

Minnesota House of Representatives FY 2020-21 Budget Proposal

SPENDING

The proposed budget is recommending total spending of \$79,781,463 for the FY 2020-21 biennium. This represents a \$10,169,484 or 14.61% increase over the FY 2018-19 budget. Over one-quarter of the budget increase is related to one-time investments, with the balance of the increase tied to the day to day operating costs of the House of Representatives.

RESOURCES

The proposed budget is recommended to be funded from the following sources:

- 76,277,000 from the General Fund appropriation
- \$128,000 from the Health Care Access Fund Transfers
- \$3,376,463 from the Carryforward account.

This budget request a General Fund appropriation of \$11,511,000 higher than the FY 2020-21 forecasted base budget amount for the House of Representatives. Of this amount, 41% is related to providing increased appropriation for Members' salary and associated payroll cost increases.

House of Representatives Biennial Budget Recommendation Summary (in 000s)

Category	FY 18-19	FY 20-21	Difference	% Change
Budget Recommendation				
Operating Budget	\$69,110	\$76,405	\$7,294	10.55%
One-time Investments ¹	\$502	\$3,376	\$2,875	
Total	\$69,612	\$79,781	\$10,169	14.61%
Resource Recommendation				
GF	\$64,766	\$76,277	\$11,511	17.77%
HCAF	\$128	\$128	\$0	\$0
CF	\$4,718 ²	\$3,376	(\$1,342)	(28.44%)
Total	\$69,612	\$79,781	\$10,169	14.61%

CARRYFORWARD ACCOUNT

This proposed budget would leave an estimated carryforward account balance of \$4.472 million.

¹ FY 2018-19 one-time investments implemented the 4-year computer replacement cycle for staff and members' computers.

² Original budget included only the \$502,000 for computer replacement. Additional \$4,216,000 was added to the budget and assumed carryforward spending for increased member salaries and associated payroll costs.

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SUMMARY OF BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Operating Budget Summary – Appropriation Request

Category	Description	Appropriation Recommendation
Members	<p>Assumes an increase in members' salary to \$46,500 (increase of \$1,500 or 3.3%) based on the Legislative Salary Council report.</p> <p>Appropriation request for increase of salaries and other payroll costs tied to increases since FY 2017 including employer share of retirement increases from M.L. 2018.</p>	\$4,700,000
Staffing Compliment	<p>Increases staffing compliment for Redistricting (2.5 FTE 1/1/21), 2:1 Member:LA staffing, LA Supervisor and IT position (14 FTE 7/1/19), and high school page chaperone program.</p> <p>Appropriation for increase includes salary estimates, other payroll costs, and equipment/workstation costs.</p>	\$2,448,000
Permanent Staffing Salaries	<p>Establishes funds to implement salary adjustments based on the NCSL Compensation Study for the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Appropriation request for salary adjustment funds to implement recommendations based on the NCSL Compensation Study for the House of Representatives. Appropriation request also includes adjustment for associated payroll costs as well as increased employer share of retirement from M.L 2018.</p>	\$4,163,000
Health Insurance	<p>Assumes MMB projected increases of 2.99% for CY 19, 5.63% for CY 20 and 5.62% for CY 21.</p> <p>Total increase over 18-19 is \$992,000 increase absorbed with estimated reductions for salary rebasing.</p>	\$0
Other costs	<p>Assumes increased Member and staff reimbursements for approved expenses based on approved Rules and assumed mini-sessions. Minor increases to temporary staff, severance costs, training, annual IT software and maintenance costs based on trend offset by reductions in unemployment, workers compensation based on trend.</p> <p>Appropriation request for member and staff expense reimbursement and transportation costs for mini session.</p>	\$200,000
Total		\$11,511,000

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One-time Investments Summary

Category	Description	Carryforward Recommendation
First Floor	Rebuild of first and ground floor space previously used by Minnesota Senate Minority.	\$700,000
End of life equipment replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duplicating machines for Facilities and Chief Clerks Office, including software • Consulting Contract for ArcServ Back-up Solution Replacement • Wi-Fi access Point Hardware, controllers and core switches • Sans Service • Meter Machine • AED Replacement • HPIS Image Processor • Phased-in workstation and furniture replacement for staff and members 	\$2,080,000
Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlook Migration • Audio Visual Upgrades • Basement Hearing Room Broadcast Ability • Facilities Cooling System • Assistive Listening Hearing Loop • Captioning backlog 	\$445,000
Other equipment replacements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public outreach and photography room equipment • Computer monitor replacement cycle 	\$151,000
		\$3,376,000