



Background Briefing

LEGISLATURE

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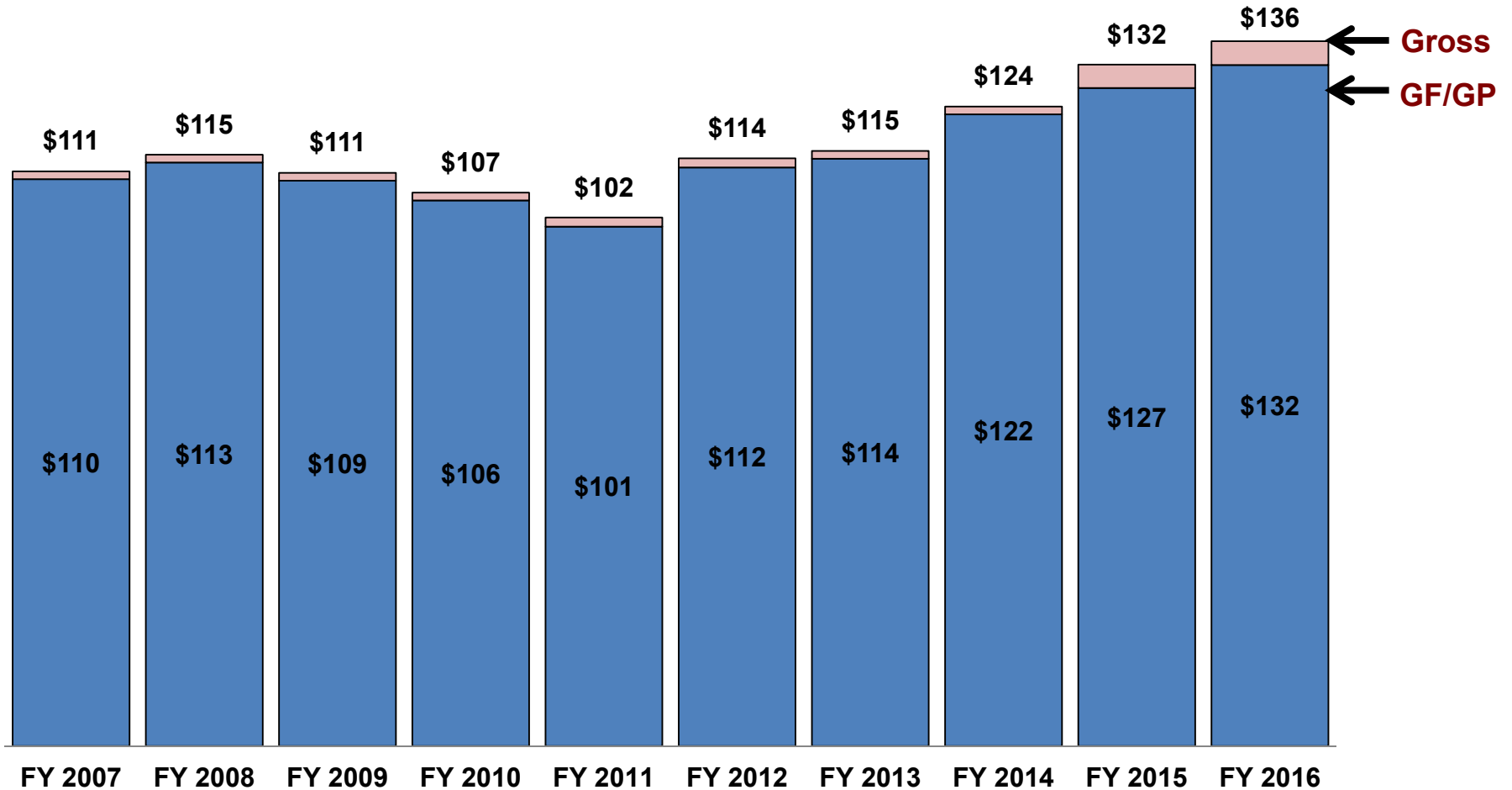
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Legislature

- 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

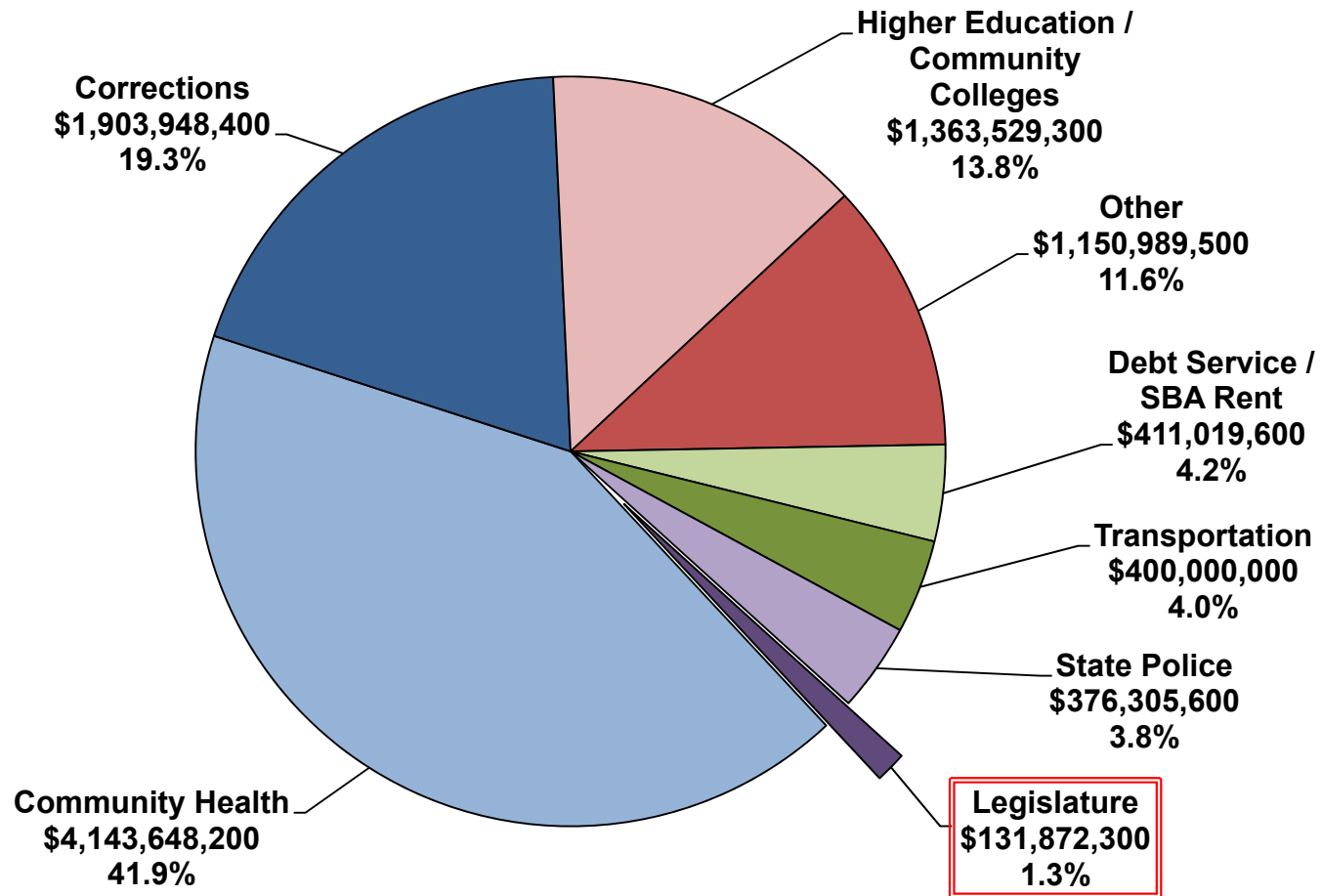
Spending increases are primarily due to inflation; decreases are due to budget reductions. Increase in FY 2014 is mostly due to the pre-funding of retiree healthcare and other economic adjustments. FY 2015 increase includes \$3.0 million for newly created State Capitol Historic Site and other economic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



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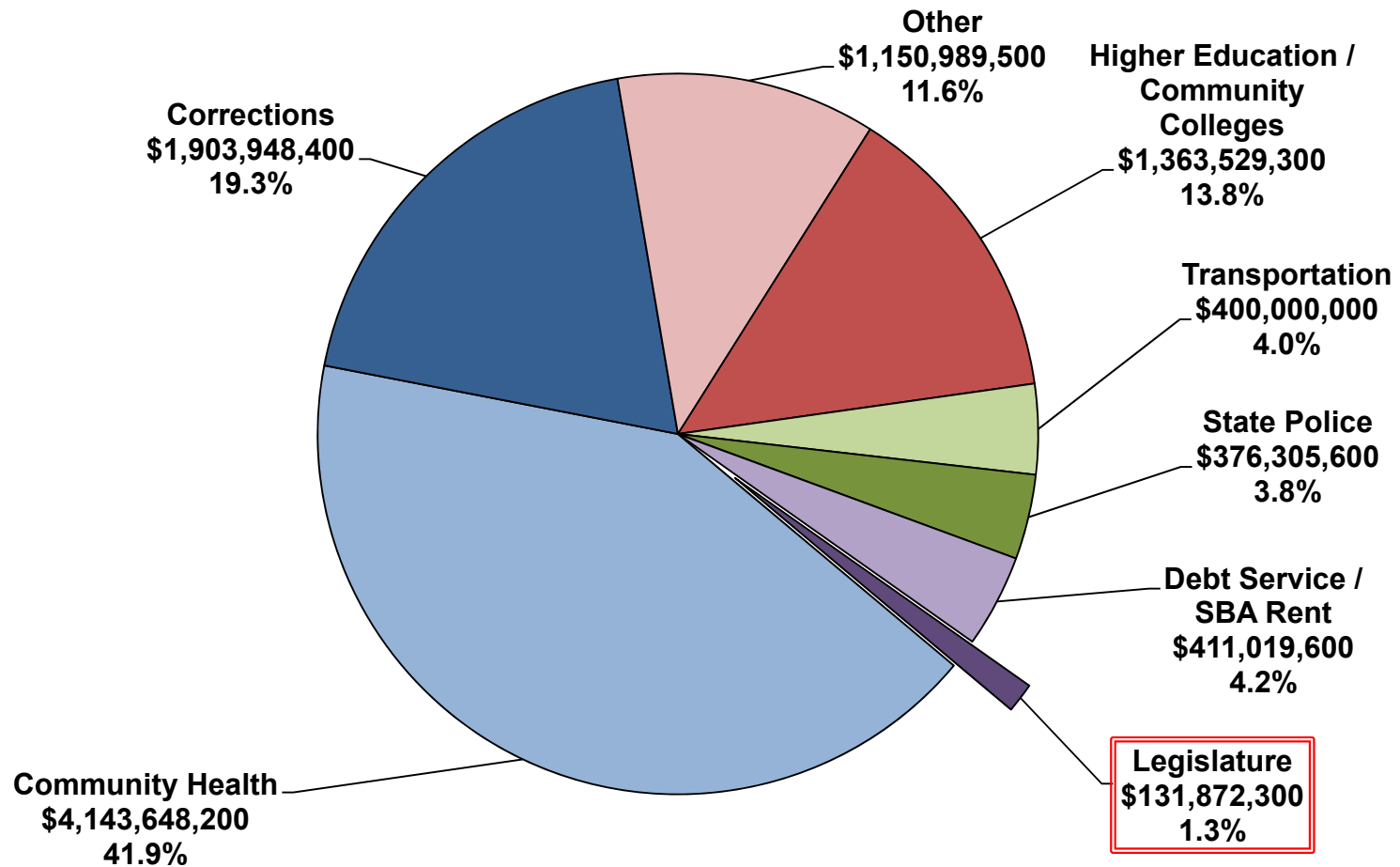
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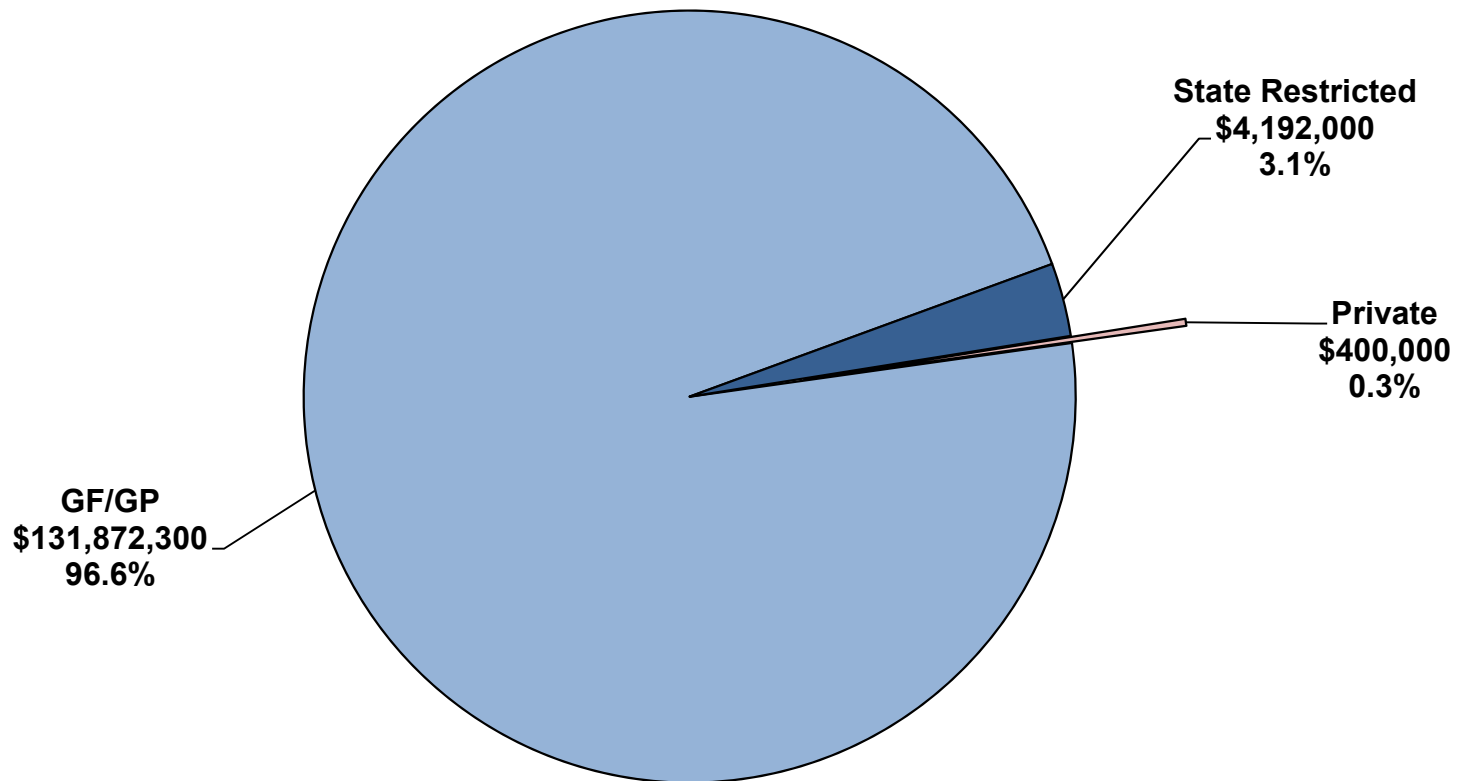
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SOURCES OF FUNDING

Legislature Funding Sources

FY 2015-16 Legislature Budget = \$136,464,300



APPROPRIATION AREAS

Legislature Appropriations

- Legislature: \$96,514,300 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: \$14,104,000 Gross
 - 97.2% state GF/GP and 2.8% 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
 - Criminal Justice Policy Commission
 - 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: \$4,865,500 Gross
 - 76.7% state GF/GP and 23.3% 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.

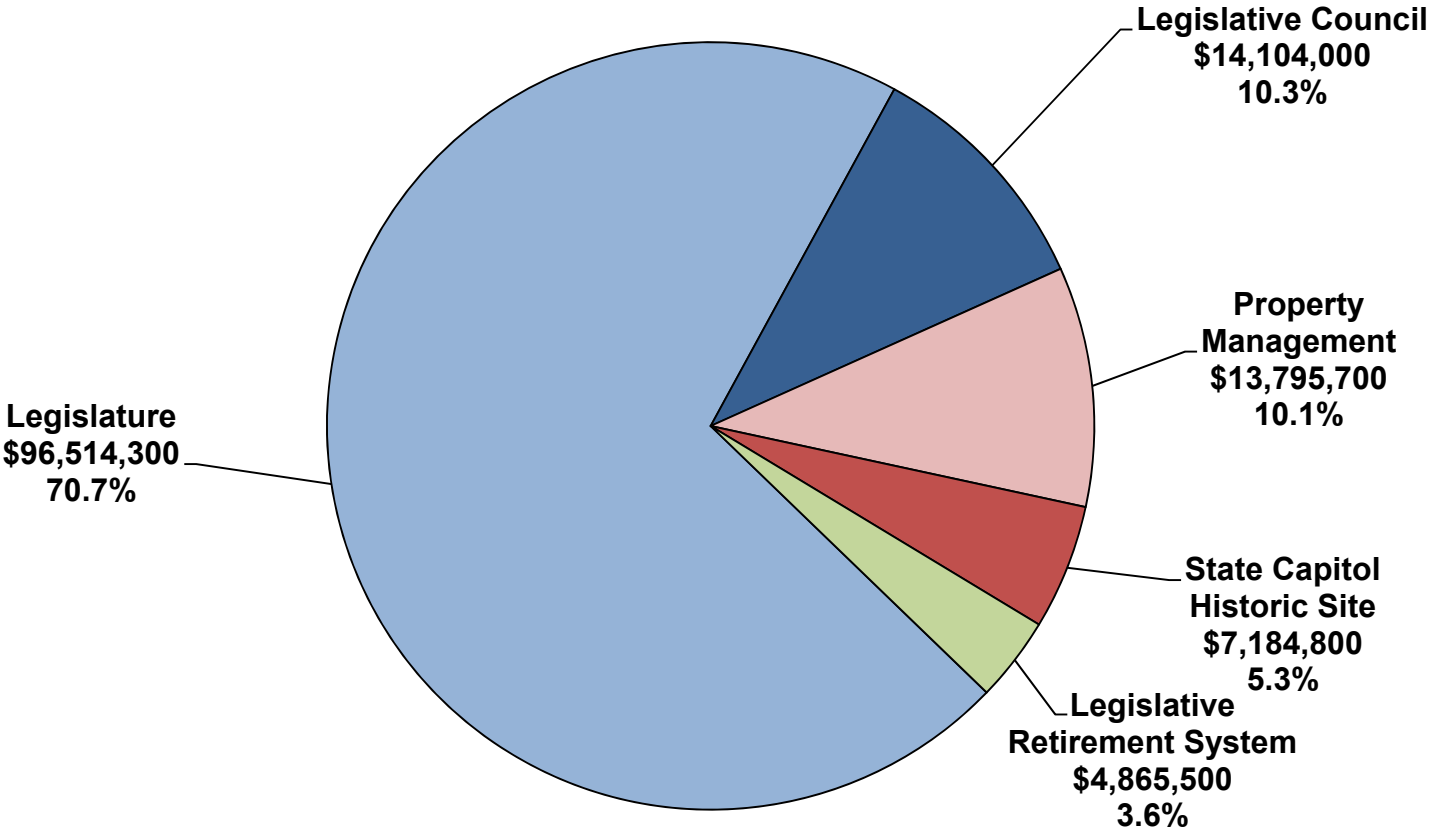
- Property management: \$13,795,700 Gross
 - 100% state GF/GP funding for operation, maintenance, and repair of the Cora B. Anderson Building (House property) and the Billie S. Farnum Building (Senate property)

Legislature Appropriations

- State Capitol Historic Site: \$7,184,800 Gross
 - 57.4% state GF/GP and 42.6% 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 (\$3.1 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

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