

**THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS  
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**STATE LEGISLATURES**

**Table 3.10 - Excerpt**

**LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION: OTHER PAYMENTS AND BENEFITS**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Legislator's compensation for office supplies, district offices and staffing</i>	<i>Phone allowance</i>	<i>Transportation offered to legislators</i>	<i>Insurance benefits Health</i>
<b>Alaska</b>	Senators receive up to \$20,000/y and representatives receive up to \$16,000/y for postage per their choice for postage, stationery and other legislative expenses. Staffing allowance determined by rules and presiding officers, depending on time of year.	Yes (a)	None	S.P.P. S.P.P. - Amount differs according to plan selected
<b>Colorado</b>	None.	Yes (a)	None	S.P.P.
<b>Idaho</b>	\$1,875/y for unvouchered constituent expense. No staffing allowance.	No	None	S.P.P.
<b>Montana</b>	None. (2015 change: \$3,000 for all legislators; addl amount from \$1,000 to \$4000 depending on size of district.)	Yes (m)	(x)	S.P. - dependents are not covered
<b>Nevada</b>	None.	Yes - \$2,800 allowance/yr	(n)	O.P.
<b>New Mexico</b>	None.	No	None	N.A.
<b>North Dakota</b>	None.	No	None	S.P.
<b>Oregon</b>	\$36,367/y for session staffing and \$2,692.80 for services and supplies. For interim periods, legislators receive \$68,538/biennium to spend as they choose. They also receive an additional \$450-\$750/m during interim only, as a district allowance, depending on geographic size of district.	Yes (t)	None	S.A., S.P.P.
<b>South Dakota</b>	None.	Yes (v)	None	N.A.
<b>Utah</b>	None.	Yes (bb)	None	S.P.P. - similar to state employees
<b>Wyoming</b>	\$750/quarter through the constituent service allowance.	Yes (z)	None	N.A.

Source : National Conference of State Legislatures, 2014.

Key:

(U) — Unvouchered.

(V) — Vouchered.

d — day.

m — month.

w — week.

y — year.

N.A. — Not available.

S.P. — State pays full amount.

S.P.P.— State pays portion and legislator pays portion.

S.A.— Same as state employees

O.P.— Optional at legislator's expense.

(a) Official state business only

(m) Leadership positions only

(n) Motor pool or private car. Legislative police shuttle to/from Reno airport.

(t) State-provided office and district office phone for legislative business only

(v) Telephone allowance: \$600/6 months for legislators and \$900/6 months for leadership

(z) Phone card for official business only with a \$2,000 limit during 2 yrs.

(bb) State-paid mobile phone or reimbursement for personal phone at same rate as state-paid plan.