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TO: Executive Committee of the Legislative Council
FROM: Natalie Castle, Director, Legislative Council Staff
SUBJECT: Legislative Department Budget Narrative Summary for Fiscal Year 2026-27

This narrative describes the Legislative Department's budget proposal for FY 2026-27. The narrative is organized into two sections as follows:

Section 1: Budget Package Overview and Net Impact on General Fund Budget Balancing

This section describes the three bills in the Legislative Department's budget proposal and the proposal's net impact on General Fund budget.

Section 2: Legislative Appropriations Bill Narrative

This section is an executive summary of the contents of the Legislative Appropriations Bill. Appropriations are divided into budget proposals from the following five agencies, which have each published their own budget request memorandum:

- the [General Assembly](#), which is further divided into the House, the Senate, and a Joint Chamber budget¹;
- the [Joint Budget Committee Staff](#)²;
- [Legislative Council Staff](#)³;

¹ <https://content.leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2026-03/fy-2026-27-ga-budget-request.pdf>

² <https://content.leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2026-03/fy-2026-27-jbc-operating-budget-request-accessible.pdf>

³ <https://content.leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2026-03/fy-2026-27-lcs-budget-request-accessible.pdf>

- the [Office of Legislative Legal Services](#)⁴, including the Legislative Human Resources Division; and
- the [Office of the State Auditor](#)⁵.

Section 1: Budget Package Overview and Net Impact on General Fund Budget Balancing

The Legislative Department’s budget proposal for FY 2026-27 includes the following bills:

- **The Legislative Appropriations Bill (LLS 26-0919)**, which includes most appropriations for the expenses of the legislative branch based on current law;
- **House Bill 26-1331 — Modify 2026 Interim Committees** — which suspends most statutory interim committees for the 2026 interim, repeals two committees, and limits expenses for those that will meet; and
- **House Bill 26-1332 — Legislative Department Cash Fund** — which transfers \$12 million from the Legislative Department Cash Fund (LDCF) to the General Fund, establishes an \$8 million fund limit, indexes the limit to changes in General Fund appropriations to the branch, annually transfers reversions to the LDCF that exceed the limit to the General Fund, and makes additional clarifying amendments.

The Long Appropriations Bill also contains some appropriations to the Legislative Department. These appropriations are not addressed in this narrative.

Net Impact on General Fund Budget Balancing

Table 1 shows the net impact of the Legislative Branch’s budget proposal on General Fund budget balancing. Including a \$12.0 million transfer from the LDCF to the General Fund, the net impact is a decrease of \$4,682,405 (7.1 percent) from FY 2025-26.

General Fund appropriations total \$73,586,694 million in FY 2026-27, up by \$978,955 (1.3 percent) from FY 2025-26. This includes the impact of House Bill 26-1331 — Modify 2026 Interim Committees — which reduces General Fund appropriations by \$396,469 and 3.3 FTE. Total General Fund FTE decreased by 1.9 FTE from 448.2 in FY 2025-26 to 446.3 in FY 2026-27. FTE counts exclude legislators.

⁴ <https://content.leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2026-03/fy-2026-27-olls-budget-narrative-accessible.pdf>

⁵ <https://content.leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2026-03/fy-2026-27-osa-budget-accessible.pdf>

Table 1
FY 2026-27 Legislative Department Budget Package¹
And Net Impact on the General Fund Budget Balancing

Description	General Assembly	JBC Staff	Legislative Council	State Auditor	OLLS & LHRD	Total	FTE
FY 2025-26 General Fund Appropriations							
SB 25-188 Legislative Appropriations Bill	26,381,239	3,240,147	18,402,940	13,227,320	11,582,440	72,834,086	451.8
SB 25-199 Suspend Interim Activities	-26,948	0	-104,161	0	-96,246	-227,355	-2.6
HB 25-1183 Colorimetric Working Group	1,008	0	0	0		1,008	0.0
Subtotal, FY 2025-26 GF Appropriations	\$26,355,299	\$3,240,147	\$18,298,779	\$13,227,320	\$11,486,194	\$72,607,739	448.2
FY 2025-26 Transfers to the General Fund							
SB 25-264 Cash Fund Transfer to the GF						-\$6,338,640	
FY 2025-26 Total GF Budget Impact						\$66,269,099	448.2
FY 2026-27 General Fund Appropriations							
LLS 25-0919 Legislative Appropriations Bill	27,992,710	3,240,084	18,705,236	13,363,992	11,681,140	73,983,163	449.6
HB 26-1331 Modify 2026 Interim Committees	-\$126,971	\$0	-\$161,162	\$0	-\$108,336	-\$396,469	-3.3
Subtotal, FY 2026-27 GF Appropriations	\$26,865,739	\$3,240,084	\$18,544,074	\$13,363,992	\$11,572,804	\$73,586,694	446.3
FY 2026-27 Transfer to the General Fund							
HB 26-1332 Legislative Department Cash Fund						-\$12,000,000	
FY 2026-27 Total GF Budget Impact						\$61,586,694	446.3
Net Impact on FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget Balancing							
Dollar change from prior year						-\$4,682,405	-1.9
Percent change from prior year						-7.1%	-0.4%

¹Excludes the impacts of each year's Long Bill and Senate Bill 25-317, which permanently deposits Legislative Department Cash Fund investment earnings in the General Fund.

The entirety of the \$978,955 increase in General Fund appropriations is the result of increases in health, life, dental, and vision benefits for members and staff, which is increasing by a total of \$1,028,083 branch-wide. Budgeted amounts assume that the employer/employee premium split remains at 88/12 in FY 2026-27, pursuant to direction from the Executive Committee.

General Fund Placeholder

The Legislative Department respectfully requests a \$73,586,694 General Fund placeholder in Long Bill budget balancing for this proposal, distributed among the two bills as follows:

- \$73,983,163 for LLS 26-919, The Legislative Appropriations Bill; and
- -\$396,469 for House Bill 26-1331, Modify 2026 Interim Committees.

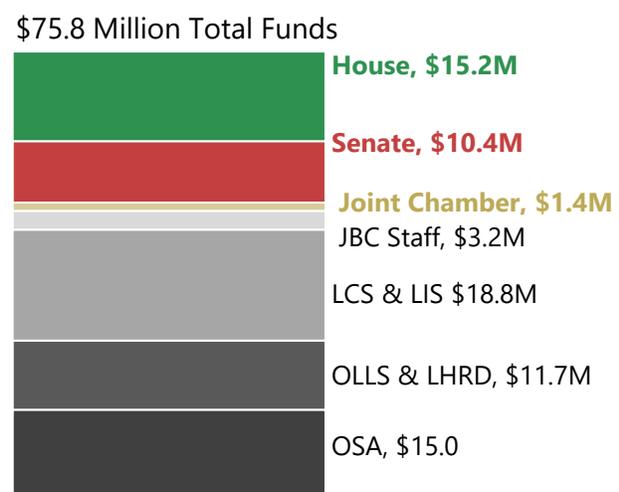
Section 2: Legislative Appropriations Bill Narrative

LLS 26-0919, the Legislative Department Appropriations Bill, is the annual budget request for the ongoing operations of the General Assembly and the service agencies that comprise the legislative branch based on current law.

For FY 2026-27, the bill includes appropriations totaling \$75,769,843 Total Funds, \$73,983,163 General Fund, \$5,000 cash funds, and \$1,781,680 reappropriated funds. This represents an increase of \$1,413,877 Total Funds (1.9 percent), \$1,375,424 General Fund (1.9 percent), and \$38,453 reappropriated funds (2.2 percent). The appropriation includes funding for 450.6 FTE.

Figure 1 summarizes requested appropriations by agency. The General Assembly request is comprised of the budgets of the House and the Senate, and a joint chamber budget. The service agencies include the Joint Budget Committee Staff (JBC Staff); Legislative Council Staff (LCS), which also includes Legislative Information Services (LIS); the Office of Legislative Legal Services (OLLS), which includes the Legislative Human Resources Division (LHRD); and the Office of the State Auditor (OSA).

Figure 1. FY 2026-27 Budget Request Legislative Appropriations Bill



This narrative also includes the following tables:

- Table 2 on page 6 lists incremental changes between appropriations for FY 2025-26 and the FY 2026-27 request. Brief descriptions of each incremental change are included in this narrative; please see each agency's budget request for more information.
- Table 3 on page 8 lists adjustments in the budget to annualize for prior year legislation.
- Table 4 on page 10 summarizes actual expenditures for FY 2024-25, appropriations for FY 2025-26, and requested appropriations for FY 2026-27 by agency.
- Tables 5, 6, and 7 on pages 13 through 15 show the FY 2026-27 request, the dollar change between the FY 2025-26 appropriation and the request, and the percent change between the FY 2025-26 appropriation and the request, respectively, by major category within each agency and the total branch-wide.

Descriptions of Incremental Changes

This section provides brief descriptions of each incremental change listed in Table 2 on page 6.

All Agencies: PERA Centrally Appropriated Line Items

The request includes an increase of \$23,433 General Fund for PERA amortization equalization disbursement (AED) and supplemental amortization equalization disbursement (SAED) payments.

Annualize Prior Year Legislation

As shown in Table 3 on page 8, the request includes an increase of \$284,955 General Fund for annualized legislation, including:

- a decrease of \$39,971 General Fund and 0.4 FTE to reflect the repeal of the Wildfire Matters Review Committee (SB 18-039);
- a decrease of \$472 General Fund to reflect the repeal of the Task Force to Study Corporate Housing Ownership (HB 23-1253);
- an increase of \$78,145 General Fund to implement the recommendations of the Independent Elected Officials Pay Commission, as required by HB 24-1059;
- an increase of \$43,507 General Fund and 0.4 FTE for the American Indian Affairs Interim Committee (HB 25-1057);
- a decrease of \$1,008 General Fund to reflect the repeal of the Colorimetric Field Drug Test Working Group (HB 25-1183);

Table 2
Legislative Branch FY 2026-27 Budget Request Figure Setting Summary

	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
FY 2025-26 Appropriation¹	\$74,355,966	\$72,607,739	\$5,000	\$1,743,227	\$0	449.2
Changes from the FY 2025-26 Appropriation						
Centrally appropriated line items	23,433	23,433	0	0	0	0.0
Annualize prior year legislation	284,955	284,955	0	0	0	2.0
Member Compensation and Benefits						
Salaries and per diem, in compliance with state law	129,992	129,992	0	0	0	0.0
Health, life, and dental benefits	189,900	189,900	0	0	0	0.0
Benefits: other associated costs	13,899	13,899	0	0	0	0.0
Session travel reimbursements	8,579	8,579	0	0	0	0.0
Staff Compensation and Benefits						
Wages and salaries	-1,939	-1,939	0	0	0	0.0
Health, life, and dental benefits	838,183	838,183	0	0	0	0.0
Benefits, other associated costs	-5,091	-5,091	0	0	0	0.0
Annualize Prior Year	591,332	591,332	0	0	0	0.0
1.5 Personal Services Base Cut						
1.5 Percent Personal Services Cut	-606,898	-606,898	0	0	0	0.0
Centralize Telephone Service	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
General Assembly						
Operating and travel budgets	-43,643	-43,643	0	0	0	0.0
Joint Budget Committee Staff						
Operating and travel budgets	-5,061	-5,061	0	0	0	0.0
FTE reduction and reallocations	0	0	0	0	0	-0.6
Legislative Council Staff						
Operating and travel budgets	-65,949	-65,949	0	0	0	0.0
Office of Legislative Legal Services & Legislative Human Resources Division						
Contract printing and publishing	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0.0
XDOME Project	-25,000	-25,000	0	0	0	0.0
Membership dues	-8,850	-8,850	0	0	0	0.0
General operating	-8,777	-8,777	0	0	0	0.0
CO Comm. on Uniform State Laws	-8,643	-8,643	0	0	0	0.0
Office of the State Auditor						
Audit contract payments	38,453	0	0	38,453	0	0.0
Total FY 2026-27 Request¹	\$75,769,843	\$73,983,163	\$5,000	\$1,781,680	0	450.6
\$ Change from prior year	\$1,413,877	\$1,375,424	\$0	\$38,453	0	1.4
% Change from prior year	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	2.2%	n/a	0.3%

¹Legislative appropriations bill only. Includes centrally appropriated amounts for PERA Amortization Equalization Disbursements.

- \$985 General Fund for increases in member per diem and travel for members serving on the Treasurer’s Office Building Urgent Infrastructure and Leveraging Dollars Authority Board (SB 25-081);
- an increase of \$40,803 General Fund and 0.5 FTE for the Legislation Inside Advisory Council Review Committee (SB 25-155);
- an increase of \$162,966 General Fund and 1.5 FTE for statutory interim committees that were suspended for 2025 by SB 25-199 and are set to be restored in 2026. These committees, which would all either be suspended for an additional year in 2026 or repealed by House Bill 26-1331, include:
 - the Colorado Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee;
 - the Legislative Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee;
 - the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Colorado Jail Standards;
 - the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Tax Policy and Task Force;
 - the Pension Review Committee and Subcommittee; and
 - the Statewide Healthcare Review Committee.
 - In addition, the Capital Development Committee’s authorization to travel was suspended in 2025 and is set to be restored in 2026.

Member Compensation and Benefits

The request includes an increase of \$477,020 General Fund for member compensation. This compensation includes increases required by state law in salaries, session and interim per diem, and session and interim committee travel reimbursements. It is distributed through Table 1, because some of this compensation (that resulting from the Independent Elected Official’s Pay Commission pursuant to House Bill 24-1059) is in the adjustments to annualize prior year legislation, and some of it (travel reimbursements to attend interim committees) is included in the travel line item. More information about these increases is available in the [General Assembly’s budget request memorandum](#).

Table 3
Prior Year Legislation Adjustments to the FY 2026-27 Legislative Branch Budget

Legislation	Total Funds	General Fund	Cash Funds	Reapprop. Funds	Federal Funds	FTE
SB 18-039 Wildfire Matters Review Committee	-39,971	-39,971	0	0	0	-0.4
HB 23-1253 Task Force to Study Corp. Housing Ownership	-472	-472	0	0	0	0.0
HB 24-1059 Independent Elected Officials Pay Comm.	78,145	78,145	0	0	0	0.0
HB 25-1057 American Indian Affairs Interim Committee	43,507	43,507	0	0	0	0.4
HB 25-1183 Colorimetric Field Drug Test Working Group	-1,008	-1,008	0	0	0	0.0
SB 25-081 Treasurer's Office Building Urgent Infrastructure	985	985	0	0	0	0.0
SB 25-155 Legislation Inside Advisory Council	40,803	40,803	0	0	0	0.5
SB 25-199 Suspend Legislative Interim Activities	162,966	162,966	0	0	0	1.5
Total	\$284,955	\$284,955	\$0	\$0	\$0	2.0
Breakdown of the FY 2026-27 Annualization of Prior Year Legislation by Agency						
General Assembly	116,817	116,817	0	0	0	0.0
Joint Budget Committee Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Legislative Council Staff	92,739	92,739	0	0	0	1.0
OLLS and LHRD	75,399	75,399	0	0	0	1.0
Office of the State Auditor	0	0	0	0	0	0.0

OLLS = Office of Legislative Legal Services

LHRD = Legislative Human Resources Division

Staff Compensation and Benefits

The request includes an increase totaling \$924,564 General Fund in salary and associated benefits for staff, including legislative aides, permanent staff, and session-only staff in all agencies. This increase includes \$108,977 (and 1.5 FTE) in salary and associated costs to Legislative Council Staff and the Office of Legislative Legal Services to adjust the request for the reinstatement of committees suspended during the 2025 interim as a result of Senate Bill 25-199.

After excluding these adjustments to annualize Senate Bill 25-199, the remaining \$815,587 increase is entirely the result of higher employee premiums for **health, life, dental, and vision benefits**, which increased by \$838,183. This is the amount that's estimated to fund these benefits assuming the 88/12 employer/employee split for FY 2026-27, based on direction from the Executive Committee.

The remaining components, which decrease the General Fund request by a total of \$22,596, include small decreases in base salary and other associated costs, as well as a net decrease resulting from extending a 1.5 percent personal services base cut from FY 2025-26 into FY 2026-27.

The introduction of the Legislative Appropriations Bill is expected to happen prior to the Joint Budget Committee's decisions on employee compensation. At the direction of the Executive Committee, this request includes a placeholder for employee compensation that results in flat compensation between FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27, recognizing that if the Joint Budget Committee moves forward with any compensation increases for the state, the request could be revised during the legislative process.

Centralize Phone Service Funding

The Legislative Branch has transitioned its telephone service from the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) to Zoom. While OIT billed each agency individually, Zoom will issue a single invoice to Legislative Council Staff (LCS) for the entire branch. This budget proposal therefore moves individual line items that pay for telephone service from the general operating budgets of the six legislative agencies (House, Senate, Joint Budget Committee Staff, LCS, the Office of Legislative Legal Services, and the Office of the State auditor) into a single line item in the Legislative Council Staff information technology (IT) operating budget.

Table 5 on page 13 includes a line item titled "Centralize Phone Service" that shows the amount transferred from each agency to the LCS IT operating budget. The increase to LCS is \$127,326; which is net of a \$38,522 transfer from LCS's general operating to the LCS IT operating budget.

The total cost of the Zoom phone service, including network support provided by another company, is \$165,878. This is lower than what OIT had been charging for phone service. The net impact of this adjustment is a decrease of just under \$20,000 to the legislative branch's combined general operating budgets.

Table 4
FY 2026-27 Legislative Department Budget Appropriation by Agency¹
 Legislative Appropriations Bill Only

	Actual FY 24-25	FTE	Approp. FY 25-26	FTE	Request FY 26-27	FTE	Percent Change
General Assembly							
General Fund	23,473,748	173.4	26,355,299	173.4	26,992,710	173.4	2.4%
Cash Funds	90,000	-	5,000	-	5,000	-	0.0%
Total Funds	\$23,563,748	173.4	\$26,360,299	173.4	\$26,997,710	173.4	2.4%
Joint Budget Committee Staff							
General Fund	\$2,878,733	19.0	\$3,240,147	20.3	3,240,084	19.7	0.0%
Legislative Council Staff							
General Fund	17,585,610	107.2	18,298,779	107.6	18,705,236.0	108.6	2.2%
Reappropriated	129,456	1.0	141,000	1.0	141,000	1.0	0.0%
Total Funds	\$17,715,066	108.2	\$18,439,779	108.6	\$18,846,236	109.6	2.2%
Office of Legislative Legal Services & Legislative Human Resources Division							
General Fund	\$10,545,888	65.0	\$11,486,195	63.8	11,681,140	64.8	1.7%
Office of the State Auditor							
General Fund	12,137,169	83.1	13,227,320	83.1	13,363,992	83.1	1.0%
Reappropriated	1,572,352	-	1,602,227	-	1,640,680	-	2.4%
Total Funds	13,709,521	83.1	14,829,547	83.1	15,004,672	83.1	1.2%
Department Total							
General Fund	66,621,148	447.7	72,607,739	448.2	73,983,163	449.6	1.9%
Cash Funds	90,000	0.0	5,000	0.0	5,000	0.0	0.0%
Reappropriated	1,701,808	1.0	1,743,227	1.0	1,781,680	1.0	2.2%
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Total Funds	\$68,412,956	448.7	\$74,355,966	449.2	\$75,769,843	450.6	1.9%

¹Includes centrally appropriated amounts for PERA Amortization Equalization Disbursements.

General Assembly

The budget request for the General Assembly is \$27.0 million Total Funds, \$27.0 General Fund, \$5,000 cash funds, and 173.4 FTE. This represents an increase of \$637,411, or 2.4 percent, over FY 2025-26. Primary cost drivers include a \$50,408 reduction in the general operating budget, increased costs for employee health, life, dental, and vision premiums, and adjustments for legislation passed in prior years that specifically affects FY 2026-27. More information can be found in the [General Assembly budget request memorandum](#).

Joint Budget Committee Staff

The Joint Budget Committee's FY 2026-27 budget request is \$3.2 million General Fund and 19.7 FTE. This represents a net decrease of \$63 General Fund (0.0 percent) relative to FY 2025-26. The request includes a reduction of 0.6 FTE to eliminate the seasonal administrative position and reallocates \$5,683 from personal services to restore a current-year \$5,000 reduction to out-of-state travel for professional development and add \$683 to the budget for food and supplies. More information is available in the [Joint Budget Committee's budget request memorandum](#).

Legislative Council Staff

Legislative Council Staff's FY 2026-27 budget request is \$18.8 million Total Funds, \$18.7 million General Fund, \$141,000 reappropriated funds, and 109.6 FTE. LCS respectfully requests an increase of \$406,457 in total funds (2.2 percent) and \$406,457 General Fund (2.2 percent) for FY 2026-27. Key components of the request include a \$65,949 cut in operating and travel budgets and three primary cost drivers:

- 64.6 percent (\$262,475) of the increase results from rising employer premiums for health, life, dental, and vision benefits;
- 22.8 percent (\$92,739) of the increase is due to adjustments for legislation passed in prior years that specifically affects FY 2026-27; and
- the balance of the increase (\$127,236) is due to a budget-neutral reallocation of existing funds within the legislative branch to centralize telephone service funding in the LCS information technology operating budget.

More information is available in the [Legislative Council Staff budget request memorandum](#).

Office of Legislative Legal Services and Legislative Human Resources Division

The budget request for the Office of Legislative Legal Services and the Legislative Human Resources Division is \$11.7 million General Fund and provides funding for 64.8 FTE across both divisions. This represents a \$194,945 General Fund (1.7 percent) increase over FY 2025-26.

For the Office of Legislative Legal Services, the \$11.1 million request represents a \$56,946, or 0.5 percent, increase over FY 2025-26. The request includes an increase of \$75,000 to address the costs of publishing statutes and session laws for special legislative sessions.

The combined request also includes operating decreases of \$25,000 for the development of the XDOME statute publication application, \$8,850 for membership dues, \$8,777 in the general operating budget, and \$8,643 in funding for the Colorado Commission on Uniform State Laws.

The Legislative Human Resources Division's budget request is \$573,988 General Fund, which represents a 31.7 percent increase over its previous year. The increase is due to a budget neutral reallocation of \$75,000 and 1.0 FTE from the Office of Legislative Legal Services to the Legislative Human Resources Division to expand the division's capacity to provide human resources support for the Legislative Branch.

More information is available in the [Office of Legislative Legal Services' budget request memorandum](#).

State Auditor's Office

The budget request for the Office of the State Auditor is \$15.0 million Total Funds, \$13.4 million General Fund, \$1.6 million reappropriated funds, and 83.1 FTE. The request includes an increase of \$38,453 reappropriated for audit contract payments. More information is available in the [Office of the State Auditor's budget request memorandum](#).

Table 5. FY 2026-27 Legislative Appropriations Bill Summary

Description	House	Senate	Joint Chambers*	Total General Assembly	Joint Budget Committee	Legislative Council Staff	Office of the State Auditor	OLLS & LHRD	Total
Member Compensation, Benefits, and Session Expense Reimbursement									
Salary Base	\$3,179,242	\$1,676,358		\$4,855,600					\$4,855,600
Interim Per Diem	140,129	137,326		277,455					277,455
Metro Session Per Diem	360,360	194,040		554,400					554,400
Non Metro Session Per Diem Expense	864,240	465,360		1,329,600					1,329,600
Session Mileage and Trips Expense	174,509	99,436		273,945					273,945
Member Benefits*	1,512,353	966,155		2,478,508					2,478,508
Subtotal Members	\$6,230,833	\$3,538,675		\$9,769,508					\$9,769,508
Staff Compensation									
Nonpartisan Salary	\$1,099,619	\$1,019,499	\$77,213	\$2,196,331	\$2,269,430	\$11,581,451	\$8,682,706	\$7,817,762	\$32,547,680
Majority Salary	1,118,675	1,118,672		2,237,347					2,237,347
Minority Salary	660,936	660,933		1,321,869					1,321,869
Legislative Aides Wages	2,964,237	1,596,127		4,560,364					4,560,364
Subtotal Staff Salary & Wages	5,843,467	4,395,231	77,213	10,315,911	2,269,430	11,581,451	8,682,706	7,817,762	40,667,260
Staff Benefits**	1,689,057	1,411,282	31,247	3,131,586	715,940	3,726,242	2,658,784	2,356,047	12,588,599
1.5% Personal Services Cut	-\$87,652	-\$65,929	-\$1,158	-\$154,739	-\$32,907	-\$172,732	-\$130,241	-\$116,279	-\$606,898
Subtotal Staff Compensation	\$7,444,872	\$5,740,584	\$107,302	\$13,292,758	\$2,952,463	\$15,134,961	\$11,211,249	\$10,057,530	\$52,648,961
Operating Costs	\$467,608	\$390,501	\$1,286,559	\$2,144,668	\$53,342	\$2,221,672	\$1,273,122	\$840,907	\$6,533,711
Centralize Phone Service	-\$43,016	-\$26,230	\$0	-\$69,246	-6,739	\$127,326	-\$28,649	-\$22,692	\$0
Travel	\$114,952	\$111,289	\$25,295	\$251,536	15,000	\$63,133	\$40,000	\$23,369	\$393,038
General Fund before AED & SAED	\$14,215,249	\$9,754,819	\$1,419,156	\$25,389,224	\$3,014,066	\$17,547,092	\$12,495,722	\$10,899,114	\$69,345,218
PERA AED & SAED	\$955,320	\$640,295	\$7,871	\$1,603,486	\$226,018	\$1,158,145	\$868,270	\$782,026	\$4,637,945
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$15,170,569	\$10,395,114	\$1,427,027	\$26,992,710	\$3,240,084	\$18,705,236	\$13,363,992	\$11,681,140	\$73,983,163
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$141,000	\$1,640,680	\$0	\$1,781,680
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$15,170,569	\$10,395,114	\$1,432,027	\$27,997,710	\$3,240,084	\$18,846,236	\$15,004,672	\$11,681,140	\$75,769,843
Total FTE***	103.6	68.6	1.2	173.4	19.7	109.6	83.1	64.8	450.6
General Fund FTE	103.6	68.6	1.2	173.4	19.7	108.6	83.1	64.8	449.6
Cash Fund FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reappropriated FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	1.0

OLLS = Office of Legislative Legal Services; LHRD = Legislative Human Resources Division (as was the Office of Legislative Workplace Relations)

*Joint Chamber operating costs include a \$50,000 appropriation for the Colorado Youth Advisory Council.

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Table 6. Dollar Change in Legislative Appropriations Bill, FY 2025-26 to FY 2026-27

Description	House	Senate	Joint Chambers	Total General Assembly	Joint Budget Committee	Legislative Council Staff	Office of the State Auditor	OLLS & LHRD	Total
GENERAL FUND									
Member Compensation, Benefits, and Session Expense Reimbursement									
Salary Base	\$87,777	\$72,651		\$160,428					\$160,428
Interim Per Diem	23,931	22,743		46,674					46,674
Metro Session Per Diem	0	0		0					0
Non Metro Session Per Diem									
Expense	0	0		0					0
Session Mileage and Trips Expense	5,369	3,210		8,579					8,579
Member Benefits**	106,754	115,456		222,210					222,210
Subtotal Members	\$223,831	\$214,060		\$437,891					\$437,891
Staff Compensation									
Nonpartisan Salary	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$5,000	\$66,000	\$0	\$68,875	\$129,875
Majority Salary									0
Minority Salary									0
Legislative Aides Wages									0
Subtotal Staff Salary & Wages	0	0	0	0	-5,000	66,000	0	68,875	129,875
Staff Benefits**	121,692	143,802	907	266,401	11,640	269,632	168,936	129,054	845,663
5% Personal Services Cut	(242)	(1,468)	(35)	(1,745)	(586)	(7,272)	(3,615)	(2,348)	(15,566)
Subtotal Staff Compensation	\$121,450	\$142,334	\$872	\$264,656	\$6,054	\$328,360	\$165,321	\$195,581	\$959,972
Operating Costs	\$2,000	-\$8,770	-\$43,638	-\$50,408	-\$3,878	-\$60,949	\$0	\$23,730	-\$91,505
Centralize Phone Service	-\$43,016	-\$26,230	\$0	-\$69,246	-\$6,739	\$127,326	-\$28,649	-\$22,692	\$0
Travel	\$21,484	\$13,145	-\$6,568	\$28,061	\$5,000	\$13,071	\$0	\$0	\$46,132
General Fund before AED & SAED	\$325,749	\$334,539	-\$49,334	\$610,954	\$437	\$407,808	\$136,672	\$196,619	\$1,352,490
PERA AED & SAED	\$18,552	\$7,905	\$0	\$26,457	-\$500	-\$1,350	\$0	-\$1,674	\$22,933
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$344,301	\$342,444	-\$49,334	\$637,411	-\$63	\$406,457	\$136,672	\$194,945	\$1,375,424
CASH FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$38,453	\$0	\$38,453
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$344,301	\$342,444	-\$49,334	\$637,411	-\$63	\$406,457	\$175,125	\$194,945	\$1,413,877
Total FTE***	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6	1.0	0	1.0	1.4
General Fund FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6	1.0	0	1.0	1.4
Cash Fund FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reappropriated FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 7. Percent Change in Legislative Appropriations Bill, FY 2025-26 to FY 2026-27

Description	House	Senate	Joint Chambers	Total General Assembly	Joint Budget Committee	Legislative Council Staff	Office of the State Auditor	OLLS & LHRD	Total
GENERAL FUND									
Member Compensation, Benefits, and Session Expense Reimbursement									
Salary Base	2.8%	4.5%		3.4%					3.4%
Interim Per Diem	20.6%	19.8%		20.2%					20.2%
Metro Session Per Diem	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%					0.0%
Non Metro Session Per Diem	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%					0.0%
Session Mileage and Trips Expense	3.2%	3.3%		3.2%					3.2%
Member Benefits**	7.6%	13.6%		9.8%					9.8%
Subtotal Members	3.7%	6.4%		4.7%					4.7%
Staff Compensation									
Nonpartisan Salary	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.4%
Majority Salary									0.0%
Minority Salary									0.0%
Legislative Aides Wages									0.0%
Subtotal Staff Salary & Wages	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.6%	0.0%	0.9%	0.3%
Staff Benefits**	7.8%	11.3%	3.0%	9.3%	1.7%	7.8%	6.8%	5.8%	7.2%
5% Personal Services Cut	0.3%	2.3%	3.1%	1.1%	1.8%	4.4%	2.9%	2.1%	2.6%
Subtotal Staff Compensation	1.7%	2.5%	0.8%	2.0%	0.2%	2.2%	1.5%	2.0%	1.9%
Operating Costs	0.4%	-2.2%	-3.3%	-2.3%	-6.8%	-2.7%	0.0%	2.9%	-1.4%
Centralize Phone Service	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Travel	23.0%	13.4%	-20.6%	12.6%	50.0%	26.1%	0.0%	0.0%	13.3%
General Fund before AED & SAED	2.3%	3.6%	-3.4%	2.5%	0.0%	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%	2.0%
PERA AED & SAED	2.0%	1.3%	0.0%	1.7%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.2%	0.5%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	2.3%	3.4%	-3.3%	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%	1.9%
CASH FUNDS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	2.3%	3.4%	-3.3%	2.4%	0.0%	2.2%	1.2%	1.7%	1.9%
Total FTE***	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.6%	0.3%
General Fund FTE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.0%	0.9%	0.0%	1.6%	0.3%
Cash Fund FTE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Reappropriated FTE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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