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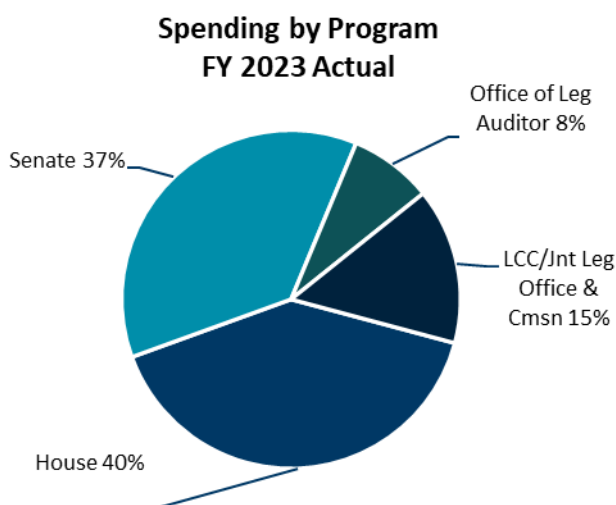
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**AT A GLANCE**

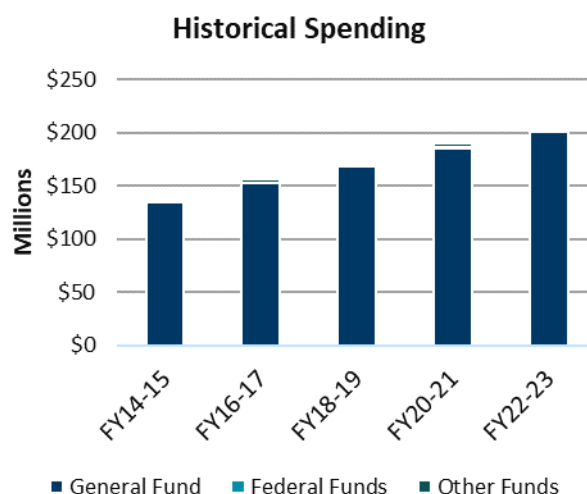
- The constitution provides that the Legislature may meet up to 120 days during a two-year period.
- For the 23-24 biennial legislative session 5,488 bills were introduced in the House, and 5,535 bills were introduced in the Senate. Of those, 127 bills were presented to the governor for signing and 126 were fully enacted and one was vetoed.

**PURPOSE**

The legislature is one of three branches of state government (the others being the executive and judicial branches) created by the constitution of the State of Minnesota. The legislative branch is responsible for the enactment and revision of state laws, establishing a state budget and tax policy, electing regents of the University of Minnesota, overseeing the work of state government, as well as proposing amendments to the state constitution. The Minnesota legislature consists of two bodies: the House of Representatives and the Senate. In addition, the House and Senate have created joint legislative offices and commissions under the fiscal and administrative oversight of the Legislative Coordinating Commission.

**BUDGET**

Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate are established under Article 4, Section 1 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution>) of the Minnesota Constitution. Primary statutory citations regarding operations and legal authority for the joint offices and commissions of the Minnesota Legislature can be found in M.S. 3 ([www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3))

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
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**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General	97,571	102,942	114,806	153,217	132,378	132,242	132,378	132,242
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	95	110	381	1,000	585	383	585	383
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue			306	409	405	405	405	405
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	763	774	1,015	4,211				
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	560	558	628	1,646				
2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage	5	0	2	7				
2302 - Clean Water	9	1	4	11				7
2303 - Parks and Trails	4	0	2	5				
4925 - Family and Medical Benefit Ins				18				
6000 - Miscellaneous Agency	397	296						
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,404</b>	<b>104,682</b>	<b>117,143</b>	<b>160,524</b>	<b>133,368</b>	<b>133,030</b>	<b>133,368</b>	<b>133,037</b>
Biennial Change				73,582		(11,269)		(11,262)
Biennial % Change				36		(4)		(4)
Governor's Change from Base								7
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**Expenditures by Program**

House of Representatives	39,953	42,205	47,036	56,785	48,963	48,963	48,963	48,963
Senate	37,454	38,933	41,611	43,893	43,845	43,845	43,845	43,845
Legislative Coordinating Commission	14,235	15,412	18,860	44,548	28,784	28,446	28,784	28,453
Legislative Audit Commission	7,763	8,133	9,636	15,298	11,776	11,776	11,776	11,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,404</b>	<b>104,682</b>	<b>117,143</b>	<b>160,524</b>	<b>133,368</b>	<b>133,030</b>	<b>133,368</b>	<b>133,037</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	39,315	40,251	46,251	50,343	46,160	45,776	46,160	45,776
Operating Expenses	59,269	63,548	70,049	98,833	80,734	80,648	80,734	80,655
Capital Outlay-Real Property	319	627	328	5,050	2,550	2,650	2,550	2,650
Other Financial Transaction	500	255	516	6,298	3,924	3,956	3,924	3,956
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,404</b>	<b>104,682</b>	<b>117,143</b>	<b>160,524</b>	<b>133,368</b>	<b>133,030</b>	<b>133,368</b>	<b>133,037</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

<b>364.57</b>	<b>381.37</b>	<b>388.83</b>	<b>415.34</b>	<b>403.84</b>	<b>399.84</b>	<b>403.84</b>	<b>399.84</b>
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In	27,135	29,330	27,097	66,076	36,523	27,445	36,523	27,445
Direct Appropriation	99,247	100,502	153,580	123,393	123,093	123,093	123,093	123,093
Transfers In	1,836	8,328	333	21,307	207	207	207	207
Transfers Out	1,319	8,121	126	21,036				
Balance Forward Out	29,328	27,097	66,078	36,523	27,445	18,503	27,445	18,503
Expenditures	97,571	102,942	114,806	153,217	132,378	132,242	132,378	132,242
Biennial Change in Expenditures			67,511		(3,403)		(3,403)	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures			34		(1)		(1)	
Governor's Change from Base							0	
Governor's % Change from Base							0	
Full-Time Equivalents	354.81	371.28	376.33	400.34	399.84	396.84	399.84	396.84

**2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In	299	304	327	819	202		202	
Receipts			261	250	250	250	250	250
Transfers In	100	199	613	133	133	133	133	133
Transfers Out		66						
Balance Forward Out	304	327	819	202				
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>383</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,177		(413)		(413)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				576		(30)		(30)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.14	0.15	2.44	3.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	3.00

**2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In			81	64	274	274	274	274
Receipts			288	405	405	405	405	405
Transfers In		81		214				
Balance Forward Out		81	64	274	274	274	274	274
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>306</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				715		95		95
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						13		13

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

## 2050 - Environment & Natural Resources

Balance Forward In	2,124	3,549	1,678	2,939				
Direct Appropriation	1,985		2,902	1,821	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	202	579						
Transfers Out		1,674	538	549				
Cancellations		1	89					
Balance Forward Out	3,549	1,678	2,939					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>4,211</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,689		(5,226)		(5,226)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				240		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	5.56	5.64	6.06	8.00				

## 2300 - Outdoor Heritage

Balance Forward In	993	982	981	991				
Direct Appropriation	549	557	637	655	0	0	0	0
Transfers In		1						
Transfers Out		1						
Balance Forward Out	982	981	990					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>1,646</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,156		(2,274)		(2,274)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				103		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	4.06	4.30	4.00	4.00				

## 2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage

Balance Forward In	7	5	5	7				
Direct Appropriation	4		4					

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# Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
Balance Forward Out	5	5	7					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		(9)		(9)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				60		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2302 - Clean Water

Balance Forward In	11	9	9	11				
Direct Appropriation	8		6					7
Balance Forward Out	9	9	11					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>				<b>7</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5		(15)		(8)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				47		(100)		(52)
Governor's Change from Base								7
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 2303 - Parks and Trails

Balance Forward In	5	4	4	5				
Direct Appropriation	4		3					
Balance Forward Out	4	4	5					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2		(7)		(7)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				44		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

## 4925 - Family and Medical Benefit Ins

Direct Appropriation				18	0	0	0	0
<b>Expenditures</b>				<b>18</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				18		(18)		(18)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	FY27	Governor's Recommendation FY26	FY27
Governor's % Change from Base								

**6000 - Miscellaneous Agency**

Balance Forward In	331	279	214	214		
Receipts	346	313				
Transfers Out		81		214		
Balance Forward Out	279	214	214			
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>296</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(694)	0	0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)		
Governor's Change from Base						0
Governor's % Change from Base						

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	123,393	123,393	123,393	246,786
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(400)	(400)	(800)
Current Law Base Change		100	100	200
Forecast Base	123,393	123,093	123,093	246,186
Total Governor's Recommendations	123,393	123,093	123,093	246,186
<b>Fund: 2050 - Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	1,821	1,821	1,821	3,642
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(1,821)	(1,821)	(3,642)
Forecast Base	1,821			
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,821			
<b>Fund: 2300 - Outdoor Heritage</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	655	655	655	1,310
Base Adjustments				
One-Time Legacy Fund Appropriations		(655)	(655)	(1,310)
Forecast Base	655			
Total Governor's Recommendations	655			
<b>Fund: 2302 - Clean Water</b>				
Change Items				
Legislative Coordinating Commission Website			7	7
Total Governor's Recommendations			7	7
<b>Fund: 4925 - Family and Medical Benefit Ins</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	18	18	18	36
Base Adjustments				
All Other One-Time Appropriations		(18)	(18)	(36)
Forecast Base	18			
Total Governor's Recommendations	18			
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending	1,000	585	383	968
Forecast Base	1,000	585	383	968



(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
Total Governor's Recommendations	1,000	585	383	968
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending	409	405	405	810
Forecast Base	409	405	405	810
Total Governor's Recommendations	409	405	405	810
<b>Revenue Change Summary</b>				
<b>Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	250	250	250	500
Total Governor's Recommendations	250	250	250	500
<b>Fund: 2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	405	405	405	810
Total Governor's Recommendations	405	405	405	810
<b>Non-Dedicated</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
Forecast Revenues	3	3	3	6
Total Governor's Recommendations	3	3	3	6

# Minnesota Legislature

## FY 2026-27 Biennial Budget Change Item

### Change Item Title: Legislative Coordinating Commission Website

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
General Fund				
Expenditures	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Clean Water Fund				
Expenditures	0	7	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	7	0	0
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Recommendation:

The Governor recommends \$7,000 from the Clean Water Fund for the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) to maintain the respective portions of the Legacy Fund website related to those funds as required under Minnesota Statutes 3.303 subdivision 10. This is a one-time appropriation.

### Rationale/Background:

MS 3.303 subd. 10 requires the LCC to develop and maintain a user-friendly, public-oriented website that informs, educates, and demonstrates to the public how to constitutionally dedicated funds are being expended to meet the requirements established for each fund in the state constitution. These appropriations would provide funding for the LCC's costs to maintain the portions of the Legacy Fund website dedicated to each of the relevant funds.

### Proposal:

The LCC requests \$7,000 from the Clean Water Fund for FY 2027 to maintain the respective portions of the Legacy Fund website as requested in Minnesota Statute 3.303s, subdivision 10. This is a one-time appropriation.

### Dollars in Thousands

Net Impact by Fund	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
Clean Water Fund	0	7	7	0	0	0
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Fund	Component Description	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26-27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 28-29
CWF	Legacy Fund website	0	7	7	0	0	0

### Impact on Children and Families:

Not applicable

### Equity and Inclusion:

Not applicable

**Tribal Consultation:**

Does this proposal have a substantial direct effect on one or more of the Minnesota Tribal governments?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

**Results:**

Not applicable

**Statutory Change(s):**

Not applicable

**Program: House of Representatives**[www.house.mn.gov](http://www.house.mn.gov)**AT A GLANCE**

- 134 representatives compose the Minnesota House of Representatives.
- Representatives serve 2-year terms.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

There are 134 members of the House of Representatives ([www.house.mn.gov](http://www.house.mn.gov)). Each member represents a geographical area of the state and is elected by the voters of the district every two years.

The DFL Caucus ([www.house.mn.gov/caucuses.asp](http://www.house.mn.gov/caucuses.asp)) and the Republican Caucus ([www.house.mn.gov/caucuses.asp](http://www.house.mn.gov/caucuses.asp)) departments each provide legislative services to their respective members. Services provided include legislative management, member administrative support, committee administration and support services, constituent and communication/media services, and caucus research services.

The Chief Clerk's Office ([www.house.mn.gov/cco/cco.asp](http://www.house.mn.gov/cco/cco.asp)) provides assistance and advice to the speaker and members of the House of Representatives in meeting the legal and parliamentary requirements of the lawmaking process and to record the history of that process in a clear, unbiased, and accurate manner. The chief clerk, first and second assistant clerks, index clerk, and chaplain are elected officers of the house. The Chief Clerk's Office is responsible for all computer technology functions in the House, such as managing a secure local area network, managing numerous application programs and coordinating computer support for all house staff.

The House Research Department ([www.house.mn.gov/hrd/hrd.aspx](http://www.house.mn.gov/hrd/hrd.aspx)) provides research and legal services to the house and its members and committees. The work of House Research focuses on legislative decision-making: helping house members and committees develop and evaluate government policies and laws. The department is an agency of the House of Representatives as a whole, rather than a committee or caucus. House Research provides nonpartisan, confidential services to all members of the house without regard to partisan affiliation or legislative position. The department strives to be politically neutral and impartial on issues. Its staff does not advocate, endorse, promote, or oppose legislation or legislative decision.

The Fiscal Analysis Department ([www.house.mn.gov/fiscal/fahome.asp](http://www.house.mn.gov/fiscal/fahome.asp)) provides professional, nonpartisan, and confidential services for all members of the House of Representatives, and provides assistance to the house finance and tax committees on state budgetary and fiscal legislation. Department staff analyzes spending requests, aid committees in developing and analyzing budgetary options, draft legislation to implement budget decisions, track legislative decisions, and provide analysis for legislative oversight of enacted budgets. Fiscal analysts respond to requests from individual members needing analyses or information on state budgetary issues or government finances. The Fiscal Analysis Department researches, prepares, and distributes publications providing information on state budget issues and government finances.

The nonpartisan House Public Information Services Department ([www.house.mn.gov/hinfo/hinfo.asp](http://www.house.mn.gov/hinfo/hinfo.asp)) is a primary contact point to help the public connect to the Legislature. The mission of the department is to provide credible and timely nonpartisan services that inform the public of legislative action, educate about the legislative process and encourage public participation. The department produces and distributes the Session Daily online news service, committee rosters, member and state/federal office lists, legislative directories, and other publications that explain the state's symbols, governmental structure and lawmaking process. It provides photography services for members. The department creates and distributes unedited, gavel-to-gavel television coverage of all House

floor sessions, committee hearings, select press conferences, and provides informational and educational programming. Each legislative session, programming is broadcast, in conjunction with the Senate, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the digital Minnesota Channel, which is available statewide on Minnesota's public television stations. Live webcasting and video archives of all House television programming is also available.

The House Budget & Accounting Department and Human Resources Department perform the financial and human resources functions for the house. Financial functions include accounting, budgeting, staff and member payroll, accounts payable, and expense reimbursements. Human Resources functions include compensation and benefit administration, personnel policy development and communication, timecard and leave administration and house staffing management.

The Sergeant-At-Arms Office ([www.house.mn.gov/sergeant/sergeant.asp](http://www.house.mn.gov/sergeant/sergeant.asp)) provides professional, nonpartisan, support staff, parking, facility management, telephone system management, supply and equipment purchases, security, mail room, duplication and printing, and educational program services for members, staff, and the public. The chief sergeant, assistant sergeants, postmaster, and assistant postmaster are elected by house members as officers of the house. Pages serve as temporary support staff for all house and conference committee hearings and aid all departments in accomplishing their duties.

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	39,580	41,917	46,730	56,358	48,558	48,558	48,558	48,558
2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue			306	409	405	405	405	405
4925 - Family and Medical Benefit Ins				18				
6000 - Miscellaneous Agency	373	288						
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,953</b>	<b>42,205</b>	<b>47,036</b>	<b>56,785</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>
Biennial Change				21,663		(5,895)		(5,895)
Biennial % Change				26		(6)		(6)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**Expenditures by Activity**

House of Representatives	39,953	42,205	47,036	56,785	48,963	48,963	48,963	48,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,953</b>	<b>42,205</b>	<b>47,036</b>	<b>56,785</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Operating Expenses	39,953	42,205	47,036	56,785	48,963	48,963	48,963	48,963
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,953</b>	<b>42,205</b>	<b>47,036</b>	<b>56,785</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>	<b>48,963</b>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	7,620	7,971	6,485	7,800				
Direct Appropriation	39,932	40,431	48,046	48,558	48,558	48,558	48,558	48,558
Transfers In		792						
Transfers Out		792						
Balance Forward Out	7,971	6,485	7,801					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>39,580</b>	<b>41,917</b>	<b>46,730</b>	<b>56,358</b>	<b>48,558</b>	<b>48,558</b>	<b>48,558</b>	<b>48,558</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				21,591		(5,972)		(5,972)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				26		(6)		(6)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In			81	64	60	60	60	60
Receipts			288	405	405	405	405	405
Transfers In		81						
Balance Forward Out		81	64	60	60	60	60	60
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>306</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>405</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				715		95		95
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						13		13
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**4925 - Family and Medical Benefit Ins**

Direct Appropriation				18	0	0	0	0
<b>Expenditures</b>				<b>18</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				18		(18)		(18)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures								
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

**6000 - Miscellaneous Agency**

Balance Forward In	114	87						
Receipts	346	282						

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
Transfers Out		81						
Balance Forward Out	87							
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>288</b>						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(661)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								



**Program: Senate**[www.senate.mn](http://www.senate.mn)**AT A GLANCE**

- 67 senators compose the Minnesota State Senate.
- Senators serve 4-year terms.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

There are 67 members of the Minnesota State Senate ([www.senate.mn](http://www.senate.mn)). Each member represents a geographical area of the state and is elected by the voters of their district every four years. In addition to the functions listed under agency purpose for the Minnesota Legislature, the Senate also has the responsibility to advise and consent to the governor's appointments.

The Minnesota State Senate include the Majority and Minority caucuses, the office of the Secretary of the Senate and Senate Council and Fiscal Analysis.

The Republican Caucus ([www.senate.mn/caucus](http://www.senate.mn/caucus)) and the DFL Caucus ([www.senate.mn/caucus](http://www.senate.mn/caucus)) support their members for committee assignments and structural organization, via administrative support, committee administration, constituent communication and research services.

The office of the Secretary of the Senate ([www.senate.mn/departments/office\\_bio.html](http://www.senate.mn/departments/office_bio.html)) includes:

- Engrossing is responsible for producing all committee reports for the Senate during the legislative session.
- The Front Desk ensures that the Senate functions smoothly and conforms to Senate Rules and the constitutional and statutory provisions that relate to the mechanics of enacting legislation.
- Human Resources provides services to Senate members and staff with recruiting, hiring, and employee relations.
- Senate Index provides information via the Internet concerning the content, status and progress of bills before the Senate.
- Journal Production publishes the daily and permanent Journal of the Senate.
- Media Services produces television programs, web-based media and photographs to provide transparency of Senate and legislative activities.
- Printing and Purchasing maintains multi-functional printers and copiers throughout the Capitol and Senate buildings.
- Senate Information staff handle the production and distribution of Senate publications, as well as public inquiries.
- Senate Sergeant at Arms provides a wide variety of security and administrative services to the Minnesota Senate members and staff.
- Fiscal Services operates the financial infrastructure of the Minnesota Senate.
- Senate Information Systems is responsible for the operation, installation and coordination of the Senate's information technology infrastructure.

The office of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis ([www.senate.mn/departments/scrfa](http://www.senate.mn/departments/scrfa)) provides nonpartisan professional staff services to each Senator, including bill drafting, committee and floor amendment drafting, budget tracking and fiscal note development.

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The Minnesota Senate is established under Article 4, Section 1 ([www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution/](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/constitution/)) of the Minnesota Constitution. Primary statutory citations regarding Senate operations can be found in M.S. 3 ([www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes))

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General	37,429	38,924	41,611	43,893	43,845	43,845	43,845	43,845
6000 - Miscellaneous Agency	24	9						
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,454</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>41,611</b>	<b>43,893</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>
Biennial Change				9,118		2,186		2,186
Biennial % Change				12		3		3
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**Expenditures by Activity**

Senate	37,454	38,933	41,611	43,893	43,845	43,845	43,845	43,845
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,454</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>41,611</b>	<b>43,893</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	20,966	21,131	23,101	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Operating Expenses	16,488	17,801	18,510	23,893	23,845	23,845	23,845	23,845
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,454</b>	<b>38,933</b>	<b>41,611</b>	<b>43,893</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>	<b>43,845</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

<b>214.73</b>	<b>217.97</b>	<b>215.69</b>	<b>215.69</b>	<b>215.69</b>	<b>215.69</b>	<b>215.69</b>	<b>215.69</b>
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In	11,290	11,292	9,913	9,347	9,299	9,299	9,299	9,299
Direct Appropriation	37,430	37,545	41,045	43,845	43,845	43,845	43,845	43,845
Transfers In		1,955						
Transfers Out		1,955						
Balance Forward Out	11,290	9,913	9,347	9,299	9,299	9,299	9,299	9,299
Expenditures	37,429	38,924	41,611	43,893	43,845	43,845	43,845	43,845
Biennial Change in Expenditures				9,151		2,186		2,186
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				12		3		3
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	214.73	217.97	215.69	215.69	215.69	215.69	215.69	215.69

**2001 - Other Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In					214	214	214	214
Transfers In				214				
Balance Forward Out				214	214	214	214	214

**6000 - Miscellaneous Agency**

Balance Forward In	217	192	214	214				
Receipts		30						
Transfers Out				214				
Balance Forward Out	192	214	214					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>9</b>						
Biennial Change in Expenditures				(33)		0		0
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				(100)				
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

**Program: Legislative Coordinating Commission**[www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us)**AT A GLANCE**

- The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) is comprised of nonpartisan joint offices and commissions of the Minnesota Legislature.
- Joint offices and commissions provide services to the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate.

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The House and Senate have created nonpartisan joint legislative offices and commissions under the fiscal and administrative oversight of the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) ([www.lcc.mn.gov/members](http://www.lcc.mn.gov/members)) comprised of members of the House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate.

The LCC office ([www.lcc.mn.gov](http://www.lcc.mn.gov)) serves as the umbrella organization for legislative commissions, joint offices, and other boards. Staff within the LCC office:

- conduct research and administrative support to numerous commissions, councils, and task forces ([www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us));
- provide administrative, human resources, and fiscal services to joint legislative offices and commissions;
- serve as the repository for statewide boundary information for legislative use, including mapping and data services through the Geographic Information Services Office ([www.gis.lcc.mn.gov](http://www.gis.lcc.mn.gov));
- coordinate accessibility and language services for the legislature; and
- maintain the Minnesota's Legacy ([www.legacy.mn.gov](http://www.legacy.mn.gov)) website which displays how funds from the Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are utilized throughout the state.

The LCC is charged with many other activities that encompass the full legislature such as entering into agreements for television broadcasting of legislative proceedings and serving as a fiscal agent for multiple functions. The work of the LCC is funded through the general fund as well as special revenue funding for specific purposes. A detailed overview of each of the commissions, councils, and task forces under LCC is available at [www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us).

The Legislative Reference Library ([www.lrl.mn.gov](http://www.lrl.mn.gov)) was established by the legislature in 1969 as a nonpartisan, joint office. The Library supports the legislative process by providing unbiased research services and information resources to legislators and legislative staff. The Library's collection is focused on public policy materials relevant to the work of state governments. As the state government document depository, the Library's collection includes state documents and consultants' reports, with particular attention paid to collecting reports mandated by the legislature. The Library's collection also includes primary legislative materials, including House and Senate committee minutes and audio and video recordings, and over 350 current periodicals and newspapers. To preserve the history of the legislature, the Library creates unique print and online collections of articles, documents, and data about sessions, members, and lawmaking in Minnesota. The Library also maintains a biographical database of all legislators who have served in Minnesota, from territorial times to the present.

The Office of the Revisor of Statutes ([www.revisor.mn.gov](http://www.revisor.mn.gov)) provides drafting, editing, publication, and information systems/technology services to members of both houses of the legislature as well as constitutional offices, state agencies and departments. Drafting services are provided on a confidential, nonpartisan basis, and include bills, amendments, committee reports, engrossments, and enrolled acts presented to the governor, plus administrative rules. The office is the official publisher of Laws of Minnesota, Minnesota Statutes, and Minnesota Rules, both in print and electronically, and has provided national leadership in accessibility, authentication, and preservation of online legal material. The Revisor's information systems/technology unit provides and maintains a drafting software system used by offices across the legislature, core telephone and internet infrastructure services for the legislature, and the systems used for print and electronic publication of Minnesota law.

The Legislative Budget Office (LBO) ([www.lbo.mn.gov](http://www.lbo.mn.gov)) provides the house of representatives and senate with objective, reasonable, and timely information on the fiscal impact of proposed legislation, without regard to political factors. This work includes unbiased oversight for fiscal note and local impact note development in response to requests received from the Minnesota Legislature. The LBO is responsible for the review and analysis of agency provided fiscal notes to ensure compliance with Fiscal Note Uniform Standards and Procedures (<https://www.lbo.mn.gov/fn/documentation/LBOUSP.pdf>) as required under Minn. Stat. § 3.8853 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3.8853>). The Legislative Budget Office is also charged with providing professional and technical support to the Tax Expenditure Review Commission (TERC) as established under Minn. Stat. § 3.8855 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3.8855>). The TERC is required to review tax expenditures in statute and evaluate their effectiveness and fiscal impact. The TERC provides an annual report to the legislature with their evaluations and recommendations for a subset of tax expenditures.

The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement ([www.lcpr.mn.gov](http://www.lcpr.mn.gov)), a bipartisan, bicameral group of 14 legislators, meets regularly during the legislative session to consider, take testimony, and make recommendations regarding proposed legislation relating to pension and retirement benefits for public employees and the State's pension and retirement plans. The Commission reviews the annual actuarial valuations and periodic experience studies of the State's public pension plans, monitors the sufficiency of plan funding, and recommends adjustments to actuarial assumptions and contribution rates. The Commission conducts studies of a variety of other retirement-related topics, including volunteer firefighter retirement benefits, trends in retiree cost of living adjustments, pension reform, and federal law changes affecting retirement benefits.

The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) ([www.lccmr.mn.gov](http://www.lccmr.mn.gov)) advises the legislature and provides oversight on the spending of certain environment and natural resources funding sources, primarily the constitutionally dedicated Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). The purpose of the lottery-generated ENRTF is to provide a long-term, consistent, and stable source of funding for projects that protect, conserve, preserve, and enhance Minnesota's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources for the benefit of current citizens and future generations.

The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) ([www.lsohc.mn.gov](http://www.lsohc.mn.gov)) recommends appropriations of funding from the Outdoor Heritage Fund to the legislature. The LSOHC ensures that recommendations are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that they will achieve the outcomes of natural resource plans, including the Minnesota Conservation and Preservation Plan, directly related to the restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. Recommendations may also include funding of programs for preventing forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and expanding restored native prairie.

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Legal authority for the LCC: M.S. 3 ([www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes))

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b><u>Expenditures by Fund</u></b>								
1000 - General	12,798	13,968	17,101	38,350	28,449	28,313	28,449	28,313
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	95	110	108	318	335	133	335	133
2050 - Environment & Natural Resources	763	774	1,015	4,211				
2300 - Outdoor Heritage	560	558	628	1,646				
2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage	5	0	2	7				
2302 - Clean Water	9	1	4	11				7
2303 - Parks and Trails	4	0	2	5				
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,235</b>	<b>15,412</b>	<b>18,860</b>	<b>44,548</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>28,446</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>28,453</b>
Biennial Change				33,762		(6,178)		(6,171)
Biennial % Change				114		(10)		(10)
Governor's Change from Base								7
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**Expenditures by Activity**

Legislative Coordinating Comm	12,922	14,081	17,221	38,709	28,784	28,446	28,784	28,453
Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage	551	557	624	1,630				
Leg Citizens Comm MN Resources	762	773	1,014	4,209				
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,235</b>	<b>15,412</b>	<b>18,860</b>	<b>44,548</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>28,446</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>28,453</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	11,249	11,723	14,277	19,385	15,543	15,035	15,543	15,035
Operating Expenses	2,201	2,816	3,763	15,641	6,767	6,805	6,767	6,812
Capital Outlay-Real Property	319	627	328	3,850	2,550	2,650	2,550	2,650
Other Financial Transaction	465	245	491	5,672	3,924	3,956	3,924	3,956
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,235</b>	<b>15,412</b>	<b>18,860</b>	<b>44,548</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>28,446</b>	<b>28,784</b>	<b>28,453</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

<b>94.02</b>	<b>102.98</b>	<b>110.22</b>	<b>128.05</b>	<b>116.55</b>	<b>112.55</b>	<b>116.55</b>	<b>112.55</b>
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>								
Balance Forward In	5,916	7,630	8,579	45,713	27,098	18,020	27,098	18,020
Direct Appropriation	13,996	14,709	54,030	19,464	19,164	19,164	19,164	19,164
Transfers In	527	4,255	207	21,307	207	207	207	207
Transfers Out	10	4,048		21,036				
Balance Forward Out	7,630	8,579	45,714	27,098	18,020	9,078	18,020	9,078
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>12,798</b>	<b>13,968</b>	<b>17,101</b>	<b>38,350</b>	<b>28,449</b>	<b>28,313</b>	<b>28,449</b>	<b>28,313</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				28,685		1,311		1,311
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				107		2		2
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	84.26	92.89	99.77	116.05	115.55	112.55	115.55	112.55

**2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In	299	304	327	387	202		202	
Receipts			36					
Transfers In	100	199	133	133	133	133	133	133
Transfers Out		66						
Balance Forward Out	304	327	388	202				
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>133</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				222		42		42
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				109		10		10
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	0.14	0.15	0.39		1.00		1.00	

**2050 - Environment & Natural Resources**

Balance Forward In	2,124	3,549	1,678	2,939				
Direct Appropriation	1,985		2,902	1,821	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	202	579						
Transfers Out		1,674	538	549				
Cancellations		1	89					
Balance Forward Out	3,549	1,678	2,939					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>4,211</b>				



(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3,689		(5,226)		(5,226)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				240		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	5.56	5.64	6.06	8.00				

**2300 - Outdoor Heritage**

Balance Forward In	993	982	981	991				
Direct Appropriation	549	557	637	655	0	0	0	0
Transfers In		1						
Transfers Out		1						
Balance Forward Out	982	981	990					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>1,646</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				1,156		(2,274)		(2,274)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				103		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								
Full-Time Equivalents	4.06	4.30	4.00	4.00				

**2301 - Arts & Cultural Heritage**

Balance Forward In	7	5	5	7				
Direct Appropriation	4		4					
Balance Forward Out	5	5	7					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				3		(9)		(9)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				60		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

**2302 - Clean Water**

Balance Forward In	11	9	9	11				
Direct Appropriation	8		6					7
Balance Forward Out	9	9	11					

*(Dollars in Thousands)*

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26	FY27	Governor's Recommendation FY26	FY27
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>				<b>7</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5		(15)		(8)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				47		(100)		(52)
Governor's Change from Base								7
Governor's % Change from Base								

**2303 - Parks and Trails**

Balance Forward In	5	4	4	5				
Direct Appropriation	4		3					
Balance Forward Out	4	4	5					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2		(7)		(7)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				44		(100)		(100)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								

**Program: Legislative Audit Commission**[www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us)**AT A GLANCE**

- The Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) is the auditor of Minnesota state government. It conducts audits, evaluations, and investigations.
- OLA is comparable to the Congressional Government Accountability Office (GAO).

**PURPOSE AND CONTEXT**

The Office of the Legislative Auditor ([www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us](http://www.auditor.leg.state.mn.us)) (OLA) is a professional, nonpartisan, audit and evaluation office established in 1973 to strengthen accountability and legislative oversight.

OLA has authority to audit all organizations in the executive and judicial branches of state government, as well as various metropolitan organizations. When state government grants money to or contracts with private organizations, OLA has authority to audit the use of that money as well. In addition, OLA's Program Evaluation Division typically conducts six evaluations of state-funded programs each year, in response to requests from legislators. OLA investigates alleged misuse of public resources and conducts special reviews of issues of legislative concern. OLA has access to all documents and data regardless of classification but may not disclose documents or data classified as not public. OLA is directed by the Legislative Auditor, who is appointed by the Legislative Audit Commission (composed of 12 legislators with equal representation from the House and Senate majority and minority caucuses).

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Legal authority for the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor: M.S. 3 ([www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3](http://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/3))

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General	7,763	8,133	9,364	14,616	11,526	11,526	11,526	11,526
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue			273	682	250	250	250	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>9,636</b>	<b>15,298</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>
Biennial Change				9,039		(1,382)		(1,382)
Biennial % Change				57		(6)		(6)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**Expenditures by Activity**

Legislative Auditor	7,763	8,133	9,636	15,298	11,776	11,776	11,776	11,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>9,636</b>	<b>15,298</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	7,100	7,397	8,873	10,958	10,617	10,741	10,617	10,741
Operating Expenses	627	726	739	2,514	1,159	1,035	1,159	1,035
Capital Outlay-Real Property				1,200				
Other Financial Transaction	35	9	24	626				
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>8,133</b>	<b>9,636</b>	<b>15,298</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>11,776</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

	55.82	60.42	62.92	71.60	71.60	71.60	71.60	71.60
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In	2,310	2,436	2,121	3,216	126	126	126	126
Direct Appropriation	7,889	7,817	10,459	11,526	11,526	11,526	11,526	11,526
Transfers In	1,309	1,326	126					
Transfers Out	1,309	1,326	126					
Balance Forward Out	2,436	2,121	3,216	126	126	126	126	126
Expenditures	7,763	8,133	9,364	14,616	11,526	11,526	11,526	11,526
Biennial Change in Expenditures			8,084		(928)		(928)	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures			51		(4)		(4)	
Governor's Change from Base							0	
Governor's % Change from Base							0	
Full-Time Equivalents	55.82	60.42	60.87	68.60	68.60	68.60	68.60	68.60

**2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In				432				
Receipts			225	250	250	250	250	250
Transfers In			480					
Balance Forward Out			432					
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>273</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				955		(455)		(455)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(48)		(48)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents			2.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00