

SB 5518
Legislative Branch

SB 5518 is the budget bill for the Legislative Branch Agencies – Legislative Administration, Legislative Assembly, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Fiscal, Legislative Revenue, and the Commission on Indian Services.

The Subcommittee on General Government approved a total budget of \$100,699,430 which is 27.4 percent less than the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget, and 652 positions (431.27 FTE). The General Fund budget of \$92,062,501 is 2.5 percent less than the 2013-15 legislatively approved budget.

The recommendations from the Subcommittee include:

- Reductions for anticipated reversions that the Branch will carry into the next biennium.
- Technical adjustments that include removal of one-time expenditures, adjustments needed to better reflect actual expenditures, and changes to debt service.
- Implementation of expanded policy support for the Branch after the 2016 legislative session.
- An increase to each of the caucus offices for transition costs.
- Additional funding for increased field hearings.
- An additional page/doorkeeper position for the Chief Clerk.
- An increase in member session budgets.
- Funding for a disaster recovery cold site, repairs to the ceiling in the basement of the Capitol, a fire suppression upgrade for the server room, and panic button upgrades.

- Position reclassifications and increased FTE for Legislative Counsel.
- A new in the Legislative Fiscal Office that will focus on bonding issues.

The Subcommittee approved retaining the Key Performance Measures for all of the Branch agencies.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5518 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.