

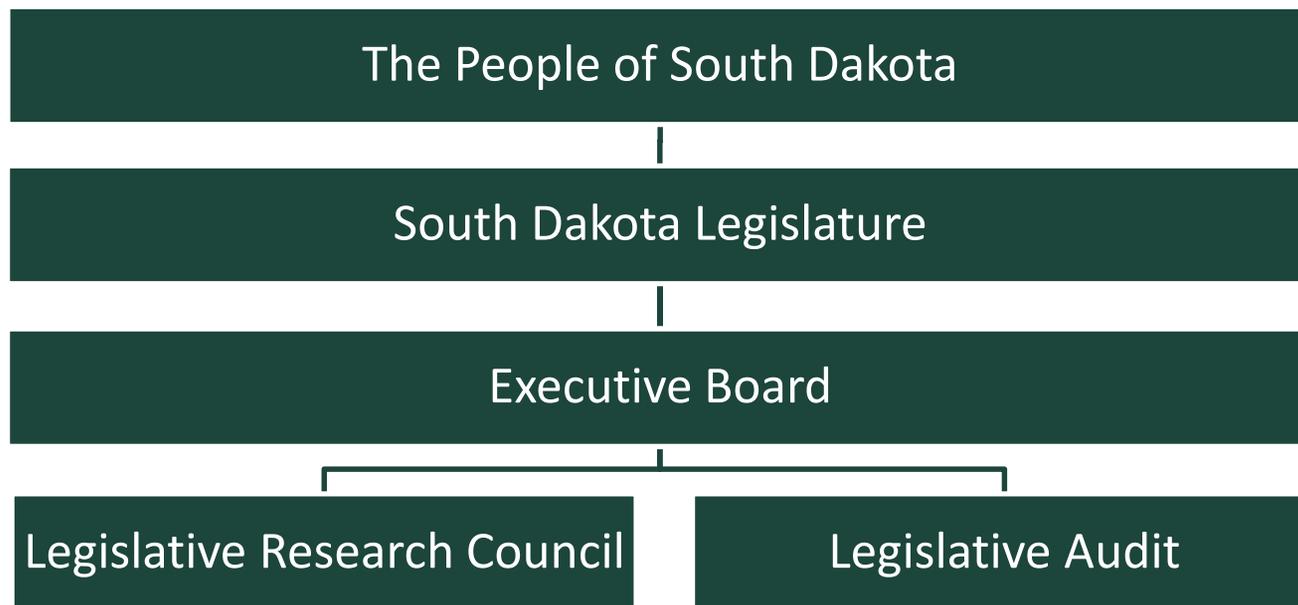
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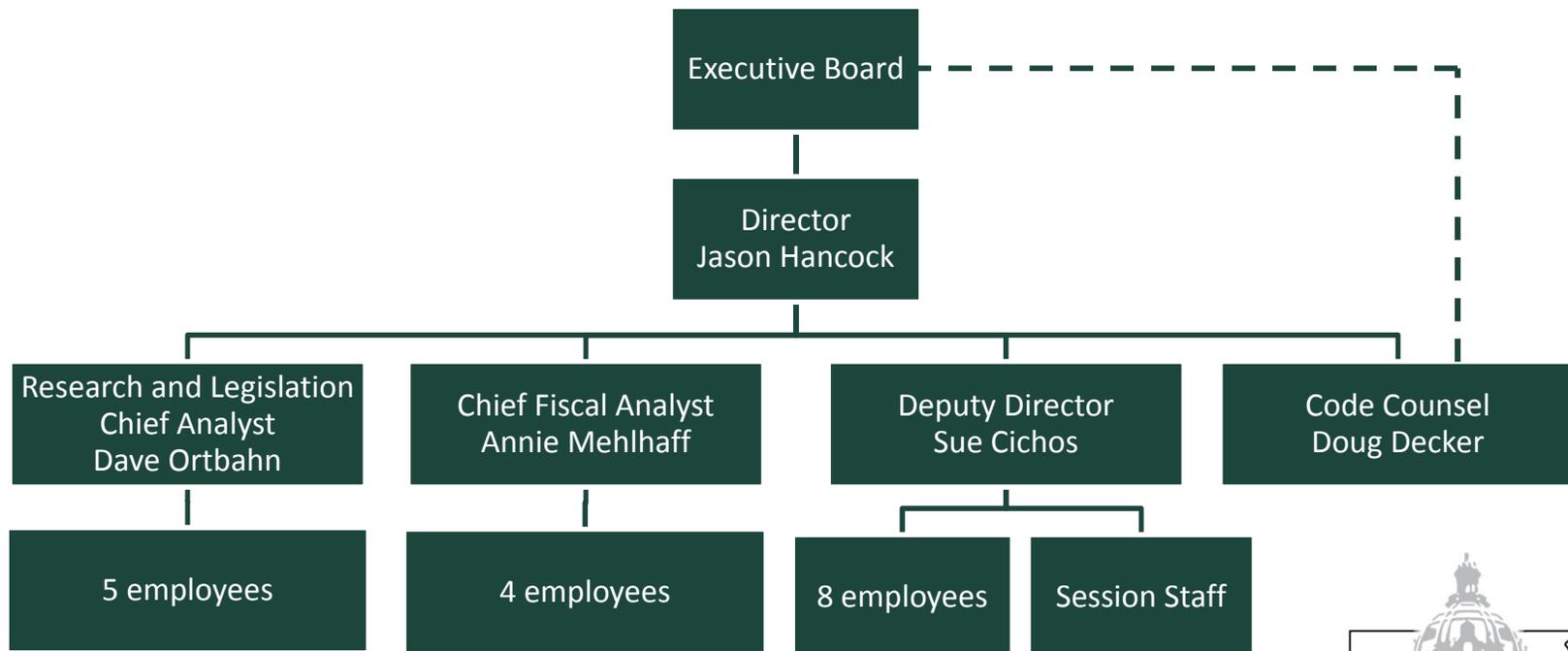
FY 2017 Budget Presentation



Legislative Branch Organization Chart



LRC Organizational Chart



NCSL Audit Recommendations

- 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: Will implement with next group of new members.
- **Recommendation #4 – Develop new strategies to inform legislators of LRC services. Status: Extended New Legislator Orientation implemented. New “Welcome Legislators” booklet outlining many LRC services.**
- **Recommendation #5 – Set performance goals and conduct annual performance appraisals for all LRC employees. Status: Developed performance goals – approved by Executive Board in November 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: Have filled a temporary Legal Editor & Proofreader position for the 2016 legislative session.**
- **Recommendation #11 – Fund and fill a new legal editor/proofreader position for the research & legal division. Status: Have filled a temporary Legal Editor & Proofreader position for the 2016 legislative session.**
- Recommendation #12 – Fund and fill a new computer help desk/administrator position. Status: Implemented

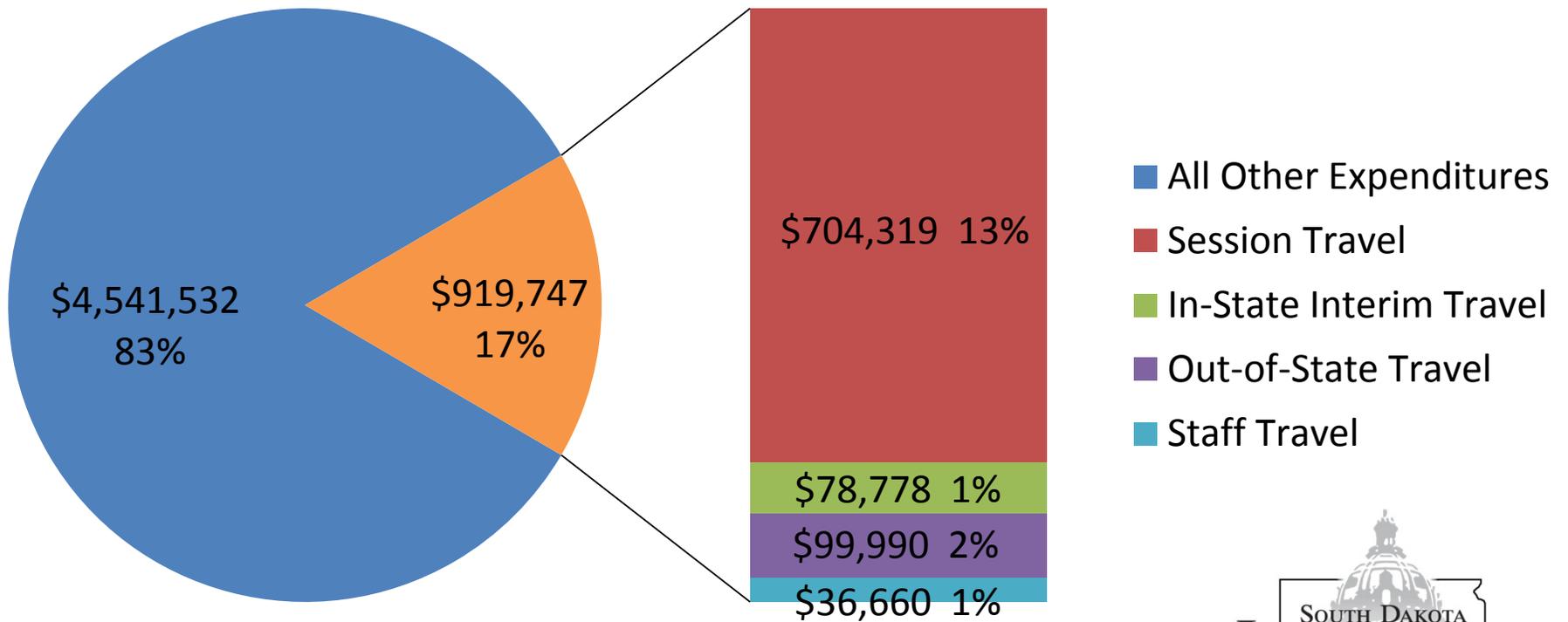


FY17 Budget Request Items

- 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 10/1/13 and \$140 on 10/1/15. Cost: \$86,498
- B.) Travel Reimbursement Rate Increases – Four items increased. Pierre began levying a \$2/night occupancy tax in August 2014, and Board of Finance increased mileage from \$0.37 to \$0.42/mile, meals from \$26 to \$32/day, and lodging reimbursement from \$50 to \$55 (9/1-5/31) and \$70 (6/1-8/31). Cost: \$44,423



FY15 Legislature & LRC Actual Expenditures



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- C.) Legislative Organization Dues – The South Dakota Legislature pays dues to six membership organizations. The request reflects the net of repealing MHEC membership (-\$95,000; endorsed by Executive Board; requires legislation) and increasing dues for CSG (\$3,784), NCSL (\$4,878), and Uniform Laws Commission (\$2,400). Cost: -\$83,938
- D.) Non-Legislative Committee Salaries – Daily salary costs for legislators serving on non-legislative committees, working groups, and task forces. Cost: \$37,527



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- E.) Salaries for Two Additional Session Employees. This request would add funds for two session secretary positions (FTE authorized last session), which would provide the same type of services for majority leadership that the minority secretaries provide for minority leadership. Cost: \$10,052
- F.) Historical Law Book Restoration. Funding to restore deteriorating law books – primarily over a century old. Cost: \$5,000



QUESTIONS?

