

Executive Summary Legislative Department Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Request

The Legislative Department appropriation bill is the annual budget request for the ongoing operations of the General Assembly and the service agencies that comprise the legislative branch. The overall request for the General Assembly and service agencies is \$40,420,144, which represents a 3.71 percent increase from the current year appropriation. The request also includes \$25,000 for the Colorado Youth Advisory Council, which remains unchanged from the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 appropriation. The request includes the following:

- an increase of 2.0 FTE for Legislative Council;
- a 2.0 percent base salary budget increase pursuant to the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) common policy;
- Increases for employer contributions to health, life, and dental insurance;
- increases for the PERA amortization equalization disbursement and PERA supplemental amortization equalization disbursement;
- increases to specific agencies' personal services, operating, and travel budgets;
- an increase for non-metro session per diem pursuant to statute; and
- increases for the legislative aides program and dues for joint governmental agencies.