



OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

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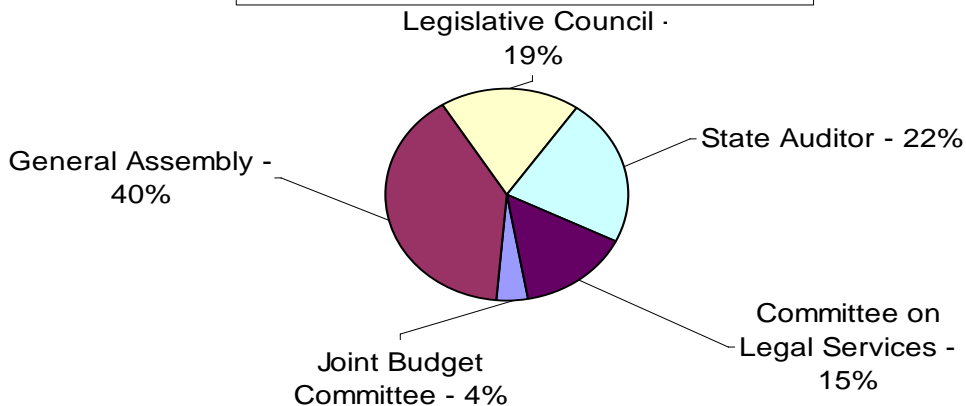
The budget for the Legislative Branch includes funding for the Joint Budget Committee, State Auditor, Legislative Council, General Assembly, and the Committee on Legal Services. These divisions within the Legislative Branch are responsible for drafting, debating and passing new legislation and analysis, auditing and approval of State budgeting. The Legislative Branch is not required or expected to submit its official budget request through the Office of State Planning and Budgeting or the Governor. However, in balancing the State budget, the Governor's budget request includes assumptions about the funding that may be necessary for this branch of State government. Therefore, the numbers below that compare FY 08-09 to the FY 07-08 appropriation are based on the assumptions in the Governor's November 1, 2007 Budget Request and do not reflect the official request of the Legislative Branch.

FY 2007-08 Appropriation

FY 2008-09 Governor's Budget Request

Total Appropriation:	\$33,737,572	Total Request:	\$35,694,400
Percent of Statewide Total Appropriation:	0.2%	Percent of Statewide Total Request:	0.2%
General Fund Appropriation:	\$32,613,798	General Fund Request:	\$34,570,626
Percent of Statewide General Fund Appropriation:	0.5%	Percent of Statewide General Fund Request:	0.5%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	277.1	Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	277.1

FY 07-08 Appropriation by Long Bill Group



* The Governor's Budget Request did not require division level detail when projecting the FY 08-09 Legislative budget. As such, the above table reflects percent allocations by Long Bill group for FY 07-08, as the Executive Branch could not identify where the budgeted 6% General Fund growth would be allocated.

Summary of Changes for FY 2008-09

- In December, each individual agency within the Legislative Branch presents its budget proposal to its respective oversight committee for approval. Each agency within the Legislative Branch has a separate oversight entity that reviews and approves the division's budget request: for the Joint Budget Committee, the Committee itself reviews the request; for the State Auditor's Office, it is the Legislative Audit Committee; for the Legislative Council, the Legislative Council Committee; and for the Office of Legislative Legal Services, the Committee on Legal Services. For the General Assembly's budget request, this budget is reviewed and approved by the presiding officers in the House and Senate.
- Once approved individually, these division level budgets are combined into the final Legislative request which is distributed to the Executive Committee and to the public in early January by Legislative Council Staff. Because the Governor is not aware of the Legislative Branch submission prior to November 1, the Executive assumed a 6% General Fund increase for this section of State government in calculating a balanced budget.
- Outside of special studies or functions which are typically requested through special legislation, the main cost drivers associated with the Legislative Branch include salary increases and changes to operating expenses.