

# The Connecticut General Assembly

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## THE BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

**Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023**

**General Obligation Bonding Subcommittee**

**March 31, 2021**

Good afternoon Senator Fonfara, Representative Scanlon, Senator Martin and Representative Cheeseman and members of the General Obligation Bonding Subcommittee. My name is Jim Tamburro, Executive Director of Legislative Management and I will be providing an overview of our request. I have with me today; John Harnick, Financial Administrator, Eric Connery Facilities Administrator, Susan Skehan, Financial Services Supervisor and Paul Alderucci, Director of Information Technology Services.

The Legislative Capitol Budget request includes a new bill drafting system for the Legislative Commissioners Office (LCO), new CT-N broadcast equipment, building upgrades and improvements to the Legislative Chambers totaling \$6,780,000. The Governor supported our request by including these initiatives in the recommended biennial budget.

Please find below a brief summary of each initiative:

### **Legislative Bill Drafting System**

**\$2,000,000**

LCO is requesting to modernize the current bill drafting process with a fully supported, custom system. They are seeking an integrated solution to meet their functional requirements for a bill drafting and document management system.

Features include:

- Providing for full document and workflow management, automated amendment engrossment and point-in-time archiving
- Ensuring the structural consistency, reliability, and integrity of legislation while simplifying the exchange of data between different users of the system, as legislation progresses through the General Assembly
- Facilitating multimedia publishing of legislation
- Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of drafting, consolidating and publishing documents
- Enabling timely access to up-to-date consolidated legislation

### **Senate Chamber Voting & Sound Systems**

**\$ 680,000**

The project replaces the existing boards and provides the backbone for a new voting system including software, wiring, new voting stations, remote access, etc. The sound system would be totally replaced with a state-of-the-art component that will integrate with the voting system.

**Legislative Office Building Blast Mitigation****\$500,000**

This is an extension of an existing project to enhance protection at the LOB. Previously all the window glass has received blast mitigation film. This project would replace the aluminum store front glass entry doors on the first and third floor levels with steel frame doors and side lights with blast mitigation filmed glass.

**Legislative Office Building Hearing Room Renovations****\$250,000**

This project is for general upgrades to the ten hearing rooms.

This initiative targets specific issues:

- Replacing carpet in two hearing rooms
- Installing new seats in one hearing room
- Recovering seats in two hearing rooms
- Upgrading to fiber lines to meet high definition TV requirements
- Replacing the remaining obsolete lighting/dimming system

**Move Genius to the Dome****\$500,000**

The project would move the Genius from the Capitol rotunda to the dome. Costs include disassembling the new Genius and removing it from the rotunda, repairing the floor, structurally reinforcing the lantern area of the dome and crane service to lift the Genius into place.

**Old State House Renovations****\$250,000**

The project is for interior upgrades to the Old State House including the ground floor reception and information center area, renovating the electronic displays in the Mortensen Gallery, replacing the telephone system and mechanical upgrades.

**CTN Equipment Replacement****\$680,000**

The funding is requested for the on-going upgrades to the CT-N equipment which has reached “end of life” or “end of service”. These components manage all the audio in the chambers and hearing rooms, converts broadcast video/audio signals to web streams, includes video editing workstations used to assemble digital video and audio files into finished programs and provides backup to the production console recorders and video servers.

**Legislative Office Garage Assessment & Repairs****\$2,000,000**

There are numerous upgrades and repairs required at the LOB parking garage including; repairing cracks, replacing loose and fallen pieces, fixing joints, applying sealant on the parking deck to stop leaks, repainting of parking lines and installing a car counting system to track and maximize utilization.

**Funds for the Connecticut Television Network** - Another part of the Legislative Budget Request includes increasing the funding to operate the Connecticut Television Network coverage from \$2,600,000 to \$2,700,000. This request is in the Private Funds section of the budget and is a transfer of funds received by the state from the tax imposed on public service companies providing community antenna television service in this state. This increase is needed for the contractual services to operate the network. We are bringing this item to the Committee's attention since it impacts the State's revenue.

Thank you for reviewing our information, we are available to answer any questions.