

# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** The Joint Budget Committee

**FROM:** John Ziegler, JBC Staff

**SUBJECT:** Place Holder for the Legislative Appropriation Bill

**DATE:** March 21, 2016

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H.B. 16-1353 (FY 2015-16 Legislative Appropriation Bill) provides the majority of the appropriation for the Legislative department. Each year, the Legislative Appropriation Bill is sponsored by leadership and carried separately from the Long Bill. Therefore, the Joint Budget Committee must include a place holder for the Legislative Appropriation Bill each year when balancing the budget.

As a result, staff recommends the JBC include a placeholder for the Legislative Appropriation Bill. The Legislative Appropriation Bill currently consists of \$40,494,865 General Fund as passed by House Appropriations. Staff also requests permission to adjust the balancing based on any further actions that occur during the legislative process of H.B. 16-1353.