

## Legislature - Legislative Council

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 APPROVED
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	49.0	49.0	49.0 <sup>1/</sup>
Personal Services	2,572,000	2,785,000	2,785,000
Employee Related Expenditures	976,000	958,900	942,900
Professional and Outside Services	96,500	60,300	60,300
Other Operating Expenditures	394,400	353,100	353,900
Equipment	3,007,200	3,250,400	3,250,400
<b>OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7,046,100</b>	<b>7,407,700</b>	<b>7,392,500</b>
<b>SPECIAL LINE ITEMS</b>			
Hearing Loop Installation	0	0	250,000 <sup>2/</sup>
Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office	811,500	825,600	822,900 <sup>3/</sup>
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>7,857,600</b>	<b>8,233,300</b>	<b>8,465,400</b> <sup>4/5/6/</sup>
<b>FUND SOURCES</b>			
General Fund	7,857,600	8,233,300	8,215,400
<u>Other Appropriated Funds</u>			
Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf	0	0	250,000
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	0	0	250,000
<b>SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>7,857,600</b>	<b>8,233,300</b>	<b>8,465,400</b>
<b>TOTAL - ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>7,857,600</b>	<b>8,233,300</b>	<b>8,465,400</b>

**AGENCY DESCRIPTION** — The Legislative Council, a staff agency of the Legislative Department, provides bill drafting and research services, continuing code revision and manages the operation and renovation of certain legislative buildings and grounds. The council is also responsible for the development, operation, and maintenance of the legislative computer system.

### Operating Budget

The budget includes \$7,392,500 and 40 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

#### Statewide Adjustments

The budget includes a decrease of \$(15,200) from the General Fund in FY 2017 for statewide adjustments. (Please see the Agency Detail and Allocations section.)

### Hearing Loop Installation

The budget includes \$250,000 from the Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf in FY 2017 for hearing loop installation. This one-time appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Monies in this appropriation fund the one-time installation of looping hearing aid service systems in the House of Representatives and Senate buildings. The looping systems transmit sound from the House and Senate Public Address (PA) systems directly into hearing

<sup>1/</sup> Includes 9 GF FTE Positions funded from Special Line Items in FY 2017.

<sup>2/</sup> This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act, Section 146)

<sup>3/</sup> It is the intent of the Legislature that the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide prioritize the investigation and processing of complaints relating to the Department of Child Safety. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

<sup>4/</sup> This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

<sup>5/</sup> Dues for the Council of State Governments may be expended only on an affirmative vote of the Legislative Council. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

<sup>6/</sup> General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

aids allowing device users to clearly hear the sound from the PA systems without disruptive background noise. Legislative Council will oversee the installation of the looping system.

### ***Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office***

The budget includes \$822,900 and 9 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office. These amounts fund the following adjustments:

#### **Statewide Adjustments**

The budget includes a decrease of \$(2,700) from the General Fund in FY 2017 for statewide adjustments.

Monies in this line item fund operation of the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office, which receives public complaints, investigates administrative acts of agencies, and may present their final opinion and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the office of the appropriate prosecutor or the public, or any combination of these persons. The Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office also trains public officials and educates the public on the rights of the public and the responsibilities of public agencies under the public access laws.

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### ***Other Issues***

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### ***Additional Legislation***

#### ***Department of Child Safety Complaint Referral Extension***

The FY 2017 Human Services Budget Reconciliation Bill (BRB) (Laws 2016, Chapter 123), as session law, extends to June 30, 2018 an Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office (OCAO) provision allowing OCAO, upon investigation, to refer any complaint concerning the Department of Child Safety directly to a Superior Court judge for further review and action.

#### ***Legal Fees***

The FY 2017 Budget Procedures BRB (Laws 2016, Chapter 127), as permanent law, allows the Legislative Council to pay legal fees incurred jointly by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the authorization of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.