

The Agency

Legislature

Agency Operations

The Rhode Island Legislature, the General Assembly, consists of two chambers. The Senate is composed of 38 members. The House of Representatives is composed of 75 members. The General Assembly meets annually and is responsible for enactment of laws, formation of state policy, and evaluation of programs through the appropriation process. The Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs, the Legislative Council, the Fiscal Advisory Staff, the Office of the Auditor General, and the Special Legislative Commissions assist the General Assembly in executing its constitutional role.

Statutory History

The Legislature is one of the three departments of government authorized in the Rhode Island Constitution. Article VI establishes the powers of the Legislature, and Articles VII and VIII define the composition of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The Budget

Legislature

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
General Assembly	4,764,570	4,976,720	5,434,268	5,626,681	5,829,511
House Fiscal Advisory Staff	1,382,210	1,497,902	1,656,795	1,549,963	1,620,001
Legislative Council	3,935,265	4,153,424	4,374,913	4,191,089	4,417,515
Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs	17,971,659	18,492,793	19,044,804	18,693,002	19,570,595
Office of the Auditor General	4,286,628	4,698,811	5,087,273	4,883,633	5,015,802
Special Legislative Commissions	10,184	9,573	17,500	15,300	15,300
Total Expenditures	\$32,350,516	\$33,829,223	\$35,615,553	\$34,959,668	\$36,468,724
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	27,545,495	29,563,884	30,723,293	30,166,932	31,596,778
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,088,127	2,059,925	2,348,360	2,375,786	2,446,246
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,587,617	2,074,123	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$32,221,239	\$33,697,932	\$35,371,653	\$34,842,718	\$36,343,024
Capital Purchases and Equipment	129,277	131,291	243,900	116,950	125,700
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$32,350,516	\$33,829,223	\$35,615,553	\$34,959,668	\$36,468,724
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	30,941,664	32,377,685	34,099,202	33,451,335	34,912,012
Restricted Receipts	1,408,852	1,451,538	1,516,351	1,508,333	1,556,712
Total Expenditures	\$32,350,516	\$33,829,223	\$35,615,553	\$34,959,668	\$36,468,724
FTE Authorization	294.0	298.2	297.9	289.8	289.8
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

The Program

Legislature General Assembly

Program Operations

The General Assembly consists of two chambers. The Senate is composed of 38 members. The House of Representatives is composed of 75 members. The General Assembly meets annually and is responsible for the enactment of laws, the formation of basic state policy, and the evaluation of existing programs through the appropriation process.

Statutory History

The legislative power of the State is vested in the Legislature as set forth in Article VI of the State Constitution, and the composition of the General Assembly is established in Articles VII and VIII of the State Constitution.

The Budget

Legislature General Assembly

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	3,623,970	3,883,395	4,153,668	4,381,531	4,549,861
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,126,782	1,089,358	1,255,100	1,232,400	1,266,900
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,750,752	\$4,972,753	\$5,408,768	\$5,613,931	\$5,816,761
Capital Purchases and Equipment	13,818	3,967	25,500	12,750	12,750
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,764,570	\$4,976,720	\$5,434,268	\$5,626,681	\$5,829,511
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,764,570	4,976,720	5,434,268	5,626,681	5,829,511
Total Expenditures	\$4,764,570	\$4,976,720	\$5,434,268	\$5,626,681	\$5,829,511
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Legislature Fiscal Advisory Staff to House Finance Committee

Program Operations

The Fiscal Advisory Staff to the House Finance Committee and to the Legislature operates under the supervision of the House Finance Committee. The major function of the unit is to perform fiscal research and analysis for the Legislature, its committees, and individual legislators. Duties include examination of revenues, review of appropriations and expenditures, and analysis of the State's indebtedness and Capital Improvement Program. The House Fiscal Advisor serves as one of three principals on the Revenue Consensus Forecasting and the Medical and Public Assistance Caseload Estimating Conferences.

Statutory History

The Fiscal Advisory Staff to the House Finance Committee was established as a separate agency in 1959. Statutory provisions for the Fiscal Advisory Staff to the House Finance Committee are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-6.

The Budget

Legislature House Fiscal Advisory Staff

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,301,397	1,404,727	1,554,295	1,446,163	1,514,001
Operating Supplies and Expenses	80,813	93,175	100,100	102,600	104,800
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,382,210	\$1,497,902	\$1,654,395	\$1,548,763	\$1,618,801
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	-	2,400	1,200	1,200
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,382,210	\$1,497,902	\$1,656,795	\$1,549,963	\$1,620,001
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,382,210	1,497,902	1,656,795	1,549,963	1,620,001
Total Expenditures	\$1,382,210	\$1,497,902	\$1,656,795	\$1,549,963	\$1,620,001
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Legislature Legislative Council

Program Operations

The Legislative Council collects factual information and advises the General Assembly on bill drafting by assisting legislators in the preparation of technically correct bills for introduction in the General Assembly; conducts research on specific topics at the request of legislators, committees, commissions, legislative staff, and informational requests originating in other states; and, maintains library and reference materials on model legislation and files on bills introduced and passed.

Statutory History

The Legislative Council was established as a separate agency in 1939. Statutory provisions for the Legislative Council are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-8.

The Budget

Legislature Legislative Council

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	3,878,895	4,107,217	4,296,913	4,123,539	4,347,965
Operating Supplies and Expenses	56,370	46,207	70,500	63,800	65,800
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$3,935,265	\$4,153,424	\$4,367,413	\$4,187,339	\$4,413,765
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	-	7,500	3,750	3,750
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$3,935,265	\$4,153,424	\$4,374,913	\$4,191,089	\$4,417,515
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	3,935,265	4,153,424	4,374,913	4,191,089	4,417,515
Total Expenditures	\$3,935,265	\$4,153,424	\$4,374,913	\$4,191,089	\$4,417,515
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Legislature Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs

Program Operations

The Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs is responsible for all administrative matters affecting the operations of the General Assembly. The Joint Committee prepares legislative payrolls and the annual operating budget for the General Assembly, manages the House and Senate appropriations to include all committees unless otherwise specified in law, procures all supplies, materials and technical services, and provides for all printing requirements. Also, the Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs coordinates the Legislative Data Services and the Telecommunications - Cable TV activities.

Statutory History

The Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs was established as a separate agency in 1960. Statutory provisions for the Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-11.

The Budget

Legislature Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	14,924,150	15,916,191	16,204,254	15,869,752	16,733,295
Operating Supplies and Expenses	402,515	417,230	422,050	472,750	478,050
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,587,617	2,074,123	2,300,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$17,914,282	\$18,407,544	\$18,926,304	\$18,642,502	\$19,511,345
Capital Purchases and Equipment	57,377	85,249	118,500	50,500	59,250
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$17,971,659	\$18,492,793	\$19,044,804	\$18,693,002	\$19,570,595
 Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	17,971,659	18,492,793	19,044,804	18,693,002	19,570,595
Total Expenditures	\$17,971,659	\$18,492,793	\$19,044,804	\$18,693,002	\$19,570,595
 Program Measures	 NA	 NA	 NA	 NA	 NA

The Program

Legislature Office of the Auditor General

Program Operations

The Office of the Auditor General assists the General Assembly in reviewing compliance, efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of state programs. The Office of the Auditor General conducts financial and program audits, which encompass the investigation of all matters relating to a review of program costs and the evaluation of program performance; completes the annual post-audit of the receipts and expenditures of the State; and, in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984, circular number A-128, issued by the United States Office of Management and Budget, and Chapter 41 of the Rhode Island General Laws, conducts annual audits of federally-funded programs administered by the State.

Statutory History

The Office of the Auditor General was established as a separate agency in 1973. Statutory provisions for the Office of the Auditor General are contained in R.I.G.L. 22-13.

The Budget

Legislature Office of the Auditor General

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	3,817,083	4,252,354	4,514,163	4,345,947	4,451,656
Operating Supplies and Expenses	411,463	404,382	483,110	488,936	515,396
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,228,546	\$4,656,736	\$4,997,273	\$4,834,883	\$4,967,052
Capital Purchases and Equipment	58,082	42,075	90,000	48,750	48,750
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,286,628	\$4,698,811	\$5,087,273	\$4,883,633	\$5,015,802
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,877,776	3,247,273	3,570,922	3,375,300	3,459,090
Restricted Receipts	1,408,852	1,451,538	1,516,351	1,508,333	1,556,712
Total Expenditures	\$4,286,628	\$4,698,811	\$5,087,273	\$4,883,633	\$5,015,802
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

The Program

Legislature Special Legislative Commissions

Program Operations

Special Legislative Commissions include boards and commissions established for the promotion of certain goals and objectives, and to address items of local, regional and national concern. Included in this category are: the Commission on Uniform State Laws, the Criminal Justice Commission, and the Martin Luther King Commission.

Statutory History

Special Legislative Commissions are generally established under the authority granted to the General Assembly in the Rhode Island State Constitution. Specific provisions for various commissions are also established within the Rhode Island General Laws.

The Budget

Legislature Special Legislative Commissions

	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Supplies and Expenses	10,184	9,573	17,500	15,300	15,300
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$10,184	\$9,573	\$17,500	\$15,300	\$15,300
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$10,184	\$9,573	\$17,500	\$15,300	\$15,300
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	10,184	9,573	17,500	15,300	15,300
Total Expenditures	\$10,184	\$9,573	\$17,500	\$15,300	\$15,300
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA