

Legislative

The Governor's proposed 2002-04 budget for the Legislative Department contains a net decrease of \$5.7 million GF when compared to the adjusted appropriation for current operations. This total reflects new spending of \$74,579, offset by \$5.7 million in reductions.

HB/SB 30 includes across-the-board reductions of 6 percent each year in the Legislative Department, for a savings of \$5.7 million for the biennium. The budget document indicates that law enforcement officers (Capitol Police) are excluded from the base for calculating the 6 percent reductions. Legislative salaries and other statutory payments are not excluded from the base used to calculate the 6 percent reductions. These across-the-board reductions are contained in the Legislative Department Reversion Clearing Account.