

Legislature - Legislative Council

	FY 2015 ACTUAL	FY 2016 ESTIMATE	FY 2017 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	49.0	49.0	49.0
Personal Services	2,572,000	2,785,000	2,785,000
Employee Related Expenditures	976,000	958,900	958,900
Professional and Outside Services	96,500	60,300	60,300
Other Operating Expenditures	394,400	353,100	353,100
Equipment	3,007,200	3,250,400	3,250,400
OPERATING SUBTOTAL	7,046,100	7,407,700	7,407,700
SPECIAL LINE ITEMS			
Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office	811,500	825,600	825,600
AGENCY TOTAL	7,857,600	8,233,300	8,233,300
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	7,857,600	8,233,300	8,233,300
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	7,857,600	8,233,300	8,233,300
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	7,857,600	8,233,300	8,233,300

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 Baseline includes \$7,407,700 and 40 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the operating budget. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2016.

Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office

The Baseline includes \$825,600 and 9 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2017 for the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2016.

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.

The FY 2015 Revenue Budget Reconciliation Bill (Laws 2014, Chapter 9) requires Child Protective Services or its successor agency (now the Department of Child Safety, established by Laws 2014, 2nd Special Session, Chapter 1)

to establish a mechanism to direct complainants to the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office. It further requires the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office to process these complaints, and allows the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide after investigating a complaint to refer the matter to a Superior Court judge for further review and action. These requirements are repealed after June 30, 2016.

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FORMAT — Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency

FOOTNOTES

Standard Footnotes

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.

This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Dues for the Council of State Governments may be expended only on an affirmative vote of the Legislative Council.