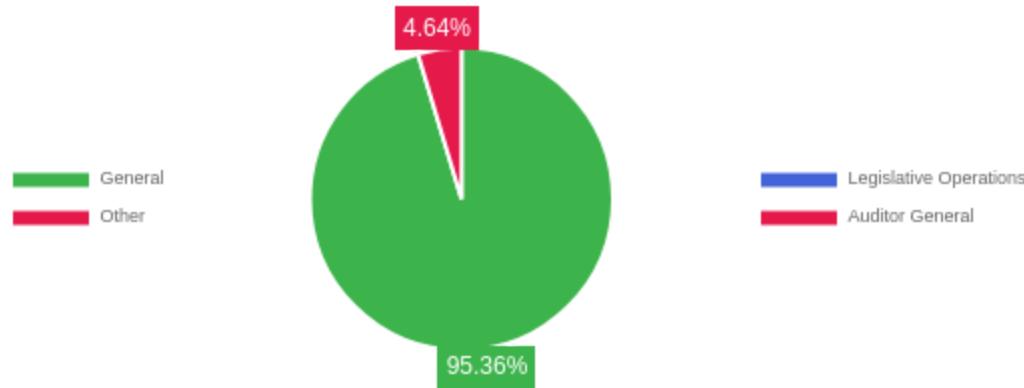


Legislative Branch

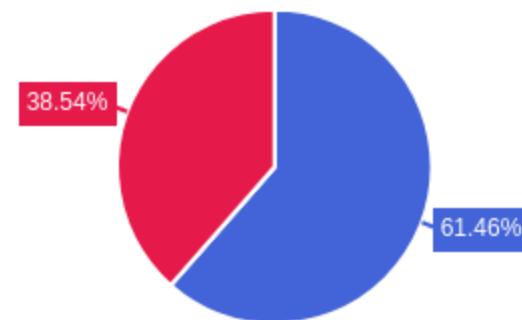
Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Brief Summary

Information contained in this document is based on the Governor's FY2027 Budget and may not correspond with the final budget adopted by the Legislature.

Source of Funds



Distribution of General Funds



Key Personnel

- Director, John McCullough, Legislative Research Council
- Auditor General, Russ Olson, Department of Legislative Audit

Mission of the Legislative Branch

To represent the people of South Dakota and protect their general welfare by formulating policies through the adoption and revision of legislation by the state legislature; to perform studies and analyses of state policies through the Legislative Research Council; and, to perform the post-audit functions through the Division of Legislative Audit.

The Legislative Research Council (LRC) is a nonpartisan, joint legislative office, providing legislative services to legislators, committees, and both branches of the South Dakota Legislature—the House of Representative and Senate. The LRC was established by law in 1951. See [SDCL 2-9-1](#). The LRC consists of permanent staff, session-only staff, and "all of the members of the South Dakota Legislature." SDCL 2-9-1.

Legislative Branch Budget Units

- Legislative Operations (2810)
- Auditor General (2880)
- Legislative Priority Fund (2815)

Major Items Summary - Legislative Branch

	Agency Request					Governor's Recommendation				
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$15,509,407	\$0	\$755,066	\$16,264,473	81.6	\$15,509,407	\$0	\$755,066	\$16,264,473	81.6
1. Legislator Salary Adjustment	\$81,316	\$0	\$0	\$81,316	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
FY 2027 Total Budget	\$15,590,723	\$0	\$755,066	\$16,345,789	81.6	\$15,509,407	\$0	\$755,066	\$16,264,473	81.6
Change from Base Budget	\$81,316	\$0	\$0	\$81,316	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
% Change from Base Budget	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

1. Legislator Salary Adjustment

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$81,316	\$0	\$0	\$81,316	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The LRC requests an increase of **\$81,316** in **general funds** for legislator salary adjustment. After the US Census Bureau released the 2024 SD Median Household income on September 9, the LRC no longer needs the increase.

The 2024 US Census Bureau Current Population Survey reported \$79,850 for 2024, down from \$81,740 in 2023. One fifth of the 2024 amount is \$15,790, which will be the new salary for legislators for the 2026 Session, as required by SDCL 2-4-2.

The governor does not recommend this request.

Legislative Branch Budget Request

By Fund Category	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget Revised	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Agency Request	FY 2027 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2026
General	\$13,023,783	\$14,529,355	\$15,038,065	\$15,509,407	\$15,590,723	\$15,509,407	\$0
Federal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$755,066	\$755,066	\$755,066	\$755,066	\$0
Total	\$13,023,783	\$14,529,355	\$15,793,131	\$16,264,473	\$16,345,789	\$16,264,473	\$0

By Program	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget Revised	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Agency Request	FY 2027 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2026
Legislative Operations	\$8,484,952	\$9,293,537	\$9,298,823	\$9,531,882	\$9,613,198	\$9,531,882	\$0
Legislative Priority Fund	\$0	\$0	\$755,066	\$755,066	\$755,066	\$755,066	\$0
Auditor General	\$4,538,831	\$5,235,818	\$5,739,242	\$5,977,525	\$5,977,525	\$5,977,525	\$0
Total	\$13,023,783	\$14,529,355	\$15,793,131	\$16,264,473	\$16,345,789	\$16,264,473	\$0
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget Revised	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Agency Request	FY 2027 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2026
	\$9,418,879	\$10,783,955	\$11,675,417	\$12,145,881	\$12,227,197	\$12,145,881	\$0
Salaries	\$7,819,023	\$8,899,132	\$9,599,151	\$9,988,198	\$10,063,735	\$9,988,198	\$0
Benefits	\$1,599,855	\$1,884,823	\$2,076,266	\$2,157,683	\$2,163,462	\$2,157,683	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget Revised	FY 2026 Budget	FY 2027 Agency Request	FY 2027 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2026
	\$3,604,905	\$3,745,400	\$4,117,714	\$4,118,592	\$4,118,592	\$4,118,592	\$0
Travel	\$1,152,362	\$1,227,119	\$1,524,307	\$1,497,007	\$1,497,007	\$1,497,007	\$0
Contractual Services	\$1,717,856	\$1,728,436	\$2,290,592	\$2,318,770	\$2,318,770	\$2,318,770	\$0
Supplies	\$55,489	\$86,976	\$113,161	\$113,161	\$113,161	\$113,161	\$0
Grants	\$5,566	\$3,638	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay	\$673,631	\$699,230	\$189,654	\$189,654	\$189,654	\$189,654	\$0
Total	\$13,023,783	\$14,529,355	\$15,793,131	\$16,264,473	\$16,345,789	\$16,264,473	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	65.57	71.81	79.6	81.6	81.6	81.6	0.00

Funding Sources (Governor's Recommended)

	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$15,509,407	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
LEGISLATIVE CONTINGENCY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$755,066	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

Governor's Recommend FY26 Supplemental Bill Changes - Legislative Branch

Legislative Video Streaming

- Increase of **\$35,021 in general funds** for add hardware, programming and integration for all legislative committee rooms to be able to broadcast video from. This increase adds all the necessary hardware, programming, and integration needs to each room and to tie into the SDPB system.