

National Assembly approves \$35.1 billion 2027 budget

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Summary

On Friday 30 October the National Assembly passed the 2027 national budget of \$35,111.7 million in third debate by 49 votes to 18; it now goes to the President for signature.

Details (summary of the article)

Mi Diario reports that the National Assembly approved bill 644, the 2027 General State Budget, in third debate on Friday 30 October with 49 votes in favour and 18 against, one day before ordinary sessions close on 31 October. The total is \$35,111.7 million: \$22,272 million (63.4%) for operations and \$12,839.7 million (36.6%) for investment, similar to the \$34,900.8 million with which 2026 began, though transfers had already pushed the 2026 figure to \$38,915.4 million by 30 September. Opposition deputies criticised austerity for the public while ministers spend, and said water, health and social protection get too little; a Chiriquí deputy, Osman Gómez, listed works planned for his circuit 4-2. The most contested change, approved in second debate, amends article 370 to widen the list of public bodies that may contract up to \$1 million without applying the 2006 public procurement law, including the ministries of Education, Public Works and Government, for urgent or priority purchases. Deputy Janine Prado called the change very serious and hinted at possible deal-making. Economy Minister Felipe Chapman defended the bill, which now passes to the Executive for sanction.

Original (es)

Entre críticas al gasto y elogios a las obras, la Asamblea aprueba el presupuesto 2027

La Asamblea Nacional aprobó en tercer debate el presupuesto general del Estado 2027, cifra que alcanza los \$35,111.7 millones, en una sesión marcada por defensas y críticas al proyecto.