

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5016 Legislative Branch

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative G. Smith

HB 5016 is the budget bill for the Legislative Branch agencies, which include the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Fiscal, Legislative Revenue, Legislative Research and Policy, and the Commission on Indian Services.

The General Government Subcommittee approved a total funds budget of \$201.6 million, including 588 positions and 475.44 FTE. The recommended budget represents a 5.9% increase over the 2021-23 current service level. The budget includes branch-wide adjustments for the 2021-23 budgetary impact of the new compensation and classification structure for legislative employees, including adjustments for pay equity. One-time resources were provided to replace the voting boards and cameras in the Senate and House Chambers and the Capitol Wi-Fi system. Positions are also added to Legislative Administration for information technology and employee services.

Publications positions were approved for Legislative Counsel, as well additional positions and funding in the Legislative Policy and Research Office to support language access, in-house Spanish language interpretation and translation, and improved access for the deaf and hard of hearing. Budget investments for the branch are financed through reductions to services and supplies budgets available from 2017-19 General Fund reversions. Key performance measures and a budget note related to civics education were also approved.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5016 be amended by the –4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.