FY 2008 APPROPRIATIONS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This annual Appropriations Report provides detailed information on FY 2008 and FY 2009 appropriations, as provided in the General Appropriation Act (Laws 2007, Chapter 255 [H.B. 2781]) and other legislative acts. The Report also includes the economic and state revenue forecast upon which the budget was based. This Report provides information relative to the legislative intent of appropriations.

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The Joint Legislative Budget Committee was established in 1966, pursuant to Laws 1966, Chapter 96. The primary powers and duties of the JLBC relate to ascertaining facts and making recommendations to the Legislature regarding all facets of the state budget, state revenues and expenditures, future fiscal needs, and the organization and functions of state government. The following members serve on the Committee during the 48th Legislature:

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The objectives and major products of the staff of the JLBC are:

- Analysis and recommendations for the state budget, which is presented in January of each year;
- Technical, analytical, and preparatory support in the development of appropriations bills considered by the Legislature;
- Periodic economic and state revenue forecasts;
- Preparation of fiscal notes on legislation and ballot propositions that have a fiscal impact on the state or any of its political subdivisions;
- An annual Appropriations Report, which is published shortly after the budget is completed and provides detail on the budget along with an explanation of legislative intent;
- Strategic Program Area Reviews to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of state government programs;
- Support to the JLBC with respect to recommendations on business items placed on the committee's agenda such as transfers of appropriations pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-173;
- Support to the Joint Committee on Capital Review (JCCR) with respect to all capital outlay issues including land acquisition, new construction, and building renewal projects;
- Analyze the state tax structure, tax burdens on individuals and businesses and tax incentives for businesses pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1272A4.
The Joint Committee on Capital Review (JCCR) was first established on April 11, 1986, pursuant to Laws 1986, Chapter 85. The primary powers and duties of the Joint Committee on Capital Review relate to ascertaining facts and making recommendations to the Legislature regarding state expenditures for land, buildings and improvements. This portion of the state budget is known as "capital outlay". The following members serve on the Committee during the 48th Legislature:

- Senator Robert L. Burns, Chairman 2007
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- Senator Marsha Arzberger
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The JCCR is staffed by the JLBC Staff. The objectives and major products of the JCCR are:

- Recommend capital appropriations to the Legislature.
- Approve capital transfers within a budget unit.
- Review the scope, purpose and cost of projects before releasing appropriations.
- Develop "Building Renewal Formula."
- Approve the use of Renewal funds for infrastructure repair.
- Approve lease-purchase agreements.
- Approve corrections facilities expenditures from the Corrections Fund.
- Review the issuance of revenue bonds by the Board of Regents.
- Approve DOA land and building purchases and condemnations.
- Review "Capital Improvement Plans."
- Determine rental rates for buildings owned by or leased to the state.
- Review Community College District bond projects.
- Review School Facilities Board assumptions for new school construction.
- Review School Facilities Board lease-to-own agreements.
- Review School Facilities Board building renewal calculations.
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