



# Legislative Research Council

2028 Budget Request



# LRC Overview



LRC 2027 Budgeted FTE = 41.6

LRC has 36 full-time positions + 5.6 FTE for session only staff

3 New FTEs added in 2027

## Code Counsel (4 FTEs)

- Code Counsel (1)
- Asst. Code Counsel (1)
- Senior Legislator Editor (1)
- Legislative Editor (1)

## Director (1 FTE)

## Operations (6 FTEs)

- Chief of Operations (1)
- Committee Services Administrator (1)
- Administrative Specialist (4)

## Fiscal (7 FTEs)

- Chief of Fiscal (1)
- Senior Fiscal Analyst (2)
- Fiscal Analyst (4)

## Research & Legal (11 FTEs)

- Chief of Research & Legal (1)
- Asst. Chief of Research (1)
- Asst. Chief of Legal (1)
- Legislative Attorney (3)
- Senior Research Analyst (2)
- Research Analyst (3)

## IT (7 FTEs)

- Chief IT Officer (1)
- Lead Software Engineer (1)
- Senior Software Engineer (2)
- Network Administrator (1)
- IT Support Specialist (1)
- Legislative Systems Analyst (1)

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| General Fund Budget                                                                    |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                     |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Legislative Research Council                                                           | FY25<br>Actual   | FY26<br>Actual   | FY26<br>Budgeted | FY27<br>Budgeted  | FY28<br>Requested | Request<br>Increase | Percent<br>Change |
| LRC Staff Salaries                                                                     | 2,804,852        | 3,013,779        | 3,124,685        | 3,615,431         | 3,615,431         | -                   | 0.0%              |
| LRC Benefits                                                                           | 736,441          | 789,720          | 835,626          | 841,645           | 841,645           | -                   | 0.0%              |
| LRC Operating Expenses                                                                 | 316,283          | 350,106          | 227,784          | 234,854           | 234,854           | -                   | 0.0%              |
| Legislative Members                                                                    | 2,758,674        | 2,934,356        | 2,704,821        | 2,704,821         | 2,801,693         | 96,872              | 3.6%              |
| Legislative Support & Printing                                                         | 951,602          | 825,516          | 1,042,442        | 1,049,923         | 1,049,923         | -                   | 0.0%              |
| Code Counsel & Commission                                                              | 199,248          | 201,039          | 243,663          | 246,159           | 246,159           | -                   | 0.0%              |
| Interim Member Costs                                                                   | 594,692          | 410,992          | 913,293          | 916,479           | 916,479           | -                   | 0.0%              |
| Legislative IT                                                                         | 931,747          | 1,034,204        | 474,589          | 439,753           | 439,753           | -                   | 0.0%              |
| <b>On-going General Fund Budget</b>                                                    | <b>9,293,537</b> | <b>9,559,712</b> | <b>9,566,903</b> | <b>10,049,065</b> | <b>10,145,937</b> | <b>96,872</b>       | <b>1.0%</b>       |
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| <b>FTE</b>                                                                             | <b>34.3</b>      | <b>35.9</b>      | <b>38.6</b>      | <b>41.6</b>       | <b>41.6</b>       | <b>-</b>            | <b>0.0%</b>       |
| Encumbrances**                                                                         | 513,277          | 481,486          |                  |                   |                   |                     |                   |
| Reversions                                                                             | 5,286            | 7,191            |                  |                   |                   |                     |                   |
| **FY25 encumbrances: Senate and House sound system replacement phase 2.                |                  |                  |                  |                   |                   |                     |                   |
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## Legislative Research Council Budget Request FY2027 (one-time)

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The same request as above is being requested as a one-time change to the current year's budget for FY2027. This is to cover the cost for increased salaries during the 2027 session.