



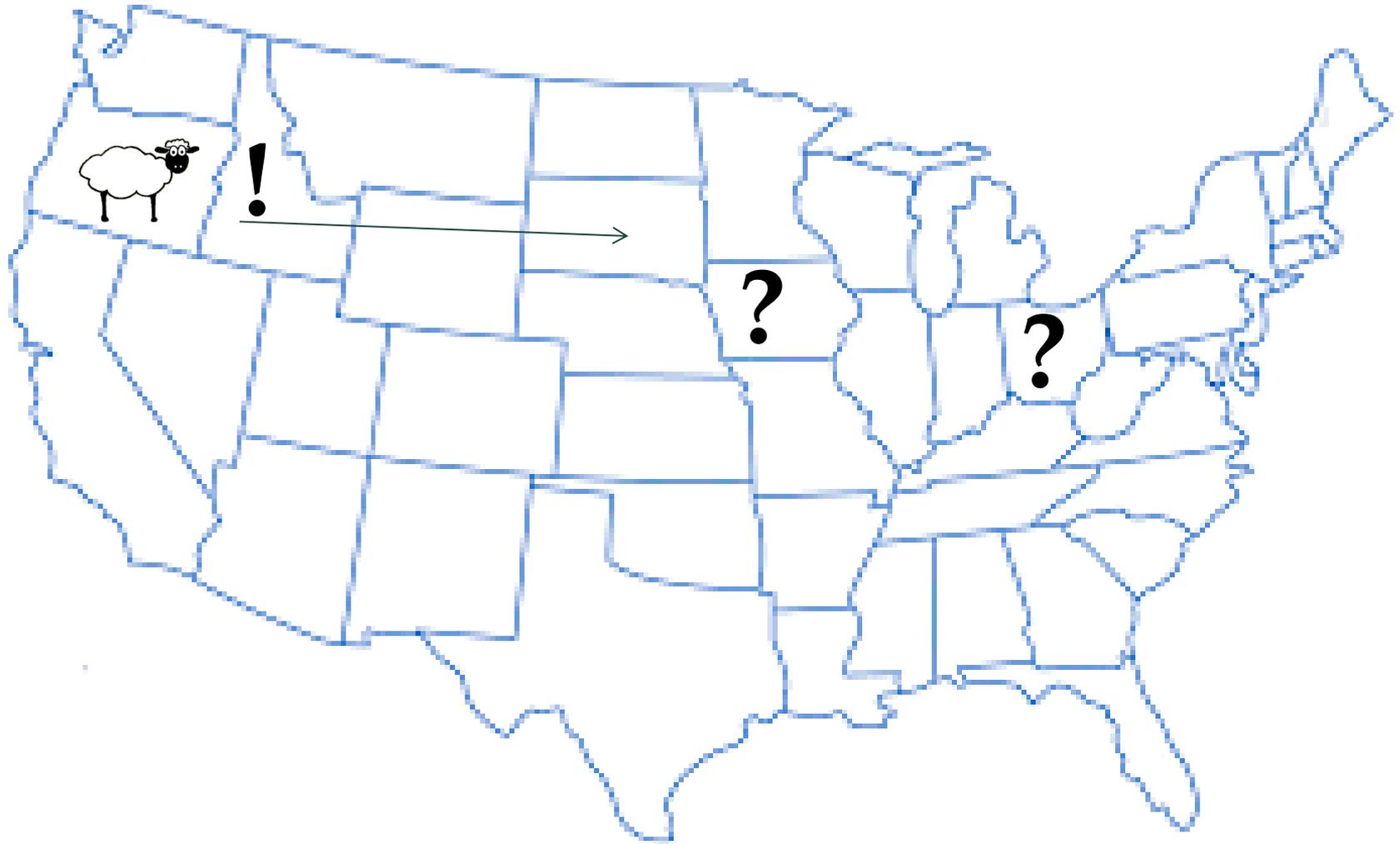
# Legislative Research Council



FY 2016 Budget Presentation

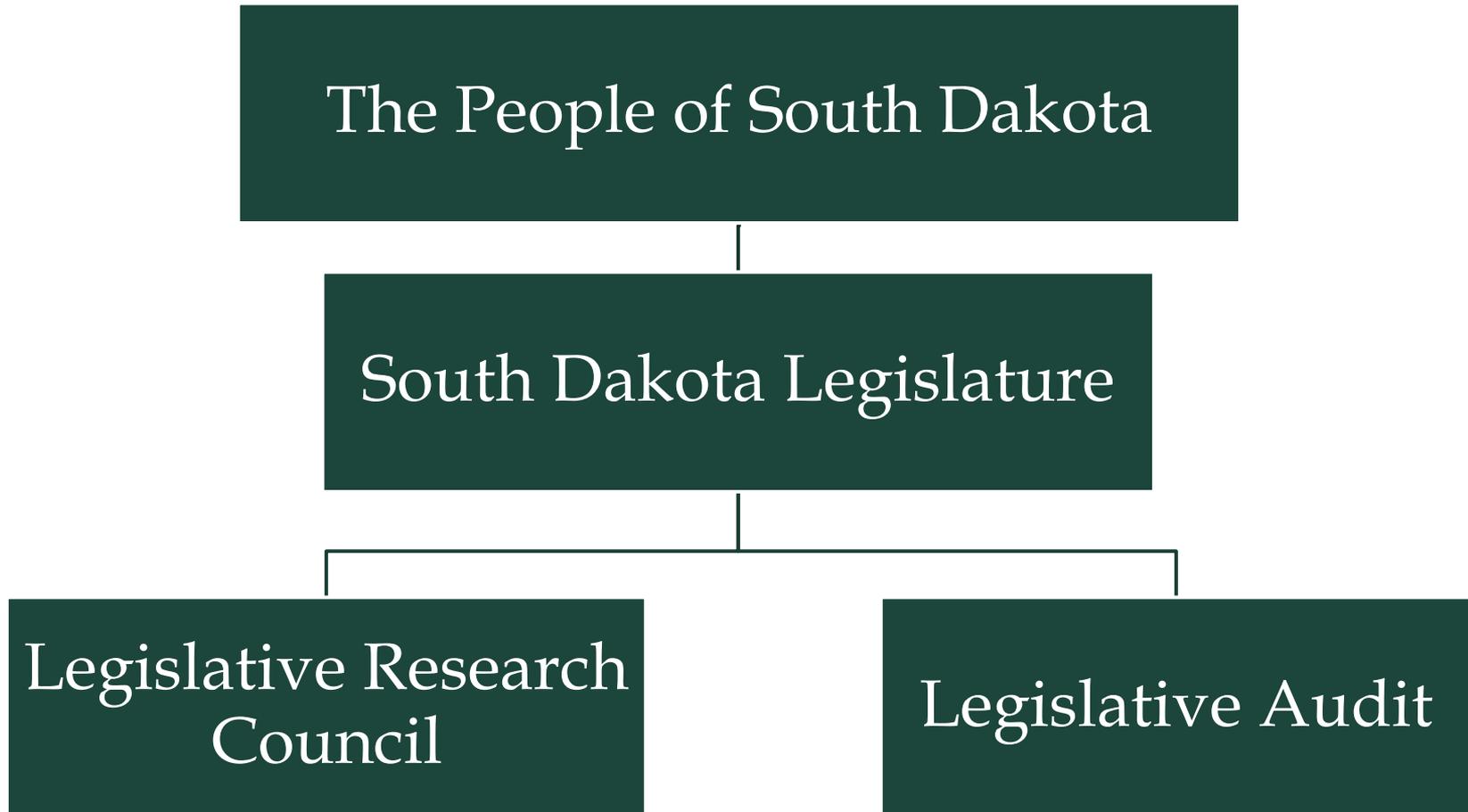
# New Director

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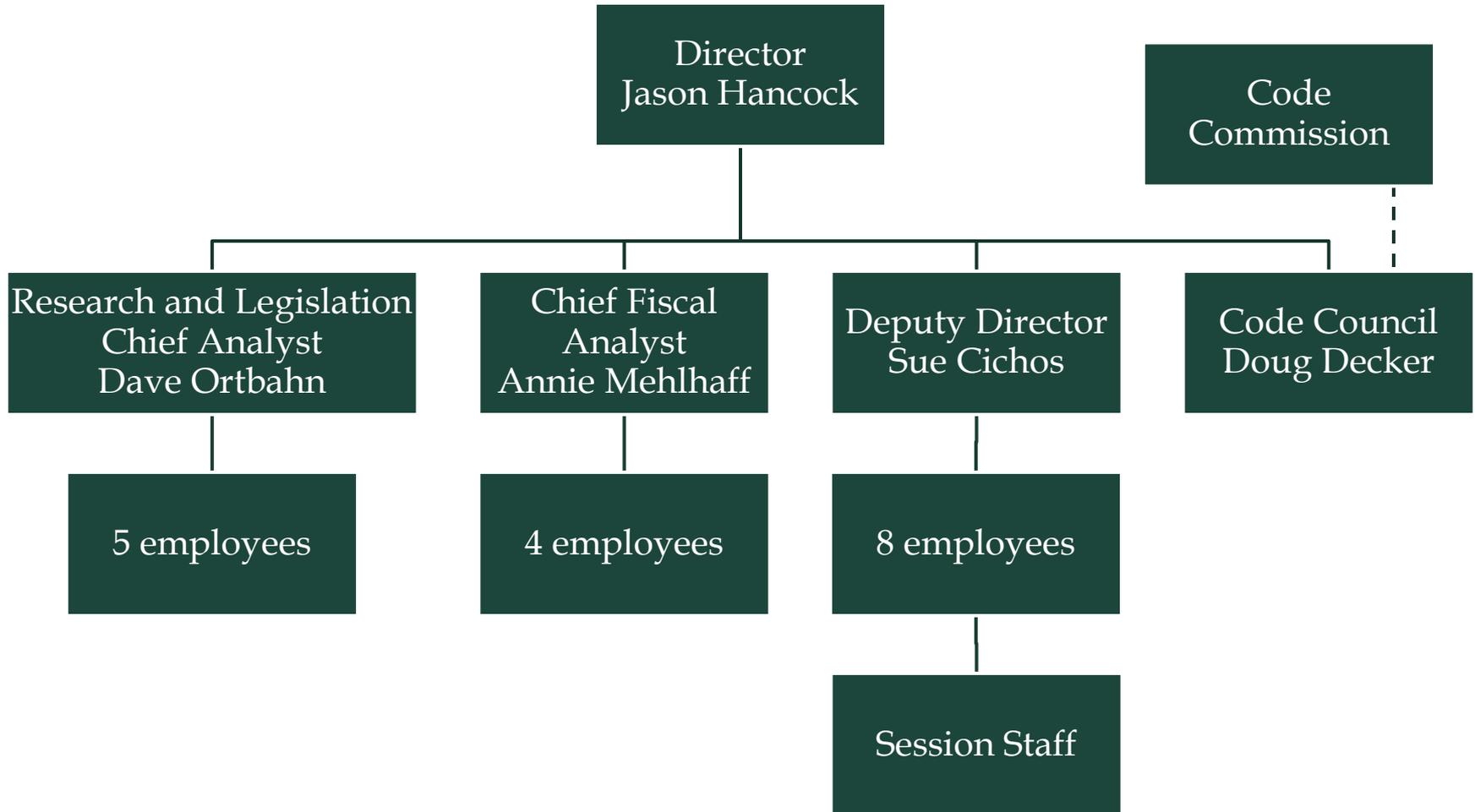
# Legislative Branch Organization Chart

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# LRC Organizational Chart

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# NCSL Audit Recommendations

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- ▶ Recommendation #1 – Amend law to make the Speaker and Pro Tem the rotating Chairs of the Executive Board. Status: Implemented
- ▶ Recommendation #2 – Amend law to provide that the LRC Director may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board, or a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature. Status: Not Implemented



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- ▶ Recommendation #3 – Institute regular and ongoing training of new Executive Board members on the board’s responsibilities and oversight. Status: No new members yet; will discuss with board leadership
- ▶ Recommendation #4 – Develop new strategies to inform legislators of LRC services. Status: Extended New Legislator Orientation implemented. Other changes to be determined.
- ▶ **Recommendation #5 – Set performance goals and conduct annual performance appraisals for all LRC employees. Status: To Be Implemented, Spring 2015**



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- ▶ Recommendation #6 – Hold all LRC staff meetings at least quarterly. Status: Implemented
- ▶ Recommendation #7 – Develop and publish a new personnel manual, and make available to all LRC employees. Status: Implemented
- ▶ Recommendation #8 – Create a formal LRC management team consisting of Director, Chief Research & Legal Analyst, and Chief Fiscal Analyst. Report on issues to Executive Board. Status: Implemented, with addition of Deputy Director and Code Counsel to team.



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- ▶ Recommendation #9 – Develop policies and practices that allow LRC staff to provide non-partisan briefings to caucuses. Status: Implemented
- ▶ **Recommendation #10 – Fund and fill a new drafting attorney position for the research & legal division. Status: Evaluating this recommendation**
- ▶ **Recommendation #11 – Fund and fill a new legal editor/proofreader position for the research & legal division. Status: Evaluating this recommendation**
- ▶ **Recommendation #12 – Fund and fill a new computer help desk/administrator position. Status: Partially addressed**



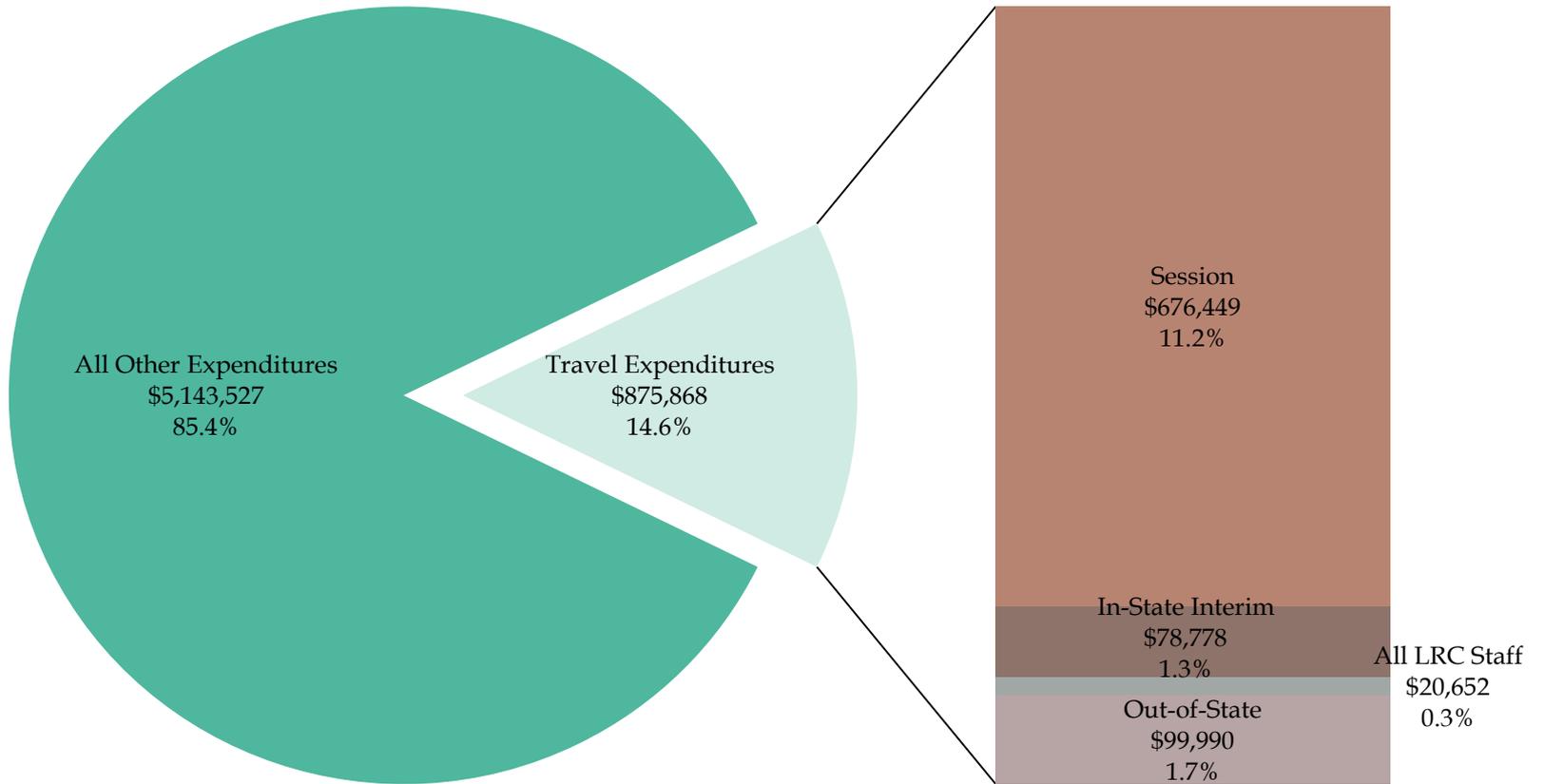
# FY16 Budget Request Items

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- ▶ A.) Legislator Per Diem Increase – SDCL sets the payment for legislator per diem (and the daily salary rate for legislators serving on interim committees) at the greater of \$123 or the amount allowed by the IRS as non-taxable reimbursement. IRS increased to \$129 on October 1, 2013. Cost: \$30,621
  
  - ▶ D.) Travel Reimbursement Rate Increases – Two items increased. Pierre began levying a \$2/night occupancy tax in August 2014, and Board of Finance increased lodging reimbursement from \$50 to \$55 (9/1-5/31) and \$70 (6/1-8/31). Cost: 10,446
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# FY14 Legislature & LRC Actual Expenditures



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- ▶ B.) Legislative Organization Dues – The South Dakota Legislature pays dues to six membership organizations. The request for \$23,642 in funding for increased dues is primarily attributable to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (\$20,000).
- ▶ C.) LRC purchases an accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy for legislators for \$24,807. This cost occurs once every three years.



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- ▶ E.) Fiscal Office Computer Intern – Requested funding for an additional computer intern to assist with electronic minutes, OneNote & IT/data projects (\$9,697).
- ▶ F.) Reduce spending authority in other funds (-\$29,000).



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Questions?

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