

House Bill 1: The Feed Bill
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- Appropriates funds for the operation of the 65th Legislature and preparation for the 2019 session (January 2017 through December 2018) and initial costs of the 66th Legislature (17 legislative days in 2019). Money not expended will revert to the General Fund.
- As drafted, appropriates \$ from the General Fund
 - ✓ Senate \$4,184,776
 - ✓ House \$6,757,697
 - ✓ Legislative Services Division¹ \$1,137,276

¹Appropriation to the Legislative Services Division for specific session operational costs. LSD's biennial budget is contained in HB 2.
- Expenses covered:
 - ✓ Legislator salaries², per diem², benefits² and mileage²
 - ✓ House and Senate staff salaries
 - ✓ House and Senate operational costs
 - ✓ Leadership discretionary funds
 - ✓ Legislative Services Division (LSD) costs for bill printing and distribution², information office², publications, House and Senate phones, and legislator technology allowance
 - ✓ Caucus costs², November 2016
 - ✓ Legislator orientation and training, November 2016
 - ✓ Committee chairmen training, ethics and budget training, December 2016
 - ✓ Pre-session operational costs, December 2016

² Denotes a fixed cost where entitlement, rate or rate calculation method is defined in statute, or the service is required by statute.
- The feed bill as introduced is \$1,857,775 more than the 2015 feed bill, as passed, (an increase of 18%), because:
 - Increases in health insurance, per diem, and other fixed rates
 - Increased attaché salaries to reflect a new House and Senate pay matrix, as adopted by the Legislative Council
 - The Constituent Services Allowance replaces the “Legislator Technology Allowance.” (increased allowance from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per legislator, with all legislators eligible for the allowance). The Constituent Services Allowance also allows for \$1,000-\$4,000 per legislator for unreimbursed expenses based on the square mileage of each district if over 100 square miles.
 - Increased interim attaché hours and health insurance for House and Senate appointed positions
 - Additional House and Senate operations (furniture, other one-time expenses)
 - Legislative Services Division may be able to reduce amount requested compared to 2015 feed bill (number of copies printed) however this request reflects an increase in the per copy cost.