

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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
General Assembly	4,976,720	5,063,258	5,829,511	5,195,808	6,772,409
House Fiscal Advisory Staff	1,497,902	1,540,181	1,620,001	1,457,815	1,528,437
Legislative Council	4,153,424	3,952,871	4,417,515	4,057,219	4,254,051
Joint Committee on Legislative Affairs	18,492,793	18,276,227	20,532,595	19,980,492	19,823,063
Office of the Auditor General	4,698,811	4,686,711	5,015,802	4,978,962	5,221,569
Special Legislative Commissions	9,573	7,415	15,300	13,900	13,900
Total Expenditures	\$33,829,223	\$33,526,663	\$37,430,724	\$35,684,196	\$37,613,429
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	29,563,884	29,764,465	31,596,778	29,830,949	32,675,531
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,059,925	2,057,258	2,446,246	2,530,097	2,387,898
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,074,123	1,602,220	2,300,000	2,900,000	2,300,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$33,697,932	\$33,423,943	\$36,343,024	\$35,261,046	\$37,363,429
Capital Purchases and Equipment	131,291	102,720	1,087,700	423,150	250,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$33,829,223	\$33,526,663	\$37,430,724	\$35,684,196	\$37,613,429
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	32,377,685	32,018,330	35,874,012	34,181,165	36,038,421
Restricted Receipts	1,451,538	1,508,333	1,556,712	1,503,031	1,575,008
Total Expenditures	\$33,829,223	\$33,526,663	\$37,430,724	\$35,684,196	\$37,613,429
FTE Authorization	297.9	297.9	297.9	297.9	297.9
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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	3,883,395	3,968,918	4,549,861	3,841,258	5,521,509
Operating Supplies and Expenses	1,089,358	1,066,126	1,266,900	1,340,600	1,215,900
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,972,753	\$5,035,044	\$5,816,761	\$5,181,858	\$6,737,409
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,967	28,214	12,750	13,950	35,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,976,720	\$5,063,258	\$5,829,511	\$5,195,808	\$6,772,409
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,976,720	5,063,258	5,829,511	5,195,808	6,772,409
Total Expenditures	\$4,976,720	\$5,063,258	\$5,829,511	\$5,195,808	\$6,772,409
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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	1,404,727	1,446,585	1,514,001	1,333,390	1,385,912
Operating Supplies and Expenses	93,175	91,967	104,800	123,225	112,525
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$1,497,902	\$1,538,552	\$1,618,801	\$1,456,615	\$1,498,437
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	1,629	1,200	1,200	30,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$1,497,902	\$1,540,181	\$1,620,001	\$1,457,815	\$1,528,437
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,497,902	1,540,181	1,620,001	1,457,815	1,528,437
Total Expenditures	\$1,497,902	\$1,540,181	\$1,620,001	\$1,457,815	\$1,528,437
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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	4,107,217	3,895,787	4,347,965	3,983,769	4,176,551
Operating Supplies and Expenses	46,207	52,198	65,800	66,700	67,500
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,153,424	\$3,947,985	\$4,413,765	\$4,050,469	\$4,244,051
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	4,886	3,750	6,750	10,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,153,424	\$3,952,871	\$4,417,515	\$4,057,219	\$4,254,051
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	4,153,424	3,952,871	4,417,515	4,057,219	4,254,051
Total Expenditures	\$4,153,424	\$3,952,871	\$4,417,515	\$4,057,219	\$4,254,051
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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	15,916,191	16,190,652	16,733,295	16,201,017	16,891,088
Operating Supplies and Expenses	417,230	434,829	478,050	526,975	506,975
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,074,123	1,602,220	2,300,000	2,900,000	2,300,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$18,407,544	\$18,227,701	\$19,511,345	\$19,627,992	\$19,698,063
Capital Purchases and Equipment	85,249	48,526	1,021,250	352,500	125,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$18,492,793	\$18,276,227	\$20,532,595	\$19,980,492	\$19,823,063
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	18,492,793	18,276,227	20,532,595	19,980,492	19,823,063
Total Expenditures	\$18,492,793	\$18,276,227	\$20,532,595	\$19,980,492	\$19,823,063
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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	4,252,354	4,262,523	4,451,656	4,471,515	4,700,471
Operating Supplies and Expenses	404,382	404,723	515,396	458,697	471,098
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$4,656,736	\$4,667,246	\$4,967,052	\$4,930,212	\$5,171,569
Capital Purchases and Equipment	42,075	19,465	48,750	48,750	50,000
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$4,698,811	\$4,686,711	\$5,015,802	\$4,978,962	\$5,221,569
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	3,247,273	3,178,378	3,459,090	3,475,931	3,646,561
Restricted Receipts	1,451,538	1,508,333	1,556,712	1,503,031	1,575,008
Total Expenditures	\$4,698,811	\$4,686,711	\$5,015,802	\$4,978,962	\$5,221,569
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 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Supplies and Expenses	9,573	7,415	15,300	13,900	13,900
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$9,573	\$7,415	\$15,300	\$13,900	\$13,900
Capital Purchases and Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$9,573	\$7,415	\$15,300	\$13,900	\$13,900
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	9,573	7,415	15,300	13,900	13,900
Total Expenditures	\$9,573	\$7,415	\$15,300	\$13,900	\$13,900
Program Measures	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA