



# State House Renovation Overview

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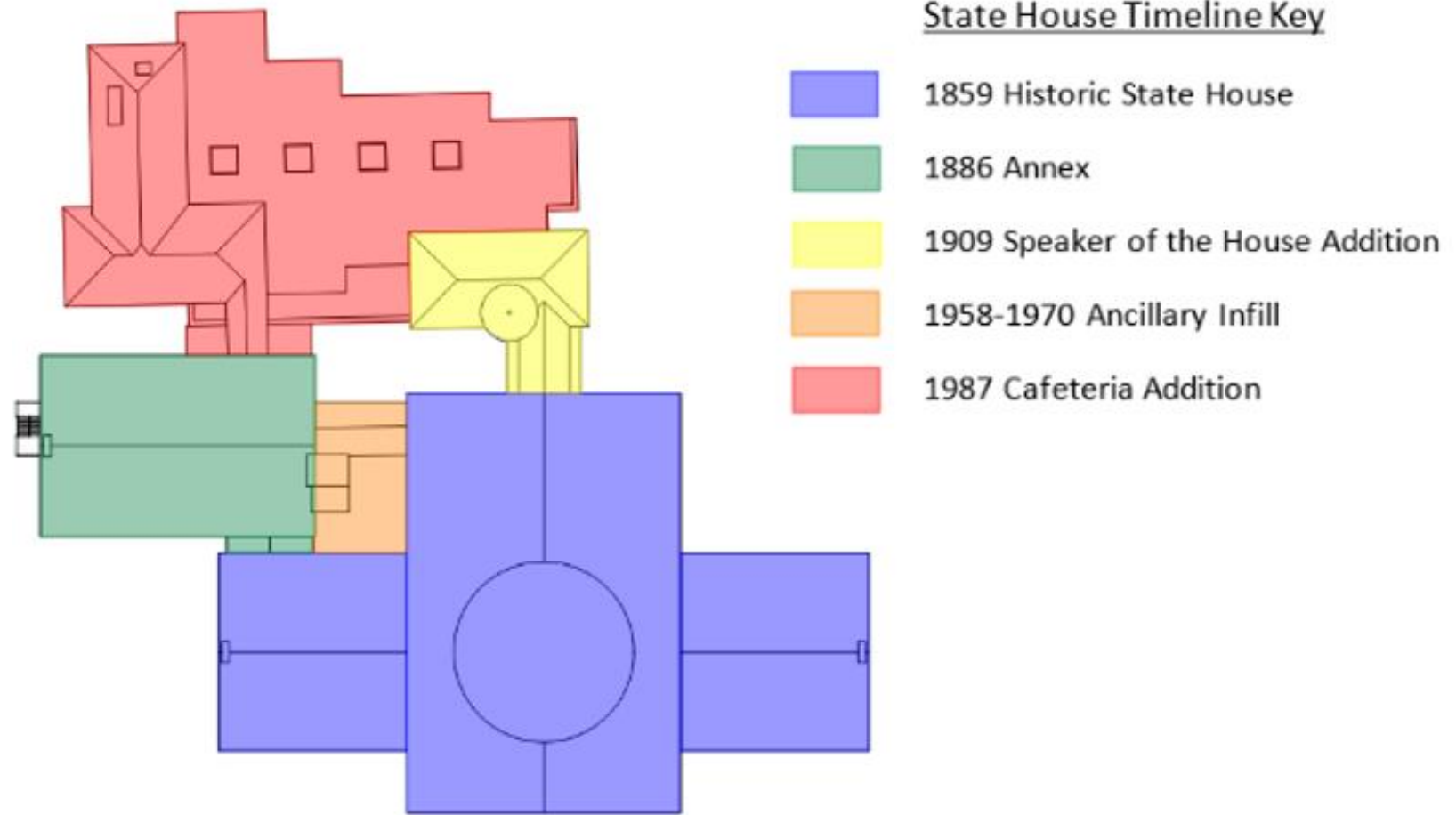
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# BACKGROUND

- State House built in 1859
- National Historic Landmark
- State House Building Timeline
- Findings
  - Access inadequate
  - Safety and Security screening inadequate
  - No underutilized space in building
  - Occupants feel overcrowded
- Directive

*“to ensure a safe working environment and efficient operation of the State House, provide a secure accessible entrance to mitigate the impact of any future pandemics and allow Legislative functions to continue unimpaired.”*

*Medium and Long-term report*



## Reports:

1-15-2020 [State House Space Assessment](#)

8-1-2020 Legislative Space and Health and Safety Assessment

4-26-2021 [Medium and Long-term Legislative Space Assessment](#)

12-15-2023 [State House Pandemic Renovation Project](#)

# Special Committee

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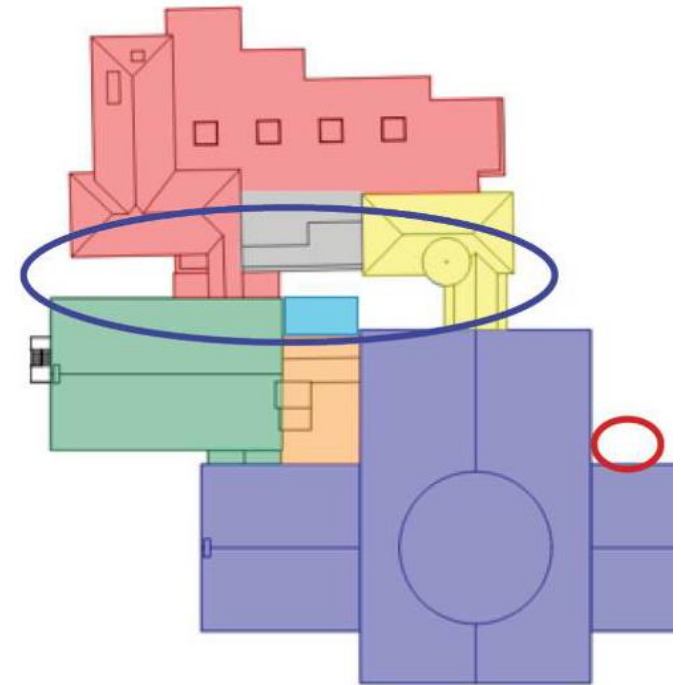
Act 69 of 2023 established Special Committee consisting of JLMC and the Chairs of House Corrections and Institutions and Senate Institutions.

Special Committee approved \$11.5 million schematic design phase on December 15, 2023

- Schematic designs due September 15, 2024

Special Committee reviewed \$24 million schematic designs on October 9, 2024- Not Approved

- Design option too expensive
- Project costs have increased substantially since 12/15/2023
- Special Committee requested a scaled-down design





# Initial Design

\$25 million

1. Entryway
2. Atrium and corridor to Lincoln Hallway
3. Stairwell with elevator
4. Improved ramp to cafeteria
5. 2 additional committee rooms
6. Senate Chamber fire escape
7. Speaker and House Clerk fire escape
8. Restroom on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

## Revised Design

*“to ensure a safe working environment and efficient operation of the State House, provide a secure accessible entrance to mitigate the impact of any future pandemics and allow Legislative functions to continue unimpaired.”*

- ADA and Access
- Secure entryway with corridor to Lincoln Hallway
- Options for future improvements



Conceptual Sketches

# Next and Future Steps

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- Working group to present revised design options to JLMC ASAP
- Additional Considerations include:
  - Parking
  - Traffic
  - Construction schedule

