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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	% Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	% Change Over FY24
GPR	89,851,800	90,401,800	0.6	90,456,600	0.1
PR-S	2,426,500	2,504,400	3.2	2,697,400	7.7
PR-O	20,000	20,000	0.0	20,000	0.0
TOTAL	92,298,300	92,926,200	0.7	93,174,000	0.3

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY23 Adjusted Base	FY24 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY23	FY25 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY24
GPR	758.17	761.17	3.00	761.17	0.00
PR-S	19.80	19.80	0.00	19.80	0.00
TOTAL	777.97	780.97	3.00	780.97	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The legislative branch of Wisconsin state government, through representatives who are popularly elected to the Senate and Assembly, enacts the laws which govern the state. Two programs provide the basic structure for the Legislature's operation.

Program 1 includes the two houses of the Legislature, the 99-member Assembly and the 33-member Senate. The goals and objectives of this program are to enact the laws which govern society in the state and provide legislative oversight of executive branch activities.

Program 3 includes the legislative service agencies, staff support for operation of the legislative computer and data processing system, and dues for membership in national associations as approved by the co-chairpersons of the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization. The service agencies provide both houses of the Legislature with professional staff assistance in policy development, fiscal analysis, bill drafting, library services, revision of statutes, state auditing, interim session research, human resources and support for the information technology infrastructure of the Legislature.

The statutorily-created service agencies include the Legislative Reference Bureau, Legislative Audit Bureau, Legislative Fiscal Bureau, Joint Legislative Council and Legislative Technology Services Bureau.

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$80,000.4	\$89,851.8	\$89,966.8	\$89,960.8	\$90,401.8	\$90,456.6
State Operations	80,000.4	89,851.8	89,966.8	89,960.8	90,401.8	90,456.6
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$1,702.6	\$2,446.5	\$2,536.2	\$2,727.0	\$2,524.4	\$2,717.4
State Operations	1,702.6	2,446.5	2,536.2	2,727.0	2,524.4	2,717.4
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$81,702.9	\$92,298.3	\$92,503.0	\$92,687.8	\$92,926.2	\$93,174.0
State Operations	81,702.9	92,298.3	92,503.0	92,687.8	92,926.2	93,174.0

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	758.17	768.17	768.17	761.17	761.17
State Operations	758.17	768.17	768.17	761.17	761.17
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80
State Operations	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80	19.80
TOTALS - ANNUAL	777.97	787.97	787.97	780.97	780.97
State Operations	777.97	787.97	787.97	780.97	780.97

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

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Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)

	ACTUAL FY22	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Enactment of state laws	\$56,071.2	\$60,151.6	\$59,618.9	\$59,618.9	\$59,618.9	\$59,618.9
3. Service agencies and national associations	\$25,631.8	\$32,146.7	\$32,884.1	\$33,068.9	\$33,307.3	\$33,555.1
TOTALS	\$81,702.9	\$92,298.3	\$92,503.0	\$92,687.8	\$92,926.2	\$93,174.0

Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions)

	ADJUSTED BASE FY23	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1. Enactment of state laws	519.00	519.00	519.00	519.00	519.00
3. Service agencies and national associations	258.97	268.97	268.97	261.97	261.97
TOTALS	777.97	787.97	787.97	780.97	780.97

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1. Legislative Powers and Duties

The Governor recommends repealing statutory modifications made in 2017 Wisconsin Act 369 during the extraordinary session in December 2018 related to the expansion of legislative powers and duties including: (a) advice and consent of the Senate in relation to gubernatorial nominations; (b) ability of the Legislature to retain legal representation for legislators, legislative staff and the Legislature; (c) administrative rule modifications; and (d) approval of Capitol security changes.

2. Legislative Records Retention

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	97,000	1.00	121,700	1.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	97,000	1.00	121,700	1.00

The Governor recommends that records and correspondence of any member of the Legislature be included in the definition of a public record to provide greater transparency for the citizens of Wisconsin. The Governor also recommends providing position authority and related funding at the Legislative Technology Services Bureau to administer the requirement.

3. Senate Confirmation of Certain Board or Council Members

The Governor recommends amending statutory language to create a vacancy upon the expiration of a board or council member's term, regardless of the Senate action on a replacement, and allowing holdovers only until the Governor nominates a replacement and makes a provisional appointment as allowed under current law.

4. Joint Committee on Finance Passive Review Objections

The Governor recommends requiring that all objections made by Joint Committee on Finance members to items before the committee under passive review disclose the member and their reason for the objection.

5. Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties Reports

The Governor recommends requiring any introduced bill that creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime be referred to the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties and prohibiting the Legislature from taking further action on the bill until the committee prepares a report.

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6. Legislative Human Resources Office

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	10.00	0	10.00	0	2.00	0	2.00
TOTAL	0	10.00	0	10.00	0	2.00	0	2.00

The Governor recommends creating position authority and statutory language for the Legislative Human Resources Office. In addition, the Governor recommends assigning the office director to executive salary group 6 to be consistent with other legislative service agencies.

7. Contractual Services for Actuarial Studies

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	15,000	0.00	0	0.00	15,000	0.00	0	0.00
TOTAL	15,000	0.00	0	0.00	15,000	0.00	0	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for actuarial studies in support of legislative proposals.

8. Membership Dues in National Associations

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	8,700	0.00	17,700	0.00	8,700	0.00	17,700	0.00
TOTAL	8,700	0.00	17,700	0.00	8,700	0.00	17,700	0.00

The Governor recommends providing funding for dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

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9. Peer Review

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	0	0.00	15,000	0.00	0	0.00	15,000	0.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	15,000	0.00	0	0.00	15,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing expenditure authority to support the peer review of all financial audits that is required at least once every three years.

10. Actuarial Audit Services

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-S	25,000	0.00	198,000	0.00	25,000	0.00	198,000	0.00
TOTAL	25,000	0.00	198,000	0.00	25,000	0.00	198,000	0.00

The Governor recommends providing a one-time increase in expenditure authority to support a contract for actuarial audit services related to certain accounting standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. See Department of Employee Trust Funds, Item #12.

11. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY24		FY25		FY24		FY25	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	91,300	0.00	91,300	0.00	429,300	0.00	465,400	0.00
PR-S	64,700	0.00	67,500	0.00	52,900	0.00	57,900	0.00
TOTAL	156,000	0.00	158,800	0.00	482,200	0.00	523,300	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the Legislature's base budget for: (a) turnover reduction (-\$1,009,300 in each year); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,158,400 in each year); (c) reclassifications and semiautomatic pay progression (\$6,900 in FY24 and \$9,700 in FY25); and (d) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$326,200 in FY24 and \$364,500 in FY25).