



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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May 22, 2019

Mr. Jason Hancock, Director
Legislative Research Council
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Letter of Intent Regarding Zero Based Budgeting for the Legislative Research Council

Dear Director Jason Hancock:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations (JCA) in approving your appropriation in the 2019 Legislative session. As such, this Letter of Intent seeks to supplement that legislation with specific policy guidance as approved on May 22, 2019.

While the guidance outlined in this letter does not have the direct force of statutory law, it will be used by the Joint Committee as a basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The JCA requests the Legislative Research Council use the zero-based budget process, to be jointly developed by the Legislative Research Council and the Bureau of Finance and Management, for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget submission.

The JCA believes a zero-based budget request will lead to more thorough planning, better budgetary information, more efficient allocation of resources, and a greater understanding of the Legislative Research Council budget.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Senator John Wiik
Lead Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

Representative Chris Karr
Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Liza Clark, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management