
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriations	1.00	\$1,691,061	\$0	\$1,691,061

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2007-09 legislative appropriations	\$8,618,863	\$129,579	\$8,748,442
2009-11 legislative appropriations	10,269,503	170,000	10,439,503
2009-11 legislative increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriations	\$1,650,640	\$40,421	\$1,691,061
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2007-09 appropriations	19.2%	31.2%	19.3%
2009-11 legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	\$264,308	\$100,000	\$364,308
Percentage increase (decrease) to executive budget	2.6%	142.9%	3.6%

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. 1015.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Added funding for increasing legislators' interim pay to \$141 per day effective July 1, 2009, and to \$148 per day effective July 1, 2010, in accordance with provisions of Senate Bill No. 2064. The bill, as introduced, included funding to increase legislators' interim pay to \$140 per day effective July 1, 2009.		\$18,108		\$18,108
Added one new fiscal staff position and related operating expenses	1.00	154,000		154,000

Added funding for membership dues of joining an energy council organization, subject to Legislative Management's determination of the benefits to the state of membership	64,000	64,000
Added funding to allow each legislator to claim reimbursement of up to \$100 per year for membership fees or dues relating to one legislative-related organization similar to the National Conference of State Legislatures or the Council of State Governments as determined by each legislator in accordance with Legislative Management guidelines	28,200	28,200
Added one-time funding for hiring a consultant, if necessary, to assist with a state employee compensation study provided for in Section 7 of the bill	100,000	100,000
Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$364,308</u>
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FTE Changes

The 2009-11 biennium appropriation includes funding for 34 FTE positions, an increase of 1 FTE from the 2007-09 biennium authorized level of 33 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE fiscal staff position.

One-Time Funding

In Section 3 of Senate Bill No. 2001, the Legislative Assembly identified general fund appropriations of \$170,000 for one-time items, including \$100,000 for the state employee compensation study, \$50,000 for office improvements, and \$20,000 for office equipment replacement.

Legislative Budget Committee

Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of Senate Bill No. 2001, which were **vetoed by the Governor**, would have established a legislative budget committee to coordinate and direct activities involved in the development of budget recommendations to assist the Legislative Assembly as it develops policy and provides appropriations for the operations of state government. The sections vetoed also would have:

- Provided that the Office of Management and Budget consider including Legislative Council recommendations in agency budget request guidelines.
- Required the Office of Management and Budget to receive Legislative Council approval to grant an agency an extension beyond July 15 for submission of an agency's budget request.
- Required the legislative budget committee to present a report at each Legislative Assembly's organizational session.
- Provided that the agency appropriation bills be prepared for introduction to each Legislative Assembly by the legislative budget committee providing funding at the same base level approved by the most recently adjourned Legislative Assembly and that any budget recommendations of the Governor or the legislative budget committee be made as amendments to these appropriation bills.

Other Sections in Bill

Section 6 allows the Legislative Council to continue its unspent 2007-09 biennium appropriation authority beyond the 2007-09 biennium.

Section 7 provides for a Legislative Council study of the classified state employee compensation system.

Related Legislation

Senate Bill No. 2064 - This bill changes legislators' compensation and travel expense reimbursement levels. Changes relating to the Legislative Council budget include:

- Increasing legislators' interim compensation rate by 5 percent, from \$135 to \$141 per day effective August 1, 2009, and to \$148 per day effective July 1, 2010.

- Providing, effective August 1, 2009, the maximum daily lodging expense reimbursement rate be equal to 90 percent of the federal maximum daily lodging expense reimbursement rate. Under current law, the maximum daily lodging expense reimbursement rate is \$55 per night plus tax. The rate is anticipated to increase to \$63 per night plus tax on August 1, 2009.
- Providing, effective August 1, 2009, the state mileage expense reimbursement rate be equal to the federal mileage expense reimbursement rate. The current state mileage expense reimbursement rate is 45 cents per mile. The rate is anticipated to increase to 55 cents per mile on August 1, 2009.

House Bill No. 1178 - This bill changes the name of the Legislative Council (committee) to Legislative Management and provides that the staff remain the Legislative Council.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 3036 - This bill directs the Legislative Council to prepare and publish an annual pocket brochure of pertinent state economic indicators and state government statistics.