

# Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

Article II, Sec. 1 and Article III, Sec. 1 to Sec. 30 of the Constitution of Nebraska.

Neb. Rev. Stat. 50-101 to 50-1304 (Legislative Council, Executive Board of the Legislative Council, Clerk of the Legislature, Legislative Fiscal Office, Legislative Research Office, Legislative Audit Office). Neb. Rev. Stat 49-701 to 49-771 (Revisor of Statutes), Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-8,240 to 81-8,254 (Public Counsel).

## **VISION:**

The Nebraska Unicameral vision is to create and implement laws that maintain and improve the quality of life for citizens of the State of Nebraska.

## **MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:**

The mission of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature is to establish public policy by enacting legislation.

## **GOALS:**

Provide the personnel, services, equipment, travel and other resources necessary to the Legislature, according to the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Nebraska.

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## Financial Data

|                           | FY16 Actual       | FY17 Approp       | FY18 Request      | FY18 Recomm       | FY19 Request      | FY19 Recomm       |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| General Fund              | 19,541,441        | 20,930,311        | 23,118,610        | 20,570,323        | 23,735,432        | 20,833,766        |
| Cash Fund                 | 49,517            | 219,675           | 216,244           | 220,187           | 218,270           | 220,706           |
| Federal Fund              | 0                 | 39,270            | 39,270            | 39,270            | 39,270            | 39,270            |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Other Fund                | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>19,590,958</b> | <b>21,189,256</b> | <b>23,374,124</b> | <b>20,829,780</b> | <b>23,992,972</b> | <b>21,093,742</b> |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| General Fund              | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Federal Fund              | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Other Fund                | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |
| General Fund              | 19,541,441        | 20,930,311        | 23,118,610        | 20,570,323        | 23,735,432        | 20,833,766        |
| Cash Fund                 | 49,517            | 219,675           | 216,244           | 220,187           | 218,270           | 220,706           |
| Federal Fund              | 0                 | 39,270            | 39,270            | 39,270            | 39,270            | 39,270            |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| Other Fund                | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| <b>Total Agency</b>       | <b>19,590,958</b> | <b>21,189,256</b> | <b>23,374,124</b> | <b>20,829,780</b> | <b>23,992,972</b> | <b>21,093,742</b> |

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## Program 001 - SALARIES-LEGISLATORS

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Legislature is the law-making branch of state government. It consists of one house of 49 members elected from single member districts on a non-partisan ballot. The term of office for each member is four years. The salary is \$1,000 per month.

Since a constitutional amendment in 1970, the Legislature has met in annual sessions which convene on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January. Sessions held in odd-numbered years meet for 90 legislative days and in even-numbered years, for 60 legislative days.

The legislature conducts its law-making responsibilities through various standing committees and fulfills its administrative responsibilities through select or special committees which are organized for specific purposes.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

Article III, Section 7, of the Constitution of Nebraska provides compensation for members of the Legislature.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Performance measures are not applicable for program 001 Legislators' Salaries.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 001 - SALARIES-LEGISLATORS**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 628,131            | 632,982            | 632,982             | 632,982            | 632,982             | 632,982            |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>628,131</b>     | <b>632,982</b>     | <b>632,982</b>      | <b>632,982</b>     | <b>632,982</b>      | <b>632,982</b>     |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 628,131            | 632,982            | 632,982             | 632,982            | 632,982             | 632,982            |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>628,131</b>     | <b>632,982</b>     | <b>632,982</b>      | <b>632,982</b>     | <b>632,982</b>      | <b>632,982</b>     |

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 085 - LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Detailed program descriptions provided by the Legislative Council in its budget request submission can be found in the Legislature's other budget programs.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

Detailed program objectives provided by the Legislative Council in its budget request submission can be found in the Legislature's other budget programs.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Detailed performance measure information provided by the Legislative Council in its budget request submission can be found in the Legislature's other budget programs.

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

To allow for maximum flexibility within the Legislative Council's operational budget, the recommendations include merging the following budget programs into Program 085:

- Program 122 - Legislative Services
- Program 123 - Clerk of the Legislature
- Program 126 - Legislative Research
- Program 127 - Revisor of Statutes
- Program 129 - Legislative Audit
- Program 501 - Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Program 504 - Office of the Public Counsel
- Program 638 - Fiscal and Program Analysis

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 085 - LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 19,937,341         | 0                   | 20,200,784         |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 220,187            | 0                   | 220,706            |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 39,270             | 0                   | 39,270             |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>20,196,798</b>  | <b>0</b>            | <b>20,460,760</b>  |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 19,937,341         | 0                   | 20,200,784         |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 220,187            | 0                   | 220,706            |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 39,270             | 0                   | 39,270             |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>20,196,798</b>  | <b>0</b>            | <b>20,460,760</b>  |

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 122 - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The program includes the Accounting and Budgeting Office, which is responsible for payroll, personnel record keeping, preparation of vouchers reports, annual budget, ordering supplies, maintenance of the supply room, and fixed assets. The program includes the expenses related to operating, equipping and staffing senators' offices. For example, each senator is authorized to employ a legislative aide and an administrative assistant. Also, the committee clerks and legal counsels for the various standing committees are included in this program. Reimbursement for Legislators' expenses during legislative sessions is also included in this program.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

To provide the personnel, services, equipment, and other resources necessary to the Legislature to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Nebraska.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Provide staff assistance to the Executive Board that allows for efficient administration of the agency
2. Supply personal Legislative staff in accordance with the Executive Board policy
3. Legislative Coordinators Office and Legislative Accounting and Budget Office
4. Maintain and upgrade legislative offices and equipment
5. Reimbursement of sessional expenses to Senators
6. Commissions and task force (evaluation, studies)

Output - Assist the Legislature, its committee and members in their lawmaking and policy formulation and functions.

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 122 - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**

**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 9,128,836          | 9,649,405          | 10,358,755          | 0                  | 11,062,591          | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 608                | 107,000            | 75,000              | 0                  | 75,000              | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 39,270             | 39,270              | 0                  | 39,270              | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>9,129,444</b>   | <b>9,795,675</b>   | <b>10,473,025</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>11,176,861</b>   | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 9,128,836          | 9,649,405          | 10,358,755          | 0                  | 11,062,591          | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 608                | 107,000            | 75,000              | 0                  | 75,000              | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 39,270             | 39,270              | 0                  | 39,270              | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>9,129,444</b>   | <b>9,795,675</b>   | <b>10,473,025</b>   | <b>0</b>           | <b>11,176,861</b>   | <b>0</b>           |



**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 123 - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Article III of the Nebraska Constitution creates the legislative branch of government. Contemplated within the various sections of Article III is the creation of a permanent record-keeping office. By constitutional provision, statutory section 50-101 R.R.S. et. seq. and through the Rules of the Nebraska Legislature, specific duties are assigned to the Clerk of the Legislature.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

This program:

- provides support for the year-round operation of the Legislature's chief administrative officer
- provides a large share of the administrative support for each regular session of the Legislature and Special Session as needed
- is responsible for the registration of lobbyists and the compilation of quarterly reports of receipts and expenditures by lobbyists
- distributes information about Legislative activity and the Legislative process, and
- funds the Legislative Technology Center, which exists to support senators and legislative personnel on information technology.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Inputs:

All human and technological resources requested and budgeted are designed to facilitate the lawmaking process.

Outputs:

Several hundred bills and resolutions are processed annually requiring information collection and dissemination. A record creation process ensures a permanent record of what transpired is developed, maintained, and systematically evaluated.

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 123 - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 3,659,307          | 4,010,124          | 5,128,053           | 0                  | 4,817,629           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 48,909             | 62,675             | 66,244              | 0                  | 68,270              | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>3,708,216</b>   | <b>4,072,799</b>   | <b>5,194,297</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>4,885,899</b>    | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 3,659,307          | 4,010,124          | 5,128,053           | 0                  | 4,817,629           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 48,909             | 62,675             | 66,244              | 0                  | 68,270              | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>3,708,216</b>   | <b>4,072,799</b>   | <b>5,194,297</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>4,885,899</b>    | <b>0</b>           |

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 126 - LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Legislative Research Office: conducts legal and public policy research for the Legislature; prepares and publishes reports, including an annual summary of significant legislation and reports providing background information on issues regularly before the Legislature; assists with interim studies; provides staff support for the decennial redistricting process; performs special projects at the request of the Legislature; offers training session for Legislators and staff; maintains a reference library and distributes information to legislators and staff; and exchanges information with other legislative organizations.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

This program:

- assists in creating new, legally defensible district maps for the Nebraska Legislature, U.S. House, and 4 other entities
- provides legal/policy research
- issues reports and compilations of materials
- provides training
- assists with interim studies, constituent projects, and other projects at the request of the Legislature
- provides reference assistance and materials,
- archives legislative documents
- maintains/circulates journals/periodicals,
- orders books/reports, reference materials, etc., and
- processes interlibrary loans.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

**Outputs:**

Redistricting: Working with the U.S. Census Bureau on the 2020 Redistricting Data Program. Began working on Phase 1, the Block Boundary Suggestion Project in 2016. Phase 1 is scheduled to be completed in 2017. Phase 2, the Voting District Project, is scheduled for 2017-2019.

Research: Completed nearly 900 research requests, issued 7 reports, presented 4 training sessions for legislators and staff, and assisted with 5 interim studies/special projects.

Library: Completed nearly 400 information requests, cataloged over 300 books and agency/topical reports, and circulated over 60 journals/periodicals.

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 126 - LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 626,070            | 705,907            | 774,376             | 0                  | 796,874             | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>626,070</b>     | <b>705,907</b>     | <b>774,376</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>796,874</b>      | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 626,070            | 705,907            | 774,376             | 0                  | 796,874             | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>626,070</b>     | <b>705,907</b>     | <b>774,376</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>796,874</b>      | <b>0</b>           |

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 127 - REVISOR OF STATUTES**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Sec 50-402 and the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral provide all bills and major amendments are to be approved by the Revisor of Statutes Office prior to introduction. The Office assists members of the Legislature and the executive departments of the State prepare bills, amendments, resolutions and other related measures; prepares/publishes supplements to statutes and the reissue and replacement volumes to the statutes as directed by the Legislature pursuant to Chapter 49, article 7, and Section 50-402 and reviews proposed initiative and referendum measures filed with the Secretary of State, required by Section 32-1405. Law 2012, LB576, created the Nebraska Statutes Cash Fund(Sec 49-708). The fund is to be used by the Revisor of Statutes to perform duties under Sec 49-702(4) and 49-704.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

Provide bill requests and related documents in a timely manner. Provide work related to incorporating amendments into the bills in a timely manner. Perform editorial work necessary to update the statutes. Negotiate a contract to print, bind, and publish the supplement and the reissued volume. Produce the supplement and reissue of the statutes in a timely manner.

Complete required review of the proposed initiative and referendum measures filed with the Secretary of State in a timely manner.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Performance Measures of bill requests/documents,statute updates and initiative and referendum.

- (a) Inputs - resources will include staff time/computer resources
- (b) Outputs - varies, except 2,800 volumes are printed of the statute books and 2,400 volumes are printed of the supplements
- (c) Efficiency - comparison of response time for requests compared to historical average and expectation of requester
- (d) Outcomes/Results - monitor progress of completion of work
- (e) Quality - monitor feedback on quality

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 127 - REVISOR OF STATUTES**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 1,249,598          | 1,543,066          | 1,576,528           | 0                  | 1,618,004           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 50,000             | 75,000              | 0                  | 75,000              | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>1,249,598</b>   | <b>1,593,066</b>   | <b>1,651,528</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,693,004</b>    | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 1,249,598          | 1,543,066          | 1,576,528           | 0                  | 1,618,004           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 50,000             | 75,000              | 0                  | 75,000              | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>1,249,598</b>   | <b>1,593,066</b>   | <b>1,651,528</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,693,004</b>    | <b>0</b>           |

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 129 - LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

At the direction of the Legislative Performance Audit Committee, the Office conducts performance audits and preaudit inquiries of state programs.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The primary objective of the Audit Office is to conduct performance audits of state agency programs in support of the Legislature's oversight responsibility. Performance audits are conducted in compliance with the Legislative Performance Audit Act and the U.S. Government Accountability Office's performance audit standards.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

**Inputs:** Staff and office equipment/materials (computers, printers, etc.)

**Outputs:** In FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16, completed four performance audit reports, two preaudit inquiry reports and one interim study report (LR 444, 2014). The Office also provided staff support for legislative bills resulting from those reports.

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 129 - LEGISLATIVE AUDIT**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 648,907            | 681,494            | 715,804             | 0                  | 744,724             | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>648,907</b>     | <b>681,494</b>     | <b>715,804</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>744,724</b>      | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 648,907            | 681,494            | 715,804             | 0                  | 744,724             | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>648,907</b>     | <b>681,494</b>     | <b>715,804</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>744,724</b>      | <b>0</b>           |



**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 501 - COM ON INTERGOVTL**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

Provides funds for Nebraska membership in the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Council of State Governments (CSG), Commission of Uniform State Laws, Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact (LB317 2015, withdraw effective 7/1/2018) and State and Local Legal Center and necessary expenses for Legislators to attend meetings sponsored by such organizations and for Commissioners to attend the Uniform Law Commission Annual Meeting.

The program also includes senator staff travel and expenses related to all travel by Legislators, except reimbursement for expenses during legislative sessions, which is provided through Legislative Services (program 122).

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

To achieve a better understanding by Nebraska Legislators of National concerns and/or actions taken by other states

To study uniform laws, reciprocal agreements, and informal cooperation of government offices.

To provide travel expense reimbursement for Legislators attending committee meetings, public hearings and other official functions.

Facilitate the utilization of staff resources and encourage and promote development of expertise among staff positions by funding staff attendance at meetings, conferences, committee hearings on behalf of their senator/committee.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

Performance measures not applicable to this specific program.

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 501 - COM ON INTERGOVTL**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 530,723            | 507,850            | 608,205             | 0                  | 607,583             | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>530,723</b>     | <b>507,850</b>     | <b>608,205</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>607,583</b>      | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 530,723            | 507,850            | 608,205             | 0                  | 607,583             | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>530,723</b>     | <b>507,850</b>     | <b>608,205</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>607,583</b>      | <b>0</b>           |

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 504 - OFF PUB COUNSEL**

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The function of the Office of the Public Counsel is to investigate and resolve citizens' complaints relating to administrative agencies of state government.

The functional goals of the Office are: 1) Investigate citizen complaints relating to administrative agencies of state government; 2) Respond to citizen inquiries pertaining to government; 3) Investigate allegations of wrongdoing and waste in state government; and 4) Investigate allegations of retaliation against those who report cases of wrongdoing in government under the Nebraska State Government Effectiveness Act.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

The Ombudsman's Office is designed to accomplish several objectives, which include:

1. Provide administrative justice to complainants unfairly treated by state government;
2. Improve the relationship between citizens and state government,
3. Assist in providing legislative oversight of agencies,
4. Identify weaknesses in administrative policies and procedures,
5. Recommend improvements in administrative systems,
6. Reduce litigation involving the state by resolving disputes before they reach the courts,
7. Investigate cases of illegal conduct, waste, or mismanagement in state government; and
8. Investigate cases of retaliation against whistleblowers.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The citizen complaint cases that come to the Ombudsman's Office are the framework for its efforts to provide legislative oversight, offer avenues of citizen participation, reduce costly litigation, and identify improvements to administrative systems.

The best way to maximize the effectiveness of the Ombudsman's Office is to maximize its caseload. Recently, there has been dramatic growth in the Ombudsman's annual (calendar year) caseload: 2010 - 2,346 cases; 2011 – 2,302 cases; 2012 – 2,462 cases; 2013 – 3,042 cases; 2014 – 3,174 cases; 2015 – 3,283 cases; and 2016 – 3,200 cases (projected).

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 504 - OFF PUB COUNSEL**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 1,434,464          | 1,535,702          | 1,666,306           | 0                  | 1,730,706           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>1,434,464</b>   | <b>1,535,702</b>   | <b>1,666,306</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,730,706</b>    | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 1,434,464          | 1,535,702          | 1,666,306           | 0                  | 1,730,706           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>1,434,464</b>   | <b>1,535,702</b>   | <b>1,666,306</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,730,706</b>    | <b>0</b>           |

# Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Program 638 - FISCAL AND PROGRAM

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### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Fiscal and Program Analysis program provides for the financing of the Legislative Fiscal Office, whose primary function is to provide staff assistance to the Legislature and, as provided in statute, to the Appropriations Committee during their deliberations in formulating a budget recommendation to the Legislature. Additional critical functions consist of preparing Fiscal Notes for introduced legislation and assisting the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board in making General Fund revenue estimates.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

1. Provide objective, independent and professional financial and program analysis of state agencies.
2. Review legislative bills and amendments to legislation. Make estimates of anticipated change in state, county or municipal expenditures or revenue as a direct result of the bill.
3. Develop revenue forecasts for the Legislature, Revenue Committee and Appropriations Committee to support the Legislature in establishing sales and income tax rates. Also, assist the NE Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.
4. Provide staff support to committees during the interim related to interim study resolutions and other research as necessary.
5. Serve as research and information resource for members and staff of Legislature and serve as information source for public.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

1. Preliminary briefing of Appropriations Committee completed January 2018, mid-February 2019
2. Complete Preliminary Report of the Appropriations Committee according to Legislative Rules
3. Deliver Appropriations Committee recommended budget according to Legislative Rules
4. Manage active bills assigned for Fiscal Notes: 2018=525; 2019=700
5. Send Fiscal Note requests to agencies; 2018=1100; 2019=1520
6. Achieve response rate for agency fiscal notes above 85%; 2018=86%;2019=87%
7. Absolute value of error of first certified forecast: 2018=3%; 2019=3%
8. Absolute value of error of February forecast (4 month horizon); 2018=1.5%; 2019=1.5%

### **GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION NOTES:**

This budget program is merged into Program 085 in the Governor's recommendation.

**Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Program 638 - FISCAL AND PROGRAM**

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**Financial Data**

|                           | <b>FY16 Actual</b> | <b>FY17 Approp</b> | <b>FY18 Request</b> | <b>FY18 Recomm</b> | <b>FY19 Request</b> | <b>FY19 Recomm</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operations Funding</b> |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 1,635,406          | 1,663,781          | 1,657,601           | 0                  | 1,724,339           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Operations</b>   | <b>1,635,406</b>   | <b>1,663,781</b>   | <b>1,657,601</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,724,339</b>    | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Aid Funding</b>        |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Aid Funding</b>  | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>           |
| <b>Total Funding</b>      |                    |                    |                     |                    |                     |                    |
| General Fund              | 1,635,406          | 1,663,781          | 1,657,601           | 0                  | 1,724,339           | 0                  |
| Cash Fund                 | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Federal Fund              | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Revolving Fund            | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| Other Fund                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                  |
| <b>Total Program</b>      | <b>1,635,406</b>   | <b>1,663,781</b>   | <b>1,657,601</b>    | <b>0</b>           | <b>1,724,339</b>    | <b>0</b>           |