

Program Budget Comparison

The following table summarizes the total Legislative budget by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

Program Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2014	Approp. Fiscal 2015	Legislative Budget 2016	Legislative Budget 2017	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
FTE	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	0.00	0.00 %
Personal Services	1,750,207	1,893,513	1,899,054	1,894,894	3,643,720	3,793,948	150,228	4.12 %
Operating Expenses	61,964	107,140	62,549	88,700	169,104	151,249	(17,855)	(10.56)%
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Total Costs	\$1,812,171	\$2,000,653	\$1,961,603	\$1,983,594	\$3,812,824	\$3,945,197	\$132,373	3.47 %
General Fund	1,812,171	2,000,653	1,961,603	1,983,594	3,812,824	3,945,197	132,373	3.47 %
Total Funds	\$1,812,171	\$2,000,653	\$1,961,603	\$1,983,594	\$3,812,824	\$3,945,197	\$132,373	3.47 %

Program Description

The Legislative Fiscal Division provides the legislature with objective fiscal information and analysis relevant to Montana public policy and budget determination.

Division services include:

1. Fiscal analysis of state government and the furnishing of information bearing upon the financial matters of the state;
2. Identification of ways to effect economy and efficiency in state government;
3. Estimation of revenue and analysis of tax policy;
4. Analysis of the Executive Budget;
5. Compilation and analysis of fiscal information for legislators and legislative committees; and
6. Staffing and support for legislative committees, including the preparation and processing of the appropriation bills for the legislative, judicial, and executive agencies

The Legislative Finance Committee provides guidance to the Legislative Fiscal Division.

Program Highlights

Legislative Fiscal Division Major Budget Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal services costs increase due to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Fully funding legislatively approved FTE ◦ Annualization of the state share of health insurance approved by the 2013 Legislature

Funding

The following table shows program funding by source from all sources of authority.

Legislative Branch, 27-Fiscal Analysis & Review Funding by Source of Authority						
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	3,945,197	0	0	3,945,197	100.00 %	
State Special Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	
Federal Special Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	
Total All Funds	\$3,945,197	\$0	\$0	\$3,945,197		

The division is funded entirely with general fund.

Budget Summary by Category

The following summarizes the total budget utilizing the FY 2015 legislative base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget
2015 Budget	2,000,653	2,000,653	4,001,306	101.42 %	2,000,653	2,000,653	4,001,306	101.42 %
PL Adjustments	(39,050)	(17,059)	(56,109)	(1.42)%	(39,050)	(17,059)	(56,109)	(1.42)%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
Total Budget	\$1,961,603	\$1,983,594	\$3,945,197		\$1,961,603	\$1,983,594	\$3,945,197	

Present Law Adjustments

The “Present Law Adjustments” table shows the adopted changes from the FY 2015 legislative appropriation. Each is discussed in the narrative that follows.

	-----Fiscal 2016-----					-----Fiscal 2017-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 408 - Operating Plan Change - Reduce Personal Services	0.00	(20,000)	0	0	(20,000)	0.00	(40,000)	0	0	(40,000)
DP 409 - LFD Personal Services Reduction	0.00	(24,075)	0	0	(24,075)	0.00	(14,060)	0	0	(14,060)
DP 410 - LFD Operating Plan Change - Training	0.00	20,000	0	0	20,000	0.00	20,000	0	0	20,000
DP 411 - LFD Reduced Printing	0.00	(45,000)	0	0	(45,000)	0.00	(19,000)	0	0	(19,000)
DP 515 - State Share Health Insurance	0.00	9,963	0	0	9,963	0.00	9,963	0	0	9,963
DP 520 - Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE	0.00	36,063	0	0	36,063	0.00	36,063	0	0	36,063
DP 525 - Fixed Cost Adjustment	0.00	(1,418)	0	0	(1,418)	0.00	(988)	0	0	(988)
DP 527 - Inflation/Deflation Adjustment	0.00	(1,462)	0	0	(1,462)	0.00	(1,446)	0	0	(1,446)
DP 529 - Longevity and Other Adjustments	0.00	(16,410)	0	0	(16,410)	0.00	(10,585)	0	0	(10,585)
DP 550 - Motor Pool Rate Adjustment	0.00	(82)	0	0	(82)	0.00	(83)	0	0	(83)
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments	0.00	(\$42,421)	\$0	\$0	(\$42,421)	0.00	(\$20,136)	\$0	\$0	(\$20,136)

***Total Funds** amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 408 - Operating Plan Change - Reduce Personal Services -

The legislature adopted a reduction in personal service in each year of the biennium. This operating plan change decreased funding in personal services and moved the funding to operating expenses to provide for staff training.

DP 409 - LFD Personal Services Reduction -

The legislature reduced the personal services funding by \$24,075 in FY 2016 and \$14,060 in FY 2017. Retirement of staff and hiring new staff at lower salary levels resulted in lower costs for personal services in the 2017 biennium.

DP 410 - LFD Operating Plan Change - Training -

The legislature adopted operating plan changes for training new LFD staff. General fund for personal services were decreased by \$20,000 each year of the biennium while operating expenses for training were increased by the same amount.

DP 411 - LFD Reduced Printing -

The legislature decreased printing costs associated with the budget analysis and fiscal report as requested by the division. A reduction of \$64,000 in general fund for the biennium was approved.

DP 515 - State Share Health Insurance -

The legislature provided appropriation authority for the state share of health insurance, as adopted by the 2013 Legislature.

DP 520 - Fully Fund 2015 Legislatively Authorized FTE -

The legislature provided appropriation authority to restore personal services funding to create a vacancy savings rate of zero.

DP 525 - Fixed Cost Adjustment -

The legislature adopted proprietary rates for fixed costs charged to state agencies for services such as information technology or rent and grounds maintenance within the capitol complex. Rates for messenger services, legislative audit, grounds maintenance, records management, agency legal costs, and the statewide cost allocation plan were adopted as proposed by the executive. The legislature lowered proprietary rates for warrant writer, payroll services, SABHRS, SITSD fees, and rent. The legislature increased insurance premiums to provide for increased costs of claims and to establish a reserve for the insurance fund.

DP 527 - Inflation/Deflation Adjustment -

The legislature adopted inflation/deflation factors for budgeted expenditures such as food or electricity. The legislature concurred with the executive on the factors with the exception of gasoline, aviation gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel. For these factors the legislature further deflated costs to align the budget with more current information on declining prices of oil and gas projected to continue into the 2017 biennium.

DP 529 - Longevity and Other Adjustments -

The legislature adopted personal service adjustments for unemployment insurance, workers compensation rates, longevity, retirement, and health benefits.

DP 550 - Motor Pool Rate Adjustment -

The legislature adopted a reduction to the motor pool rates.