

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

**Table 3.9 - Excerpt**

**LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION AND LIVING EXPENSE ALLOWANCES DURING SESSIONS**

State or other jurisdiction	Salaries		Annual salary	Mileage cents per mile	Session per diem rate
	Per diem salary	Limit on days			
<b>Alaska</b>	...	...	\$50,400	56/mile for approved travel.	\$223 or \$249/day (depending on the time of year) tied to the federal rate. Legislators who reside in the Capitol area receive 75% of the Federal rate.
<b>Colorado</b>	...	...	\$30,000	50/mile. State reimbursement rate is 90% of federal rate.	\$99/day for members living outside Denver (V). Set by the legislature; \$45/day for members who live 50 or fewer miles from the Capitol. \$129/day for members establishing a second residence in Boise; \$49/day if no second residence is established and up to \$25/day travel (V). Set by the compensation commission.
<b>Idaho</b>	...	...	\$16684, \$3,754 more for Peaker and Pro Tem	One roundtrip per wk. at state rate.	
<b>Montana</b>	\$82.64 (L) [Same salary rate for interim committee days] \$146.29/day. see (c) voluntary 2.3% reduction	Maximum of 60 days of session.	[\$7,437.60 for 90 day session for comparison - no interim included]	56/mile, based on IRS rate; reimbursement for actual mileage traveled in connection with legislative business	112.85/day (U).
<b>Nevada</b>	...	...	...	Federal rate, currently 56/mile	\$152/per day.
<b>New Mexico</b>	...	...	...	55/mile; tied to the federal rate	\$165/day (V); tied to the federal rate.
<b>North Dakota</b>	\$167/day during legislative sessions (C)	...	...	56/mile; 1 round trip/week during session	Lodging reimbursement up to \$1,569 per month (V).
<b>Oregon</b>	...	...	\$23,052	56/mile	\$129/day (U); tied to federal rate
<b>South Dakota</b>	\$129/day for interim committees	...	\$6,000/session	37/mile for 1 round trip from Pierre to home each weekend; one trip is also paid at 5/mile. During the interim, 37/mile for scheduled committee meetings.	\$129/legislative day (U); set by the legislature.
<b>Utah</b>	\$273/day(C)	...	...	56/mile, round trip from home to capitol	Up to \$100 plus tax/calendar day (V) for lodging reimbursement, tied to in-state travel reimbursement lodging rate for Salt Lake City metropolitan area; up to \$39/date meal reimbursement (V), tied to in-state travel meal reimbursement rates (includes tax and tips).
<b>Wyoming</b>	\$150/day during session.	...	...	55/mile	\$109/day (V), including travel days for those outside of Cheyenne; set by the legislature.

Source : National Conference of State Legislatures, 2015.

Key:

C — Calendar day

L — Legislative day

(U) — Unvouchered

(V) — Vouchered

... — Not applicable

(c) The members of the 78th Regular Session pledged to voluntarily take a 2.3 percent reduction of their salaries for the session. The reduction does not apply to those who did not vote in favor of the voluntary reduction.