

Legislative Briefing

2018 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature

Bill Number and Title	Description	Sponsors	Position	Latest Action	Notes
<u>HB 53 - State Education Program</u>	Amends the state's educational program relating to computer science and world cultures and languages. Provides that computer science courses may satisfy certain high school graduation requirements and certain Hathaway scholarship requirements	Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration	Watch	Died because SF29 passed.	The bill is broadly supported by industry and the WDE. Similar to SF 29 at this point. If passed, Wyoming would be a national leader in the realm of CS education.
<u>HB 60 - Community College Police Officer Retirement</u>	Provides for community college police officer participation in the law enforcement plan under the Wyoming Retirement Act	Pownall and Barlow	Watch	Failed introduction	
<u>HB 82 - Community College Tuition - Special Rates</u>	Amends the spending policy rates for the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund, the common school account within the permanent land fund and the excellence in higher education endowment fund.	Representatives Clem, Edwards, Hallinan and Henderson and Senator(s) Driskill	Watch	Failed introduction	
<u>HB 102 - Wyoming Retirement Plans Contributions</u>	Authorizes additional employee contributions in certain plans under the Wyoming Retirement Act, the Wyoming State Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Warden and Criminal Investigator Retirement Act, the Wyoming Judicial Retirement Act and the Firemen's Pension Account Reform Act of 1981. Also requires additional employee contributions to be paid through a reduction in cash salary of the employee	Representatives Jennings, Clem, Edwards, Halverson, Lone, Miller and Stith and Senator(s) Hicks	Watch	Did not consider for introduction	

HB 109 - Public employee retirement plan-contributions.	Increases employee and employer contributions in the public employee retirement plan; requires the increased employee contributions to be paid through a reduction in cash salary	Joint Appropriations Committee	Watch	Gov signed	
HB 110 - Wyoming retirement plans-member accounts	Relating to retirement plans administered by the retirement board of the Wyoming retirement system; amends and creates definitions related to member accounts, amends related provisions for account refunds and death benefits, authorizes the retirement board to establish reporting requirements.	Joint Appropriations Committee	Watch	Gov signed	
HB 115 - Restrictions on public benefits	Relating to public benefits; conditioning eligibility for state or local public benefits on lawful presence in the United States; requires verification of lawful presence in the US upon application for state or local public benefits.	Joint Appropriations Committee	Watch	Did not consider for introduction	
HB 132 - Non resident Tuition and Fees	Requires UW and CC establish non-resident tuition and fees to be at least 10% more than resident rates	Rep. Henderson	Watch	Failed introduction	
HB 137 - Wyoming Higher Education Free Speech Protection Act	Requires the CC's and UW boards to adopt by January 1, 2019, a higher education free speech protection policy.	Representatives Biteman, Clem, Gray, Halverson, Laursen, Lindholm, Olsen, Salazar and Steinmetz and Senator(s) Bouchard	Watch with caution	Failed introduction	The seven colleges are working to provide comments for legislators

HB 139- Wyoming retirement plans-incentives funded	Requires employers to pay for increased liabilities to retirement plans as a result of implementing retirement incentive programs; Requires rulemaking and provides for administration;	Joint Appropriations Committee	Watch	Did not consider for introduction	
HB 154 - Build Wyoming Loan Program	Creates a loan program of \$250M for infrastructure and \$250M for road or street projects out of the PMTF. Would apply to the CC's but not UW because it is not a political subdivision	Mgt Council	Watch	Failed introduction	
HB 165 - College entrance exam-written component	Eliminates the requirement that all eleventh grade public school students take a college entrance examination containing a written component	Representatives Freeman, Brown, Flitner and Northrup and Senator(s) Coe and Rothfuss	Watch	Failed introduction	
HB 175 - Common College Transcripts	Requires the development of a common transcript system; prescribing duties of the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming and the community college commission	Representatives Northrup, Barlow, Larsen and Sommers and Senators Baldwin and Landen	Watch	Gov signed	The bill was amended to include a report due to the JEC by Oct. 31st
HB 194 - State Funded Capital Construction	Funding for CC projects and provisions for low interest loans for dorm projects	Joint Appropriations Committee	Support	Passed both houses after conference committee	
SF 29 - Education Computer Science and Computational Thinking	Adds computer science and computational thinking to the state educational program.	Joint Education Committee	Watch	Gov signed	the bill adds CS to the basket of goods (and takes out applied technology)

SF 33 - Military Member Spouse and Children - Resident Tuition	Amends resident tuition requirements to include active uniform service members' spouses and dependents under a federal definition	Joint Transportation	Watch	Gov signed	
SF 36 - Veterans Tuition Program Limits	Specifies education that a combat veteran, surviving spouse or dependent may pursue under the free tuition program; limits costs the program covers; reduces the number of semesters the program covers	Joint Transportation	Watch	Gov signed	
SF 91 - Government contracts-labor organization.	Prohibits governmental entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants	Senators Anderson, Bebout, Boner and Kinskey and Representatives Pownall and Walters	Watch	failed to get out of the house	
SF 103 - Educational program commission	Establishes an educational program commission where business helps advise educational programming	Senators Meier, Anselmi-Dalton and Hastert and Representatives Byrd, Henderson, Hunt and Loucks	Watch	Did not get out of Senate Education Committee	The community colleges will need to give comments on this bill.

SF 108 - Economic diversification and development	Modifies membership and authority of the ENDOW executive council; expands agriculture marketing program within the Wyoming business council; provides for international trade representatives; specifies additional economic diversification and development studies; provides for subaccounts within the economic diversification account	management council	Watch	Gov signed	
SF 118 - Kickstart Wyoming-economic diversification.	Creates the research and innovation program fund and provides for CC grant opportunities	management council	Watch	Gov signed	
SF119 - Workforce development-priority economic sector program.	Creates the Wyoming Workforce Development - Priority Economic Sector Partnership Act that provides training funds to approved trainers for approved business employee needs	management council	Watch	Gov signed	
SF121 - State Funded Capital Construction	Funding for CC projects and provisions for low interest loans for dorm projects	Joint Appropriations Committee	Support	Died because HB 194 was the vehicle for cap con	they are working on SF194 to see if the House concurs.