

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Joint Budget Committee Members  
**FROM:** Christina Beisel, Joint Budget Committee Staff, 303-866-2149  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Services Building Security  
**DATE:** March 13, 2015

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Legislative leadership, via the Department of Public Safety, requests \$212,050 General Fund in FY 2015-16 and \$92,438 General fund in 2016-17 to provide increased security in the Legislative Services Building (LSB). The request includes \$91,938 General Fund and 1.0 FTE for a State Patrol Trooper III. This trooper would be posted in the LSB from 7:30am until 5:00pm (or when official meetings conclude for the day) from the second Monday in November through the Friday following the conclusion of the legislative session. Coverage would also be provided for any official legislative hearings during the interim.

The Department determined the need for 1.0 FTE based on the hours and actual staff needed to cover the requested time period. The Department utilizes 1.8 FTE to cover a 10-hour shift. Given the partial year schedule and the potential need for extended hours during the session, the Department is requesting a full 1.0 FTE to meet the anticipated demand.

The request also includes \$119,612 in one-time backfill costs, as shown in the chart below.

<b>Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Regular FTE Operating	\$500	\$500
Training Academy Backfill	\$104,554	\$0
Equipment Backfill	\$15,058	\$0
<b>Operating Total</b>	<b>\$120,112</b>	<b>\$500</b>

The training academy backfill appropriation is requested in order to process an additional cadet through the State Patrol Academy to backfill the transfer of a current Trooper to LSB. The request for equipment includes items such as a badge, handcuffs, uniforms, holster, radio, and other equipment. These one-time expenses were not included in the security increase at 1525 Sherman, in part because of the accelerated nature of that process.

## **Recommendation**

Given that legislative leadership has requested this from the Department of Public Safety, staff is recommending the Committee approve the Department's request.

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**SUBJECT:** UPDATE: Legislative Services Building Security  
**DATE:** March 16, 2015

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A memorandum presented to the Committee on March 13, 2015 provided an overview of a request from the legislative leadership, via the Department of Public Safety, regarding security in the Legislative Services Building (LSB). The request includes \$91,938 General Fund and 1.0 FTE for a State Patrol Trooper III, as well as one-time operating costs of \$120,112 to backfill the transfer of a Trooper III to LSB.

The request for increased security indicated that this trooper would be posted in LSB from 7:30am until 5:00pm (or when official meetings conclude for the day) from the second Monday in November through the Friday following the conclusion of the legislative session, as well as for any official legislative hearings during the interim.

Staff has confirmed that this request would increase the existing security in LSB during the busier time period when committees are meeting, but would not remove or lessen the security provided in LSB during the non-session period (approximately May through October). The State Patrol will continue to provide a roving patrol among Capital Complex buildings, including LSB, on a daily basis, throughout the year.