

Summary of FY2024-25 Budget Requests

Dollars reflect the biennial total change

Legislative Coordinating Commission: Fiscal Agents

1. **Sign Language Interpreters: \$18,000**
This funding would cover the costs of increased requests for ASL interpreters for legislative meetings/events.
2. **NCSL, CSG, and Great Lakes Commission: \$56,000**
Reflects known increases in membership dues to these organizations.
3. **International Legislators Forum: \$30,000**
Adds funding to cover the of membership to the forum, a part of the Consensus Council, which includes members from Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Manitoba, Canada. Previously dues were required to be paid from the LCC operating budget.
4. **Television Equipment Upgrade: \$19,322,000**
Provides funding to perform a complete rebuild of the House, Senate, and shared television production equipment and hardware which is at end of life and will be out of support in December 2025.
5. **WiFi Replacement: \$1,214,000**
Replaces the legislature's WiFi system in the Minnesota Senate Building, State Office Building, Capitol and tunnels. The current system is no longer supported and replacement parts are not available when existing equipment fails or service needs to be expanded to new areas.
6. **VOIP Replacement: \$180,000**
Covers the shared costs across the House, Senate, and LCC for the replacement of the phone system which is at end of life and will be out of support in October 2023.
7. **Language Translations: \$100,000**
Provides funding for the LCC to coordinate spoken and written translations on behalf of the legislature through master contracts available through the Department of Administration.
8. **Digital Accessibility: \$974,000**
Includes funding for software and dedicated staff to develop expertise, provide training, and ensure the legislature is compliant with state standards as required by October 2024.

LCC Operating Increase: \$760,000

This funding would add a diversity and inclusion director, fiscal services specialist, and commission assistant to the LCC. The fiscal services and commission assistant additional staff are necessary due to increased work demands associated with responsibilities assigned to the LCC.

Office of the Revisor of Statutes: \$14,000,000

Resources would be used to plan for, purchase, and implement a new bill drafting, rules, and law publication system. The system is currently on antiquated software that is over 18 years old.

Office of the Legislative Auditor: \$3,253,000

Provides funding necessary to sustain current staffing levels and add 2 additional staff for special reviews as approved by the Legislative Audit Commission on December 6, 2022 as outlined below:

- \$654,482 each year (\$1,309,000 for the biennium) was previously appropriated to OLA through the Health and Human Services Finance committee and used to staff OLA audits and evaluations related to DHS. This request would add that funding to OLA's base appropriation in the State Government Finance committee.
- \$196,242 in FY24 and \$199,821 in FY25 (\$396,064 for the biennium) is for two additional special review staff to help address the 350+ allegations and reports the OLA receives each year.
- The remaining \$580,000 in FY24 and \$968,000 in FY25 (\$1,548,000 for the biennium) reflect changes made to OLA's compensation plan by the 2022 Legislature to recruit and maintain a staff of 66 employees.

Legislative Reference Library: *Potential request*

The Library is currently working to assess the space allocation in the State Office Building remodel. If the space for the Library is significantly reduced, the Library may need to seek a supplemental budget request to preserve and digitize large portions of the Library's print collection.

Legislative Budget Office: No change

Pensions Commission: \$60,000

Provides additional funding to support increases in actuarial services and costs.

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Provides funding as approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council to cover staffing, computer system improvements and maintenance and council member expenses.

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

Reflects the administrative budget as approved by the LCCMR on November 15, 2022, to cover staffing, computer system investments, professional services and commission member expenses. Budget dollars come from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.