

Agency 03 - Legislative Council

Statutory Authority:

Article II, Section 1, Article III, Sections 1-29 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.

Vision Statement:

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 Statement:

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

Goals:

To 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.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	15,032,809	16,386,740	19,025,658	16,595,343	18,652,037	17,114,581
Cash Fund	125,377	268,966	230,913	270,166	232,453	271,602
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
Total Agency	15,158,186	16,694,976	19,295,841	16,904,779	18,923,760	17,425,453

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 001 - Legislators' Salaries

Program Objectives:

Provides funds to pay Legislators' salaries as authorized by Article III, Section 7, Constitution of Nebraska.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	629,029	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
Total	629,029	632,982	632,982	632,982	632,982	632,982

Performance Measures:

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Program 085 - Legislative Council Operations

Program Objectives:

Financial Data:

	<u>Actual FY06</u>	<u>Approp FY07</u>	<u>Request FY08</u>	<u>Recom FY08</u>	<u>Request FY09</u>	<u>Recom FY09</u>
General Fund	0	0	0	15,962,361	0	16,481,599
Cash Fund	0	0	0	270,166	0	271,602
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
Total	0	0	0	16,271,797	0	16,792,471

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation includes funding within Program 85 for Programs 122, 123, 126, 127, 501, 504, and 638.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 122 - Legislative Services

Program Objectives:

1. Provide staff assistance to the Executive Board that will allow for efficient administration of the agency.
2. Supply personal Legislative staff in accordance with the Executive Board policy
3. Provide for the physical relocation and start-up of Legislators' offices
4. Maintain and upgrade agency equipment
5. Pay sessional expenses to Senators
6. Retirement Systems Committee actuarial consulting
7. Accounting services rendered for legislative expense verification
8. Miscellaneous contractual services
9. Provide computerized access to legislative documents

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	7,037,674	7,769,761	8,547,973	0	8,514,619	0
Cash Fund	96,739	220,183	180,000	0	180,000	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
Total	7,134,413	8,029,214	8,767,243	0	8,733,889	0

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 122 is included in Program 85.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 123 - Clerk Of The Legislature

Program Objectives:

Provides primary support for the year-round operation of the Legislature's chief administrative officer including funding for the preparation and compilation of legislative documents. Provides a large share of the administrative support for each regular session of the Legislature and Special Sessions as necessary. Responsible for the registration of lobbyists and the compilation of quarterly reports of receipts and expenditures by lobbyists and principals. Distribute information on the history of the Unicameral, the legislative activity and lawmaking process to the public. Funds the Legislative Technology Center that exists to support senators and legislative personnel on issues relating to information technology.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	2,718,279	3,018,332	4,193,997	0	4,029,549	0
Cash Fund	28,638	48,783	50,913	0	52,453	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
Total	2,746,917	3,067,115	4,244,910	0	4,082,002	0

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 123 is included in Program 85.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 126 - Legislative Research Division

Program Objectives:

Provides redistricting services to senators and members of the legislative staff. The next census will occur in 2010, however the redistricting process begins with preliminary work involving the Legislature, the U.S. Census Bureau, and local governments. Provides public policy and legal research to the members of the Legislature and legislative staff in support of the Legislature's policy-making role. Provides a full range of public policy library services in support of the activities of the Nebraska Legislature. Provide an in-house legislative performance audit function designed to enable the Legislature to carry out its responsibility for the oversight of state agencies.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,070,492	1,183,256	1,497,388	0	1,458,989	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
Total	1,070,492	1,183,256	1,497,388	0	1,458,989	0

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 126 is included in Program 85.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 127 - Revisor Of Statutes

Program Objectives:

The Revisor of Statutes and Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Council perform two primary functions: 1) responsible for preparing and publishing supplements and reissued and replacement volumes to the statutes as directed by the Legislature. Pursuant to Chapter 49, article 7, and section 50-402, a contract is negotiated to edit, print, bind, and publish supplements and reissued volumes to the statutes. 2) Aids and assists members of the Legislature and the executive departments of the state in the preparation of bills, amendments, resolutions, and other related measures. Reviews also proposed initiatives and referendum measures filed with the Secretary of State under section 32-1405.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,216,842	1,417,548	1,503,442	0	1,374,487	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
Total	1,216,842	1,417,548	1,503,442	0	1,374,487	0

Performance Measures:

1. Inputs - staff and computer resources
2. Outputs - Provide an updated set of statutes and provide bill requests, amendments, and resolutions in a timely manner
3. Efficiency
4. Outcomes
5. Quality

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 127 is included in Program 85.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 501 - Intergovernmental Cooperation

Program Objectives:

1. The adoption of uniform or reciprocal statutes, administrative rules and regulations, and informal cooperation of governmental offices is encouraged.
2. To better facilitate the utilization of staff resources and to encourage as well as to promote the development of expertise among various staff positions by funding staff members attendance at and participation in meetings, conferences, committee hearings, etc., on behalf of their senator/committee.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	429,290	417,171	517,177	0	519,353	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
Total	429,290	417,171	517,177	0	519,353	0

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 501 is included in Program 85.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 504 - Office Of Public Counsel

Program Objectives:

The Office of the Public Counsel (Ombudsman) operates pursuant to the Public Counsel Act, Neb.Rev.Stat. §81-8,240 thru 81-8,254. The essential function of the Office is to receive, investigate and attempt to resolve citizens' miscellaneous complaints relating to administrative agencies of state government. The Ombudsman's Office also responds to citizen requests for general information relating to the operation of government and participates in interim studies in cooperation with other Legislative Divisions and Senators' staff. By the terms of the Nebraska State Government Effectiveness Act of 1993 (§81-2701,et.seq.), the Public Counsel's Office has a central role in protecting whistleblowers who report wrongdoing or mismanagement in state government from being subjected to retaliation.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	702,727	722,296	803,770	0	798,956	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
Total	702,727	722,296	803,770	0	798,956	0

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 504 is included in Program 85.

Agency 03 - Legislative Council Program 638 - Fiscal And Program Analysis

Program Objectives:

1) Provides objective, independent and professional financial and program analysis of past, current and proposed state agency operations. 2) Reviews each legislative bill introduced as well as amendments to the legislation and make estimates of the anticipated change in state, county or municipal expenditures or revenue as a direct result of the bill. 3) Develops revenue forecasts for the Legislature, the Revenue Committee and the Appropriations Committee. Assistance is also provided in conjunction with the Department of Revenue to the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board which meets periodically as required in statute to develop economic and/or revenue forecasts which are used as the basis for developing a balanced state budget.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY06	Approp FY07	Request FY08	Recom FY08	Request FY09	Recom FY09
General Fund	1,228,476	1,225,394	1,328,929	0	1,323,102	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
Total	1,228,476	1,225,394	1,328,929	0	1,323,102	0

Performance Measures:

Governor's Recommendation Includes:

The Governor's recommendation for Program 638 is included in Program 85.