



Background Briefing

LEGISLATURE

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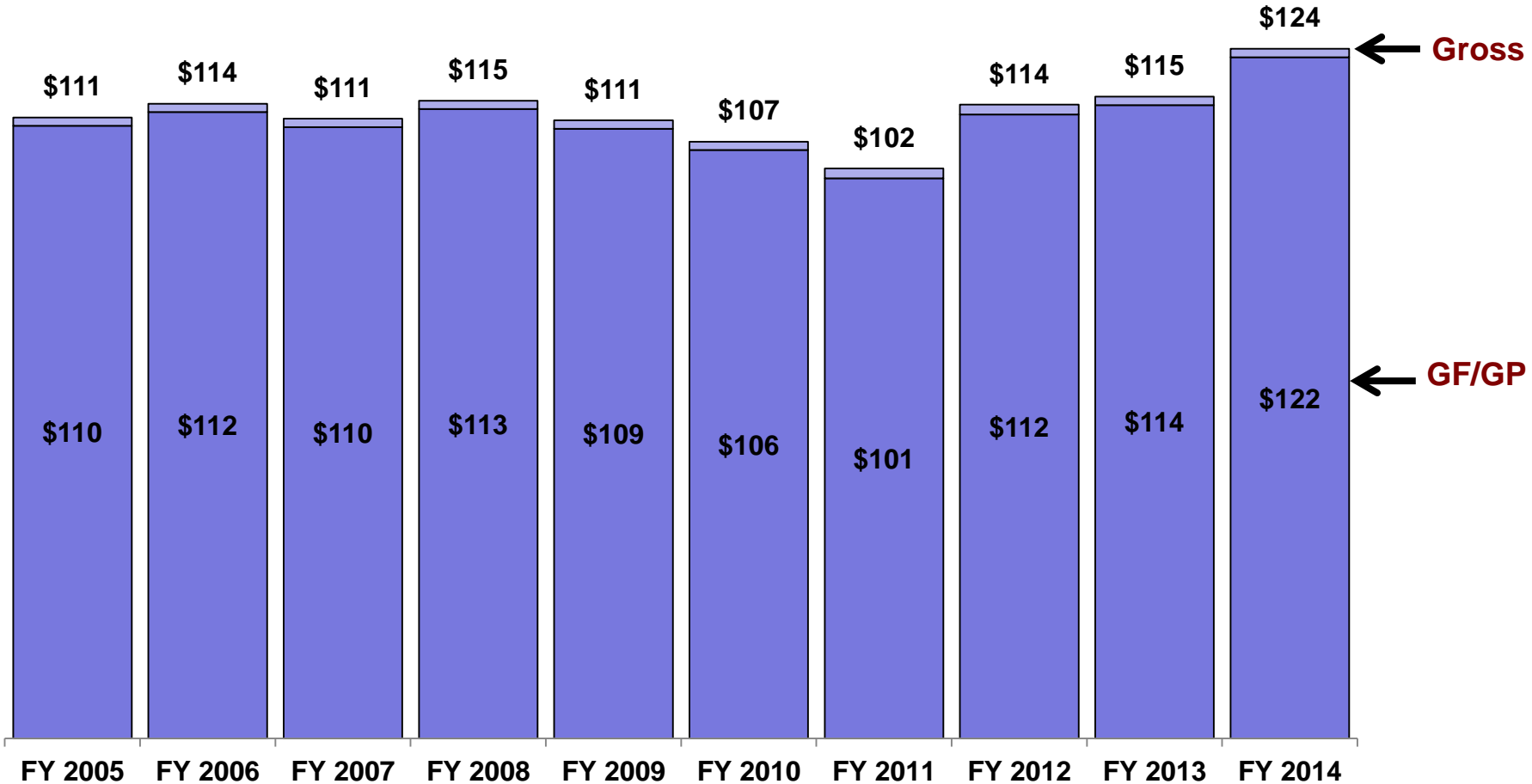
The fiscal information in this background briefing is based on data through December 31, 2013.

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

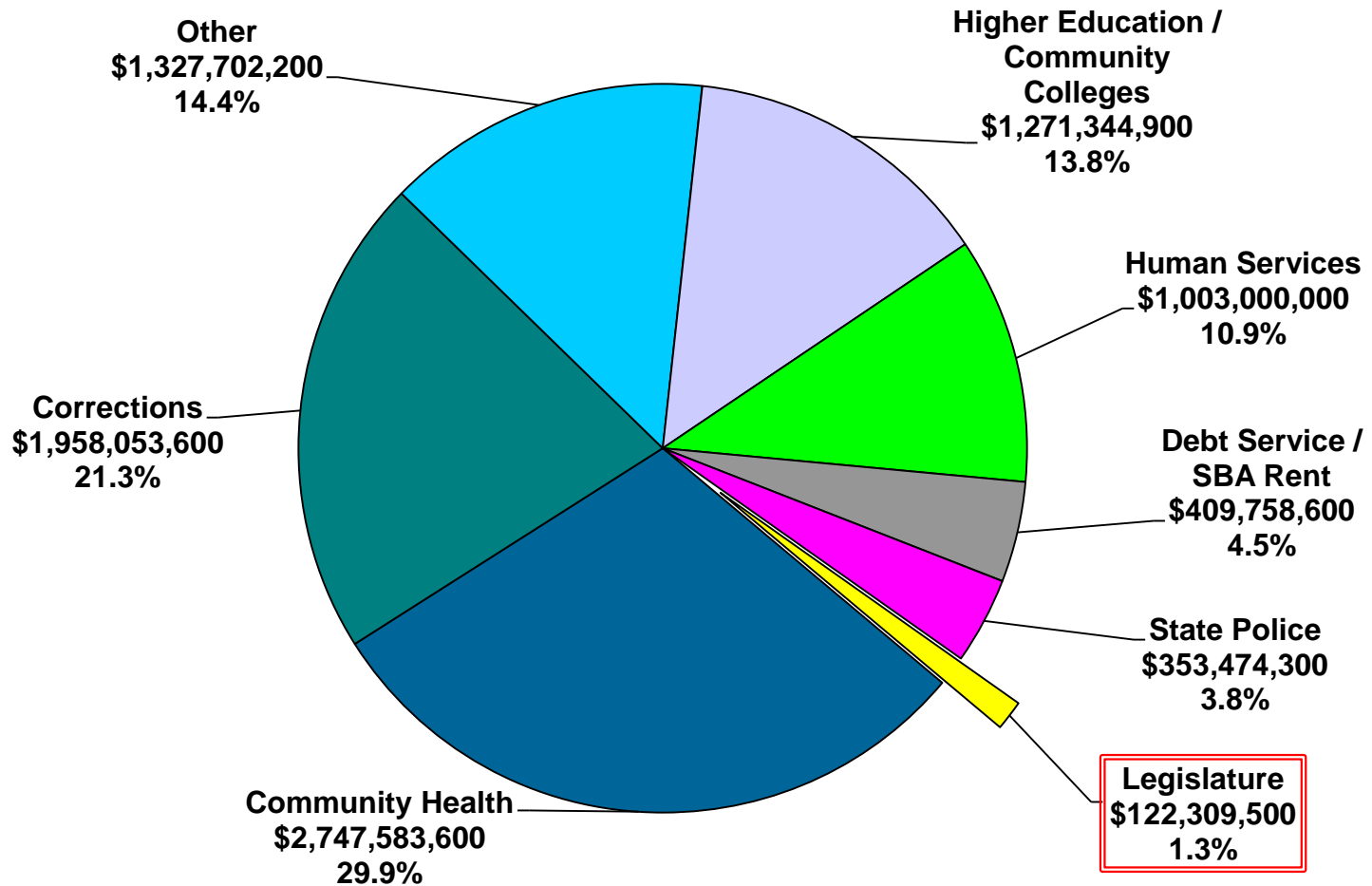
Spending increases are primarily due to inflation; decreases are due to budget reductions. Increase in FY 2014 is mostly due to the pre-funding of retiree healthcare and other economic adjustments.



Legislature Share of State GF/GP

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

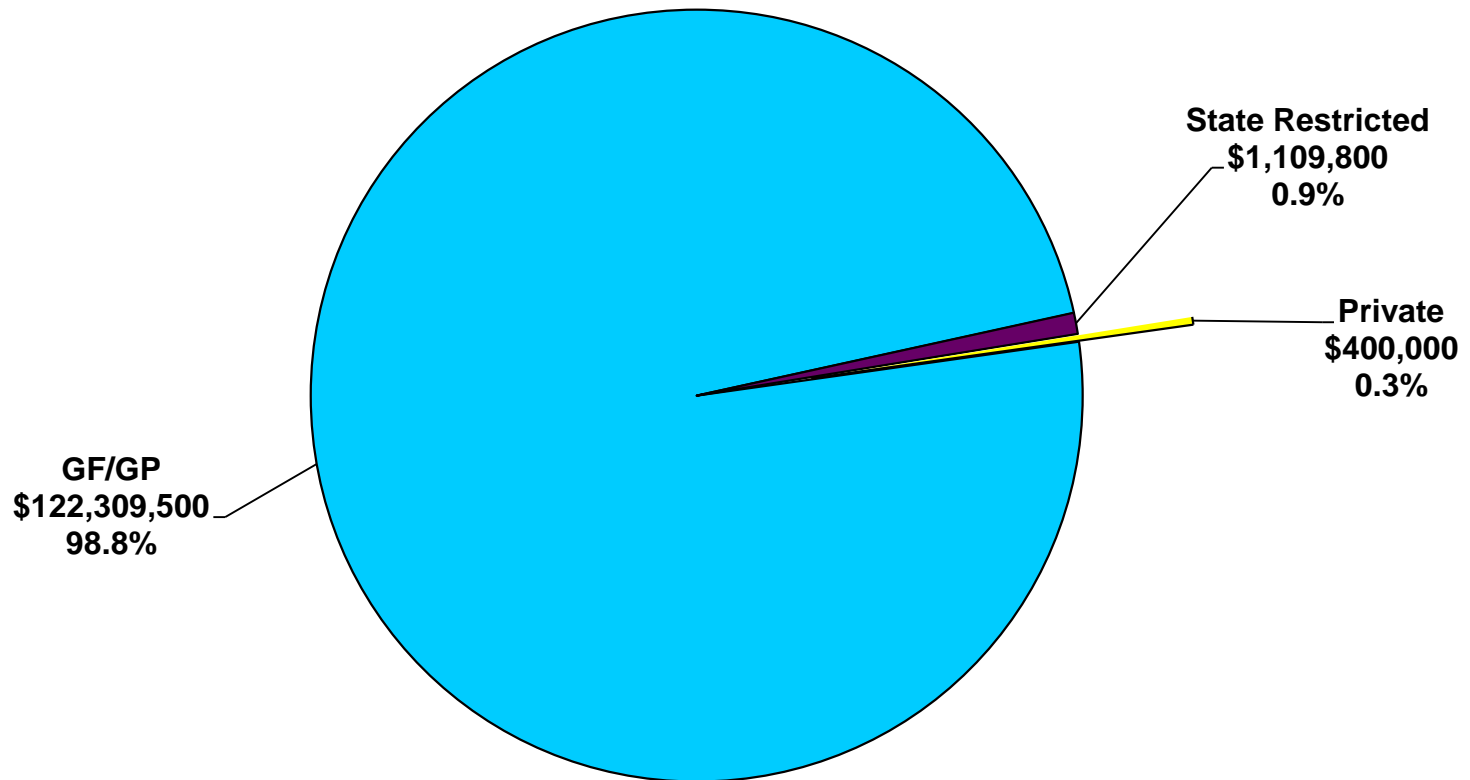
FY 2013-14 GF/GP Total = \$9,193,226,700



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Legislature Funding Sources

FY 2013-14 Legislature Budget = \$123,819,300



DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Legislature Appropriations

- **Legislature: \$90,011,600 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: \$13,412,000 Gross**
 - **97.0% state GF/GP and 3.0% private funds for day-to-day operations of:**
 - **Legislative Service Bureau**
 - **Legislative Council Facilities Agency**
 - **Legislative Internet Technology Team**
 - **Legislative Corrections Ombudsman**
 - **Michigan Capitol Committee**
 - **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**
 - **Pays Legislature's dues for membership in national associations and pays worker's disability compensation premiums for all legislative officials and employees**

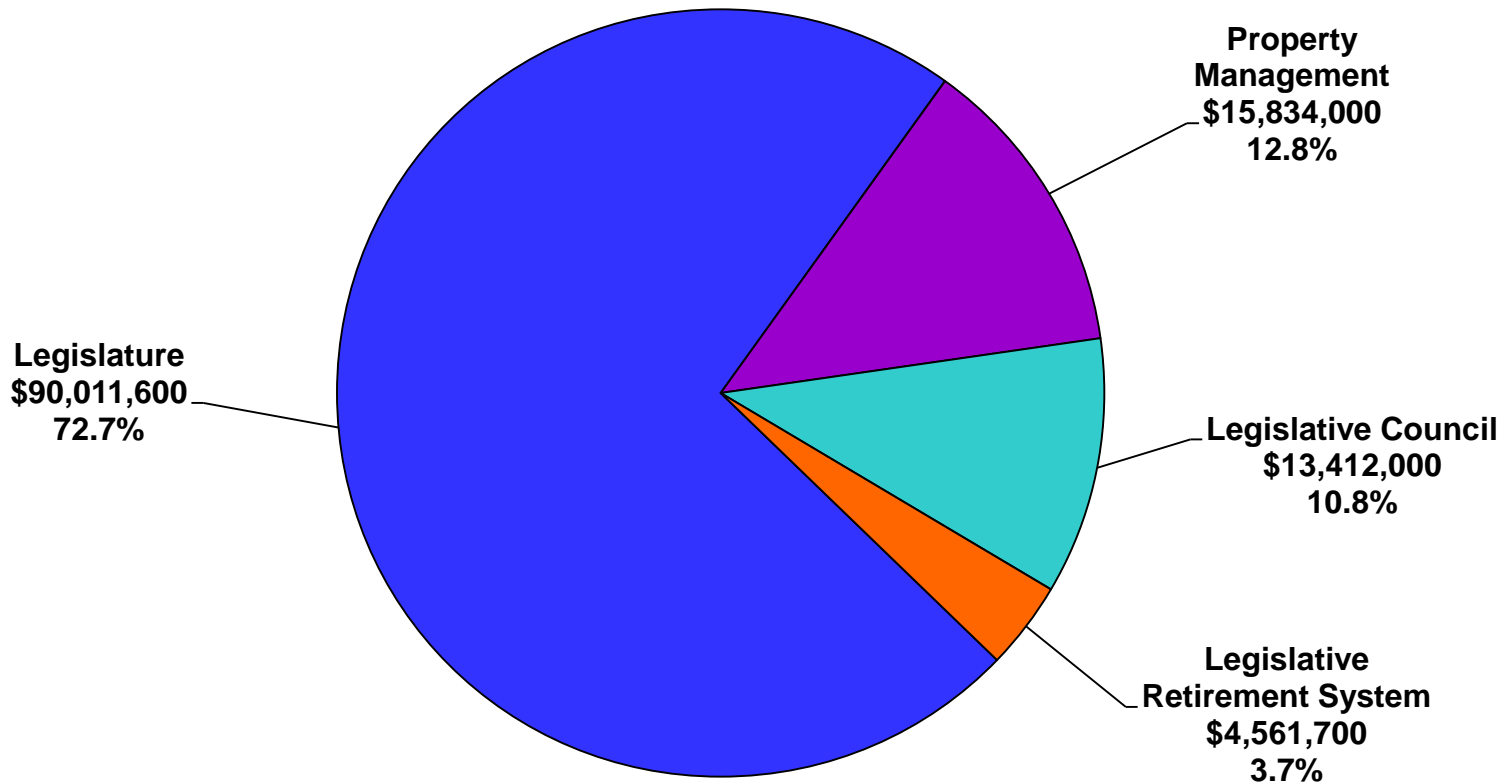
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- **Legislative retirement: \$4,561,700 Gross**
 - 75.7% state GF/GP and 24.3% court filing fees
 - Membership in pension system limited to legislators employed before March 31, 1997; legislators employed after that date are members of the Defined 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: \$15,834,000 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)
 - Under authority of the Michigan Capitol Committee, Legislative Council Facility staff manage, operate, develop, construct, maintain, renovate, and repair the Capitol Building and grounds

Legislature Appropriations

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