

Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Article II, Sec. 1 and Article III, Sec. 1 to Sec. 30 of the Constitution of Nebraska.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 50-101 to § 50-1304 (Legislative Council, Executive Board of the Legislative Council, Clerk of the Legislature, Legislative Fiscal Office, Legislative Audit and Research Office), Neb. Rev. Stat. § 49-701 to § 49-771 (Revisor of Statutes), Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-8,240 to § 81-8,254 (Public Council).

VISION:

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 AND PRINCIPLES:

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.

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Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	16,542,219	17,611,386	21,023,328	17,611,386	21,885,895	17,611,386
Cash Fund	62,550	268,966	206,190	268,966	209,272	268,966
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 Operations	16,604,769	17,919,622	21,268,788	17,919,622	22,134,437	17,919,622
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
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Cash Fund	62,550	268,966	206,190	268,966	209,272	268,966
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	16,604,769	17,919,622	21,268,788	17,919,622	22,134,437	17,919,622

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Program 001 - SALARIES-LEGISLATURE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution of Nebraska.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Article III, Section 7 of the Constitution of Nebraska, provides pay for Legislators' salaries.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures not applicable for program 001 Legislators' Salaries.

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Program 001 - SALARIES-LEGISLATURE

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	631,073	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 Operations	631,073	632,982	632,982	632,982	632,982	632,982
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	631,073	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 Program	631,073	632,982	632,982	632,982	632,982	632,982

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Program 122 - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Article II, Sec. 1 and Article III, Sec. 1 to Sec. 30 of the Constitution of Nebraska.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 50-101 to § 50-1304 (Legislative Council, Executive Board of the Legislative Council)

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

To provide the personnel, services, equipment, travel and other resources necessary to the Legislature to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Nebraska.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Provide staff assistance to the Executive Board that allows for efficient administration of the agency
2. Supply personal Legislative staff in accordance with the Executive Board policy
3. Legislative Coordinators Office and Legislative Accounting and Budget Office
4. Maintain and upgrade legislative offices and equipment
5. Reimbursement of sessional expenses to Senators
6. Commissions and task force (evaluation, studies)

Output - Assist the Legislature, its committee and members in their lawmaking and policy formulation and functions.

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Program 122 - LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	7,792,905	8,269,393	9,336,058	8,269,393	9,887,032	8,269,393
Cash Fund	13,025	220,183	155,000	220,183	155,000	220,183
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 Operations	7,805,930	8,528,846	9,530,328	8,528,846	10,081,302	8,528,846
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	7,792,905	8,269,393	9,336,058	8,269,393	9,887,032	8,269,393
Cash Fund	13,025	220,183	155,000	220,183	155,000	220,183
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 Program	7,805,930	8,528,846	9,530,328	8,528,846	10,081,302	8,528,846

Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Program 123 - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Article III of the Nebraska Constitution creates the legislative branch of government. Contemplated within the various sections of Article III is the creation of a permanent record-keeping office. By constitutional provision, statutory section 50-101 R.R.S. et. seq. and through the Rules of the Nebraska Legislature, specific duties are assigned to the Clerk of the Legislature.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Clerk of the Legislature has several subprograms:

1. Subprogram 01 provides support for the year-round operation of the Legislature's chief administrative officer.
2. Subprogram 03 provides a large share of the administrative support for each regular session of the Legislature and Special Sessions.
3. Subprogram 04 is responsible for the registration of lobbyists and the compilation of quarterly reports of receipts and expenditures by lobbyists.
4. Subprogram 05 distributes information about Legislative activity and the Legislative process.
5. Subprogram 07 funds the Legislative Technology Center. The Center exists to support senators and legislative personnel on information technology.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Inputs

All resources requested and budgeted are designed to facilitate the lawmaking process.

Outputs

During the current biennium the office produced the following:

- Bills, journals, and amendments (2008-12,370 original pages; 2007-23,560 original pages)
- Bills/Resolutions - 1,685
- Website hits - 10,358 web requests daily
- Legislative Histories (2006-2,358; 2007-2,430)
- Unicameral Updates - over 7,000 households weekly
- Civics Education (over 5,000 students)
- Blue Books (2,500)
- Other Publications (hearing schedules, daily agendas, etc., distributed to the public at no cost)

Various services provided so as to ensure all necessary resources are brought to bear in any particular legislative session.

Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Program 123 - CLERK OF LEGISLATURE

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	3,050,642	3,158,093	4,645,771	3,158,093	4,697,223	3,158,093
Cash Fund	49,525	48,783	51,190	48,783	54,272	48,783
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 Operations	3,100,167	3,206,876	4,696,961	3,206,876	4,751,495	3,206,876
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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
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Program 126 - LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The objectives of the Audit and Research Office are: to provide public policy/legal research and a full complement of library services and materials to senators and their staffs; to provide staff support for the 2011 redistricting process; and, to conduct performance audits of state programs.

Expenditures in FY 2010-11 for redistricting shall first require the members of the Legislature to direct staff as to how the process will be handled.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Subprogram 10 (redistricting): Pursuant to the U.S. and NE Constitutions, provides legal, administrative, and technical (GIS) staff support for the 2011 redistricting process.

Subprogram 11 (research): Offers public policy/legal research to members of the Legislature and their staffs.

Subprogram 12 (reference library): Offers a full range of library services to members of the Legislature and their staffs.

Subprogram 13 (performance audit): Provides performance audit of state agency programs in support of the Legislature's oversight responsibility.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Inputs: Staff, computers/databases, printed material, network of contacts.

Outputs (FY 2007-08):

- Subprogram 10 (redistricting): Completed Nebraska "test county" for Census Bureau, helped develop legislative redistricting rule.
- Subprogram 11 (research): Completed 914 requests (for 47 senator's offices, 3 division offices), 4 major reports.
- Subprogram 12 (library): Completed 1,269 requests (for 49 senator's offices, 4 division offices), circulated 1,982 periodicals, catalogued 719 titles, created/maintained 10 policy topic notebooks.
- Subprogram 13 (performance audit): Completed 5 final performance audit reports; conducted 4 preaudit inquiries; provided staff support for 4 legislative bills.

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Program 126 - LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,248,291	1,302,936	1,540,724	1,302,936	1,726,069	1,302,936
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 Operations	1,248,291	1,302,936	1,540,724	1,302,936	1,726,069	1,302,936
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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 Program	1,248,291	1,302,936	1,540,724	1,302,936	1,726,069	1,302,936

Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Program 127 - REVISOR OF STATUTES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

As provided by section 50-402 and the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral, all bills and major amendments are to be approved by the Revisor of Statutes office prior to introduction. The office assists members of the Legislature and the executive departments of the state in the preparation of bills, amendments, resolutions, and other related measures; is responsible for preparing and publishing supplements to the statutes and the reissue and replacement volumes to the statutes as directed by the Legislature pursuant to Chapter 49, article 7, and section 50-402 and reviews proposed initiative and referendum measures filed with the Secretary of State as required by section 32-1405.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Provide bill requests and related documents in a timely manner. Provide work related to incorporating amendments into the bills in a timely manner.

Perform editorial work necessary to update the statutes. Negotiate a contract to print, bind, and publish the supplement and the reissued volume. Produce the supplement and reissue of the statutes in a timely manner.

Complete required review of the proposed initiative and referendum measures filed with the Secretary of State in a timely manner.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance Measures of bill requests/documents, statute updates, and initiative and referendum

1. Inputs – resources will include staff time/computer resources
2. Outputs – varies, except 3,000 volumes are printed of the supplements and statute books
3. Efficiency – comparison of response time for requests compared to historical average and expectation of requester
4. Outcomes/Results – monitor progress of completion of work
5. Quality – monitor feedback on quality

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Program 127 - REVISOR OF STATUTES

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,256,003	1,444,778	1,695,966	1,444,778	1,685,848	1,444,778
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 Operations	1,256,003	1,444,778	1,695,966	1,444,778	1,685,848	1,444,778
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
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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 Program	1,256,003	1,444,778	1,695,966	1,444,778	1,685,848	1,444,778

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Program 501 - COMM. ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Cooperation shall consist of five senators. The members and the chairman of this committee shall be designated in the same manner as is customary in the case of the members and chairman of other standing committees of the Legislature. In addition to the regular members, the President and the Speaker of the Legislature shall be ex officio honorary nonvoting members of this committee. The purpose of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee is to:

1. Adopt uniform or reciprocal statutes, administrative rules and regulations;
2. Encourage informal cooperation of governmental offices;
3. Better facilitate utilization of staff resources and promote expertise;
4. Promote uniformity of legislation among the states.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Adopt uniform or reciprocal statutes, administrative rules and regulations and promote informal cooperation of governmental offices.
2. Promote development of expertise among senators by funding attendance at and participation in meetings, conferences and committee hearings.
3. Facilitate the utilization of staff resources and encourage and promote development of expertise among staff positions by funding staff attendance at meetings, conferences, committee hearings on behalf of their senator/committee.
4. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission on Uniform State Laws prepares and drafts legislation the Legislature can use.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures are not applicable to this specific Legislative program.

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Program 501 - COMM. ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	476,668	417,171	539,241	417,171	538,904	417,171
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 Operations	476,668	417,171	539,241	417,171	538,904	417,171
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	476,668	417,171	539,241	417,171	538,904	417,171
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 Program	476,668	417,171	539,241	417,171	538,904	417,171

Agency 003 - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Program 504 - OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Office of the Public Counsel (Ombudsman) operates pursuant to the Public Counsel Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 81-8,240 thru 81-254.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

The Ombudsman's Office is designed to accomplish, through its day-to-day work on citizen complaints, the below underlying objectives:

1. Provide administrative justice on a case-by-case basis to complainants who have been unfairly or improperly treated by administrative agencies of state government;
2. Improve the relationship between Nebraska citizens and their state government by providing citizens with a means to participate in their government through a complainant process, and by providing answers to questions related to government;
3. Assist in providing legislative oversight of state agencies by gathering facts relating to the practical operation of programs of state government;
4. Identify on-going weaknesses in the administrative policies, procedures and practices of agencies of state government;
5. Recommend improvements in the administrative systems of state government;
6. Reduce litigation involving the state by resolving disputes before they reach the courts;
7. Investigate and identify cases of illegal conduct, waste, or mismanagement in the operation of state government; and
8. Investigate and report cases of retaliation against whistleblowers who disclose illegal conduct, waste or mismanagement in state government.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The chief resource of the Ombudsman's Office in terms of allowing it to effectively meet its performance objectives are the various cases that come to the Office in the form of citizen complaints and inquiries.

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Program 504 - OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	768,616	1,005,686	1,135,038	1,005,686	1,171,745	1,005,686
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 Operations	768,616	1,005,686	1,135,038	1,005,686	1,171,745	1,005,686
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
General Fund	768,616	1,005,686	1,135,038	1,005,686	1,171,745	1,005,686
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 Program	768,616	1,005,686	1,135,038	1,005,686	1,171,745	1,005,686

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Program 638 - FISCAL AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Program 638 provides for the financing of the Legislative Fiscal Office, whose primary function is to provide staff assistance to the Legislature and, as provided in statute, to the Appropriations Committee during their deliberations in formulating a budget recommendation to the Legislature. Additional critical functions consist of preparing Fiscal Notes for introduced legislation and assisting the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board in making General Fund revenue estimates.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Provide objective, independent and professional financial and program analysis of past, current and proposed state agency operations ; review 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; develop revenue forecasts; provide staff support to Legislative committees; serve as research and information resource to the Legislature and public at large.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

1. Preliminary briefing of Appropriations Committee completed late January 2010 and mid February 2011
2. Submission of Appropriations Committee budget recommendation
3. Projected bill introduction volume
4. Total Fiscal Notes sent out for agency comment
5. Absolute value of error, Forecast Board estimate(14-month horizon)
6. Absolute value of error, Forecast Board estimate(4- month horizon)
7. Re-specification of Fiscal Office revenue forecast equations
8. Projected number of study resolutions there will be Fiscal Staff assistance
9. Average response time for requests requiring a written response

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Program 638 - FISCAL AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

Financial Data

	FY08 Actual	FY09 Approp	FY10 Request	FY10 Recomm	FY11 Request	FY11 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	1,318,020	1,380,347	1,497,548	1,380,347	1,546,092	1,380,347
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 Operations	1,318,020	1,380,347	1,497,548	1,380,347	1,546,092	1,380,347
Aid Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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 Aid Funding	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding						
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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 Program	1,318,020	1,380,347	1,497,548	1,380,347	1,546,092	1,380,347