



## **Background Briefing**

# **LEGISLATURE**

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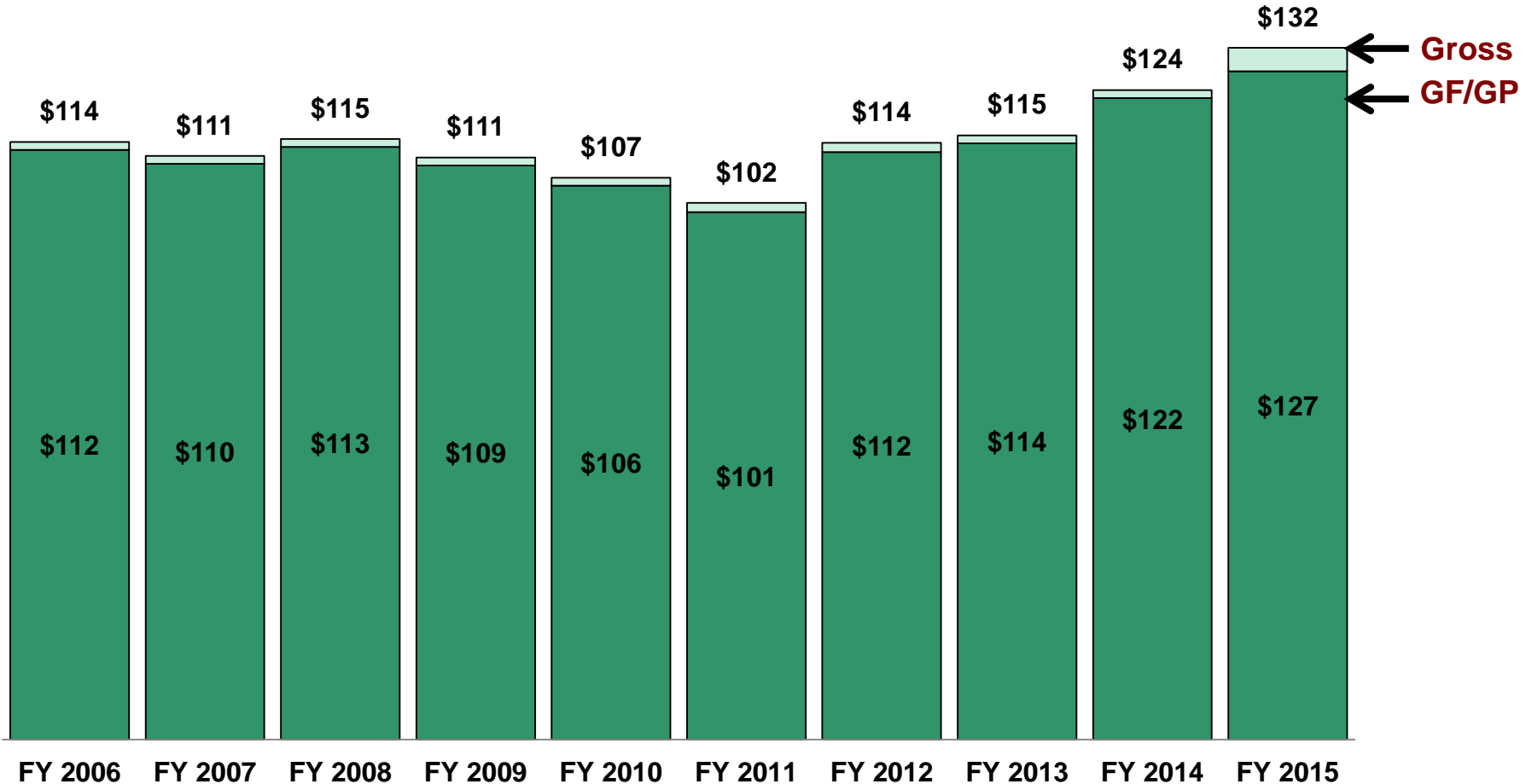
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# Legislature

- Enacts laws of Michigan, levies taxes, and appropriates funding from revenue collected for the support of public institutions and the administration of the affairs of state government
- Initiates and considers amendments to the State Constitution, considers legislation proposed by petitions signed by voters, and considers proposed amendments to the U.S. Constitution
- Exercises legislative oversight over the Executive branch of government through the administrative rules and audit processes and through committees and the budget
- Legislative branch of state government includes:
  - House of Representatives
  - Senate
  - Legislative Council and agencies it governs
  - Legislative Retirement System
  - Property Management

# Legislature: Gross Appropriations

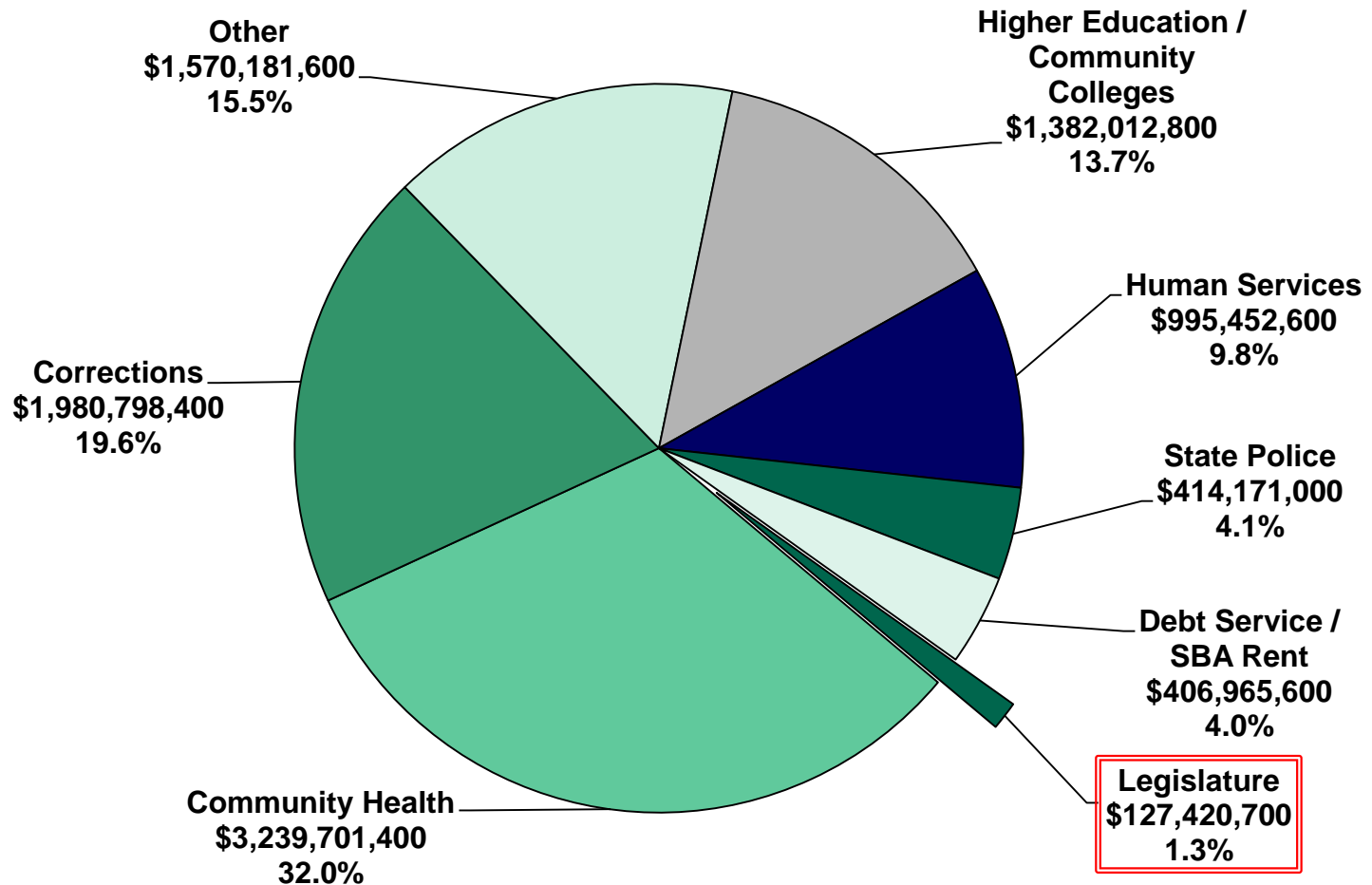
Spending increases are primarily due to inflation; decreases are due to budget reductions. Increase in FY 2014 is mostly due to the pre-funding of retiree healthcare and other economic adjustments. FY 2015 increase includes \$3.0 million for newly created State Capitol Historic Site and other economic adjustments.



# Legislature Share of State GF/GP

Legislature makes up 1.3% of the total state GF/GP budget

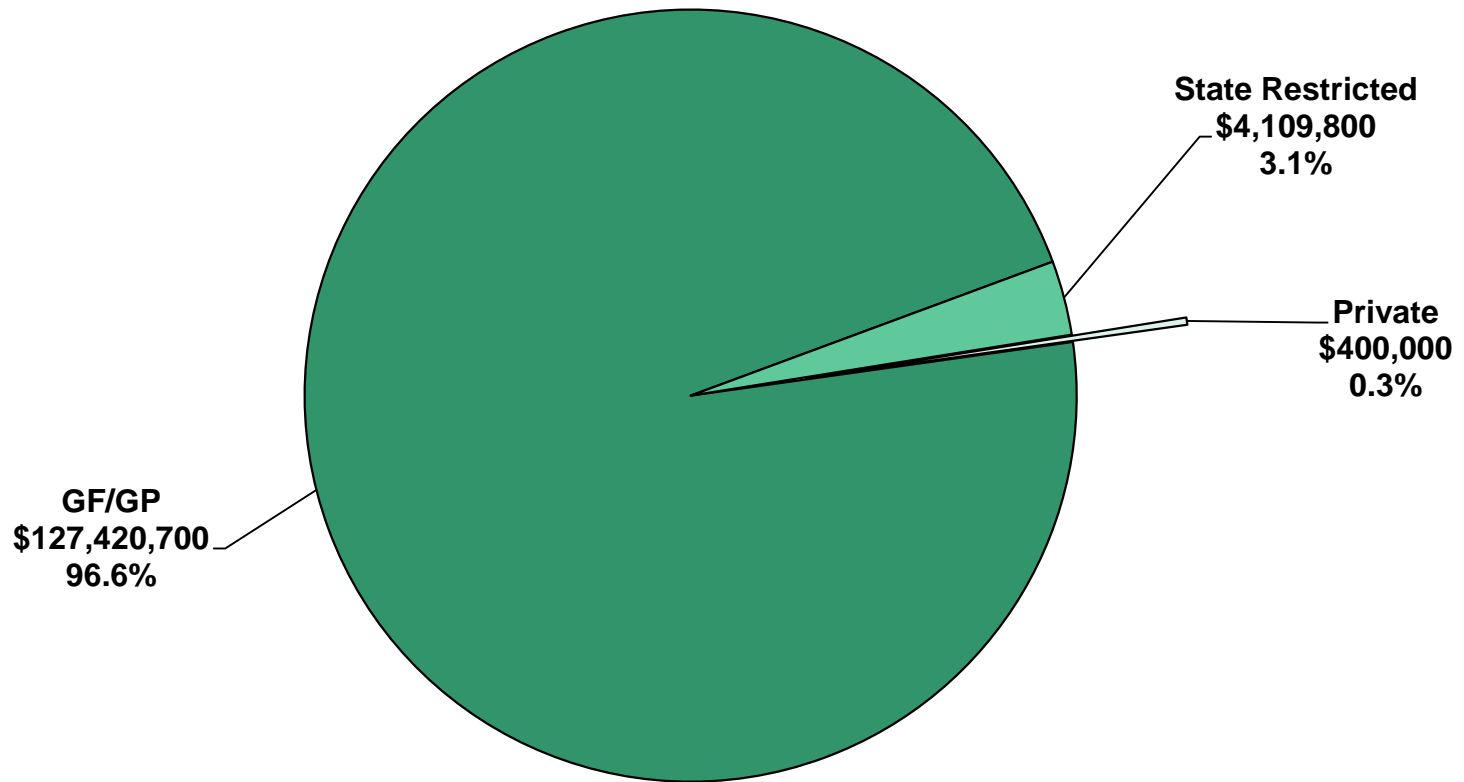
**FY 2014-15 GF/GP Total = \$10,116,704,100**



# **SOURCES OF FUNDING**

# Legislature Funding Sources

FY 2014-15 Legislature Budget = \$131,930,500



# **DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS**

# Legislature Appropriations

- Legislature: \$93,316,600 Gross
  - 100% state GF/GP funding for day-to-day operations of:
    - House of Representatives
    - Senate
    - House and Senate Fiscal Agencies
    - House and Senate computer systems
  
- Legislative Council: \$13,582,500 Gross
  - 97.0% state GF/GP and 3.0% private funds for day-to-day operations of:
    - Legislative Service Bureau
    - Legislative Council Administrator
    - Legislative Commission on Government Efficiency
    - Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates
    - Legislative Corrections Ombudsman
    - Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
    - Michigan Law Revision Commission
    - Michigan Commission on Uniform State Laws
    - State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee
  - Provides essential services, such as bill drafting and research, to legislative members and staff through Legislative Service Bureau
  - Pays Legislature's dues for membership in national associations and pays worker's disability compensation premiums for all legislative officials and employees



# Legislature Appropriations

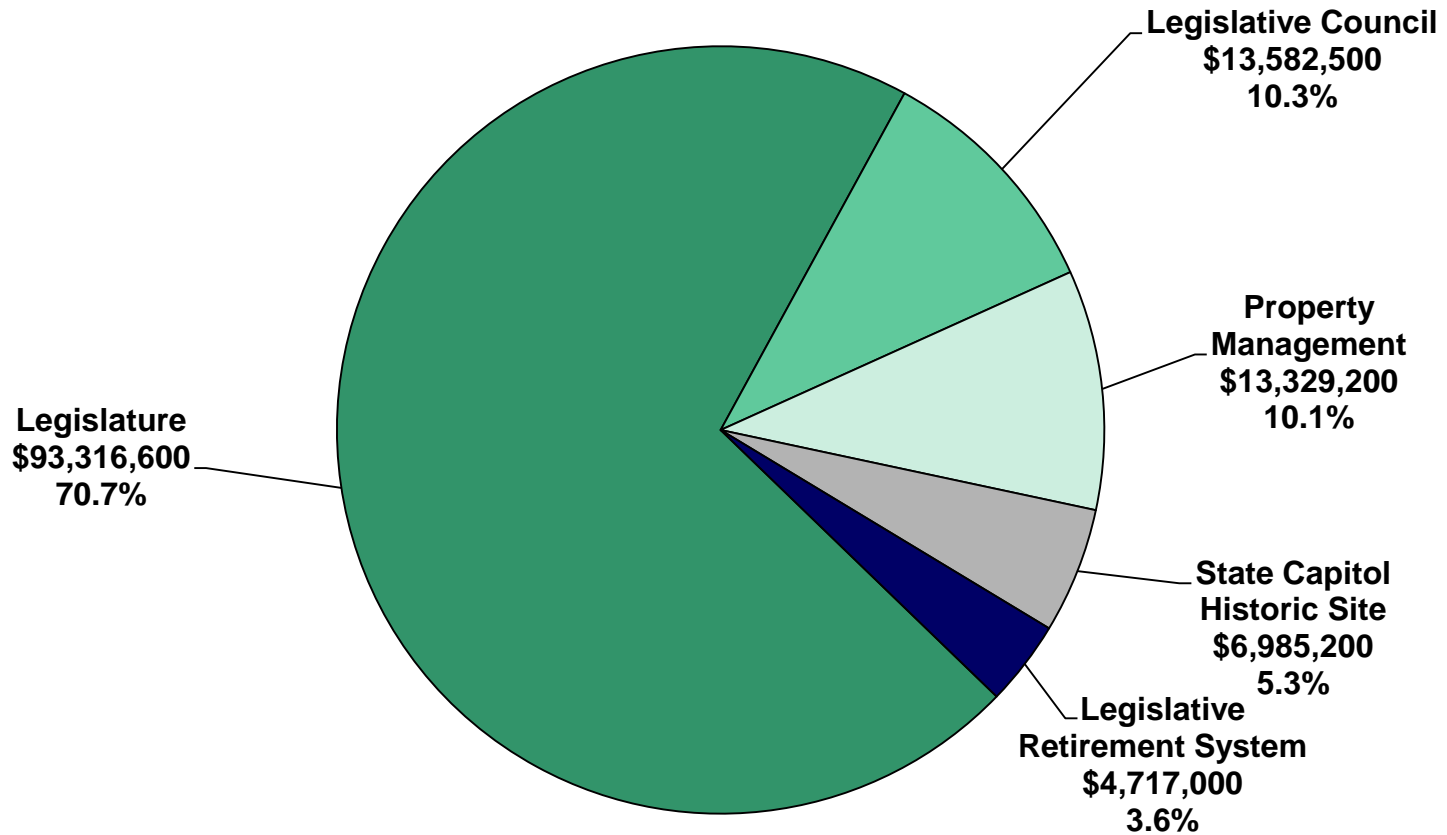
- Legislative retirement: \$4,717,000 Gross
  - 76.5% state GF/GP and 23.5% court filing fees
  - Membership in pension system limited to legislators employed before March 31, 1997; legislators employed after that date are members of the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan
  - Health insurance costs for deferred and retiree members of the system; retirement allowances, survivors' allowances, and other benefits for legislators, their spouses, dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries.  
NOTE: Retiree health benefits eliminated for any Legislator who had not completed at least six years of service as a Legislator before January 1, 2013.
  
- Property management: \$13,329,200 Gross
  - 100% state GF/GP funding for operation, maintenance, and repair of the Cora B. Anderson Building (House property) and the Billie S. Farnum Building (Senate property)

# Legislature Appropriations

- State Capitol Historic Site: \$6,985,200 Gross
  - 57.1% state GF/GP and 42.9% Capitol Historic Site Fund
  - Management and operation of Michigan State Capitol Historic Site including legislative parking facilities within the State Capitol area. Includes salaries and benefits of staff employed to manage day-to-day operations; staff employed to carry out the commission's responsibilities; and State Capitol tour guides.
  - Funds maintenance, repair, and restoration of the Michigan State Capitol Historic Site (\$3.0 million appropriated from Michigan State Capitol Historic Site Fund).
  - Under authority of the Michigan State Capitol Commission, facility staff manage, operate, develop, construct, maintain, renovate, and repair the Capitol Building and grounds

# Legislature Appropriations

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