



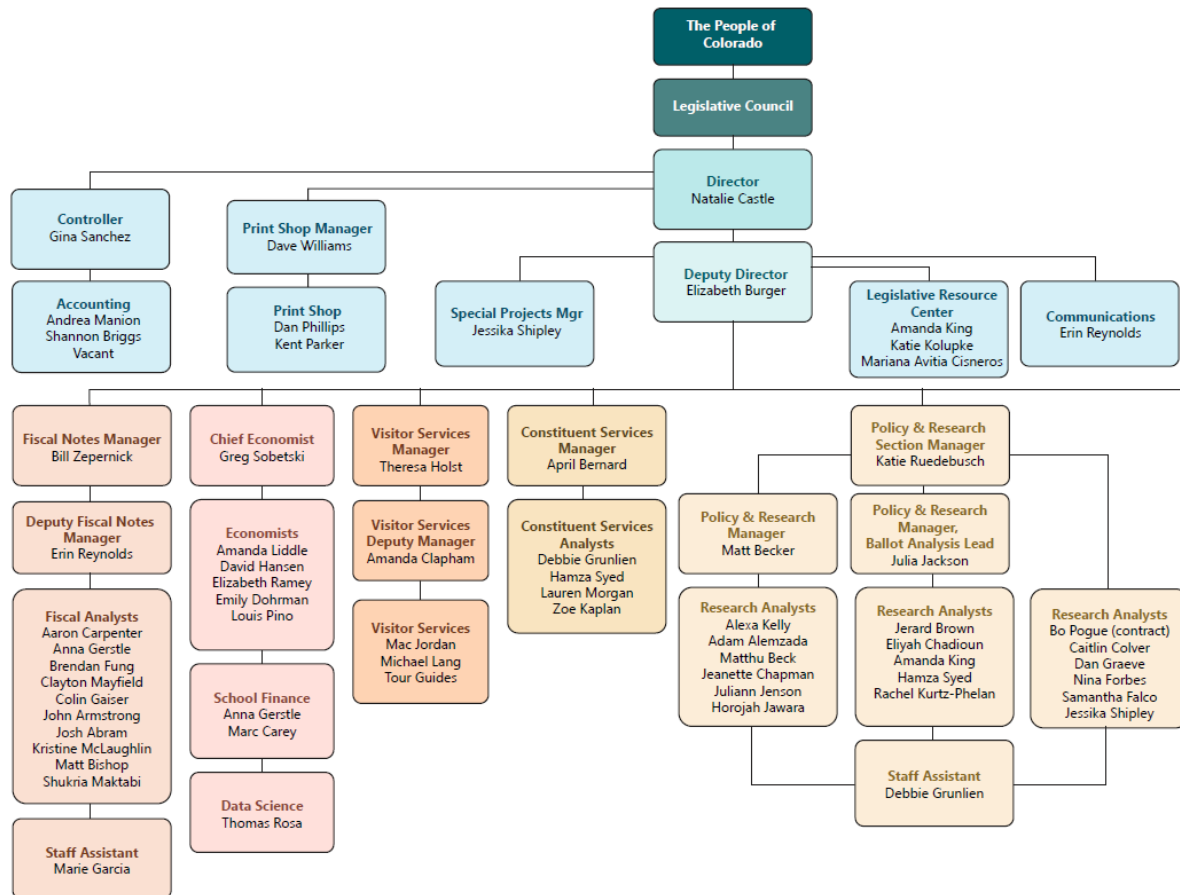
FY 2026-27 LCS Budget Request

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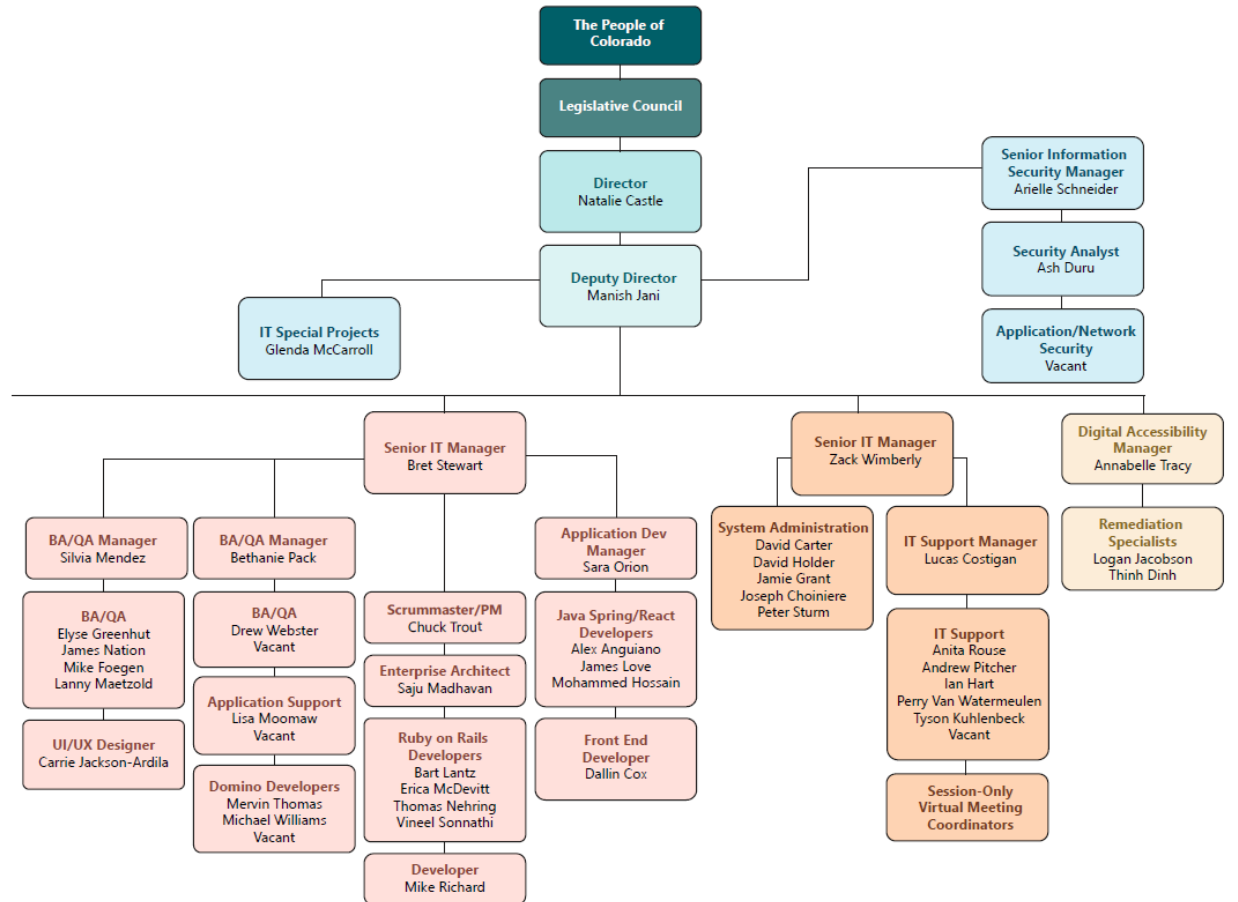
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Legislative Council Staff, 108.6 FTE

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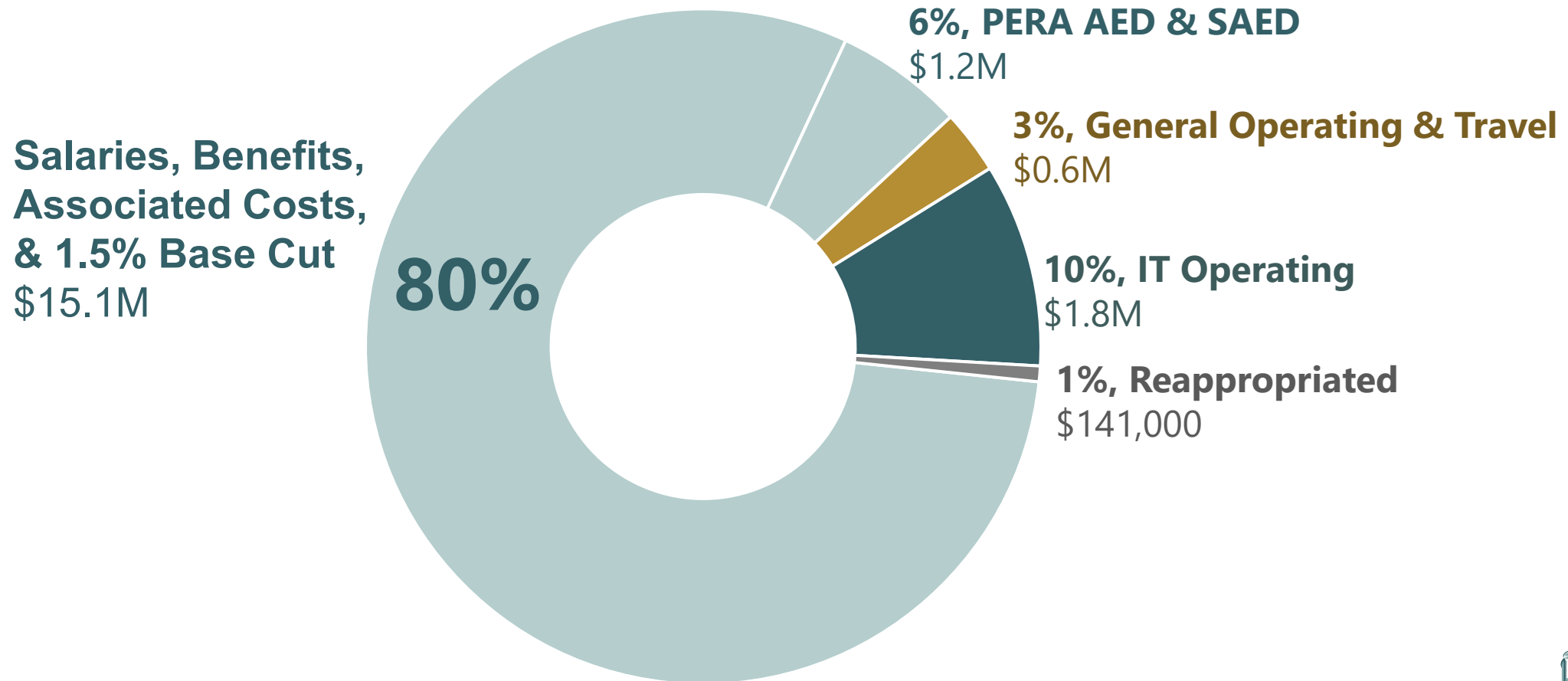
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LCS FY 2026-27 Budget Request

Legislative Appropriations Bill

\$18.8M Total Funds, \$18.7M General Fund & 109.6 FTE



LCS Budget Request Highlights

- Flat Compensation
- Decreases in Operating & Travel
- Three Cost Drivers:
 - Health, Life, Dental, Vision Premiums (88/12 employer/employee split)
 - Budget-neutral centralization of phone service funding
 - Adjustments for prior-year legislation

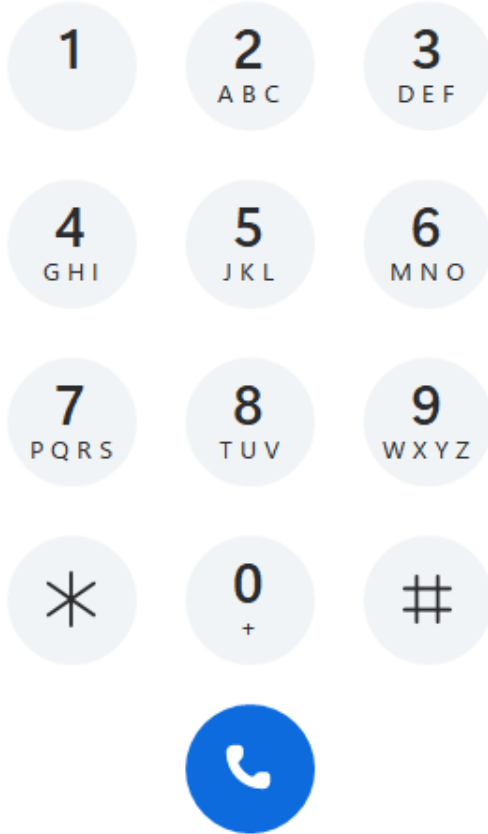


LCS FY 2026-27 Operating & Travel Changes

Changes in Operating Budgets	Amount
Job Recruitment Advertising	-\$120 (100% decrease)
Purchased Services	-\$2,000 (11% decrease)
Printing & Postage	-\$4,000 (12% decrease)
Furniture & Equipment	-\$20,000 (46% decrease)
Memberships, Training, & Registrations	-\$3,000 (8% decrease)
Staff Travel	-\$5,000 (12% decrease)
IT – Digital Accessibility	+\$8,493 (2.5% increase)
IT – Software, Maintenance, Services	-\$40,322 (3.2% decrease)
Total	-\$65,829 (2.9% decrease)



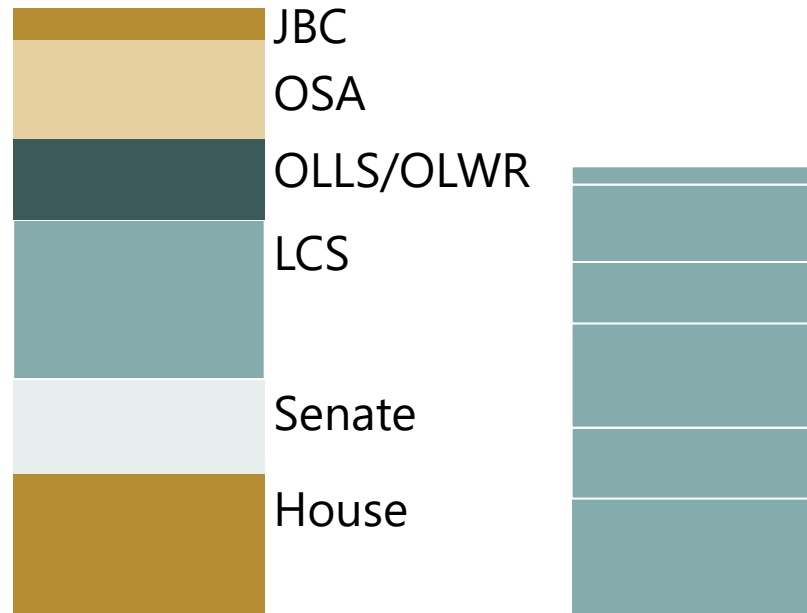
Leg Phones



Centralizing Phone Service

FY 2025-26
\$224,462

FY 2026-27
\$165,878



Net Savings for
the Legislative
Department

Net Change
for LCS:
+\$127,326
*31% of requested
increase*



LCS: Annualize Prior Year Legislation

Bill	Total Funds	General Fund	FTE
SB25-155 Leg. Inside Advisory Council	+\$22,051	+\$22,051	+0.3
SB25-199 Suspend Leg. Interim Activities	+\$63,700	+\$63,700	+0.7
HB25-1057 Am. Indian Affairs Interim. Committee	+\$25,402	+\$25,402	+0.3
SB18-039 Wildfire Matters Review Committee	-\$18,414	-\$18,414	-0.3
Total FY 2026-27 Appropriation	+\$92,739	+\$92,739	+1.0

\$66K Base Salary and 1.0 FTE
plus just under \$9K associated costs
\$18K Committee Travel



Changes in the LCS General Fund Request

----- FY 2025-26 GF Appropriations

 Total General Fund

 Budget Cuts

 Budget Increases

 Adjustments for Legislation

FY 2025-26
\$18,239,779

Compensation
-\$10,137

Operating &
Travel
-\$65,949

Health, Life,
Dental, Vision
+\$262,478

Centralize
Phone Funding
+\$127,326

Budget-Neutral
Department-Wide

Prior Year
Legislation
+\$92,739

Leg. Appropriations Bill
FY 2026-27
\$18,239,779

Subtotal:
+\$406,457
2.2%

HB 26-1331
-\$161,162

Leg. Budget Package
FY 2026-27
\$18,485,074

Subtotal:
+\$245,295
1.3%

The axis is at \$18.0 million



LCS FY 2026-27 Requested General Fund Increase

Legislative Appropriations Bill: \$406,457, 2.2%

Legislative Budget Package: \$245,295, 1.3%

Change from FY26 Appropriation	Amount	Contribution to Overall Change
Employee Compensation	-\$10,137	-0.1%
Operating and Travel Budgets	-\$34,120 General Op. (5.4% decrease) -\$31,829 IT Op. (2.0% decrease)	-0.4%
Health, Life, Dental Benefits	+\$262,478 (17.0% increase)	+1.4%
Centralize Phone Service	+\$127,326	+0.7%
Annualize Prior Year Legislation	+\$92,739	+0.5%
Legislative Appropriations Bill Subtotal	+\$406,577	+2.2%
HB26-1331 Modify 2026 Interim Cmtes.	-\$161,162	-0.9%
Legislative Budget Package Total	+\$245.295	1.3%



Questions?

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