

Legislative Briefing					
2019 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature					
		red=dead bill green = passed both houses			
Bill Number and Title	Description	Sponsors	Position	Latest Action	Notes
House Bills					
HB 34 - Nonresident tuition and fees	Requires the University of Wyoming and community colleges to charge nonresident tuition and fees at an amount that is at least 20% higher than resident levels.	Representative(s) Henderson, Haley and Paxton and Senator(s) Boner	Monitor	Died in House Education	WACCT testified on the bill with general questions of concern and data for the committee, but not an official position.
HB 38 - Per Diem Rates	Increases legislative and Commissioner per diem rates to \$149/day	Management Council	Monitor	Senate on General File	
HB0041 - UW board of trustees- chairman	Changes UW Board President to "Chairman". Does not apply to the CC's.	Representative(s) Brown, Flitner, Harshman, Simpson, Sommers and Walters and Senator(s) Bebout, Landen, Nethercott and Pappas	Monitor	Passed the House. In Senate Education on 2/11	
HB 52 - Public works and contracts	Requires initial furniture and moveable equipment in capital construction projects be purchased from a resident vendor	Representative(s) Sommers, Greear, Harshman, Larsen and Loucks and Senator(s) Bebout, Driskill and Kinskey	Monitor	Passed the House, headed to Senate Appropriations	
HB0058 - Sunset date-Wyoming investment in nursing program	Extends the sunset date of the Wyoming investment in nursing program from 2020 to 2030. The sunset date was removed on 2nd reading in the House.	Representative(s) Henderson, Barlow and Wilson and Senator(s) Scott	Support	Passed the House 54-6. Passed unanimously out of Senate Labor Committee	Contacted most of the Committee members prior to the hearing. Majority support. Do not expect issues. See website for one pager.

HB 78 - Major maintenance funding	<p>Changes distribution of funding to quarterly rather than annually, increases college reserves to 15% from 8%.</p> <p>Amended on 2nd reading: <i>"No state funds shall be used for the maintaining, operating or equipping of any capital construction project in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) one million five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000.00) which was not approved by the commission and authorized by the legislature."</i></p>	<p>Joint Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Passed the House 50-10 and Senate Appropriations . Is on general file in the Senate</p>	<p>Result of JAC interim discussions.</p>
HB0090 - Community college police officer retirement	<p>Provides for community college police officer participation in the law enforcement plan under the Wyoming Retirement Act.</p>	<p>Representative(s) Pownall, Barlow and Pelkey and Senator(s) Nethercott and Von Flatern</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Passed the House 53-7. Will be heard in Senate Appropriations on 2/11.</p>	<p>Currently, community colleges employ eight POST-certified security officers at a total annual salary of approximately \$345,000. Based on current and future contribution rates for both plans, the LEP contribution costs would be slightly higher than the PEP for FY2020 but would be slightly lower in FY2021 and FY2022. This condition is the result of gradual contribution rate increases authorized by 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 119 for the PEP.</p>

HB 117 - College entrance exam-written component	Amends the minimum test requirements of a college entrance exam selected by the state superintendent to swap writing for science.	Representative(s) Freeman, Brown, Haley, Paxton, Piiparinen and Sommers and Senator(s) Coe, Kost, Pappas and Schuler	Monitor	passed the House and on Senate general file.	
HB 132 - Hathaway scholarships-award increase	Increases the amount of Hathaway scholarship awards.	Representative(s) Harshman, Connolly, Piiparinen and Sommers and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Coe, Landen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler and Wasserburger	Monitor	passed the house	
HB 133 - Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarships	Allows two (2) students a year from each state contiguous to Wyoming may be awarded a Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarship.	Representative(s) Harshman, Brown and Paxton and Senator(s) Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Boner, Pappas and Rothfuss	Monitor	Passed the house	
HB 137 - Hathaway eligibility requirements	Ends the current Hathaway student success curriculum in school year 21-22 and requires an interim study of the entire program.	Representative(s) Sommers, Lindholm, Northrup and Paxton and Senator(s) Driskill, Kost and Wasserburger	Monitor	Was not considered in COW in the House.	
HB 183 - Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments-2	repealing gun free zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition as specified; defining a term	Representative(s) Salazar, Blackburn, Brown, Burkhardt, Clausen, Clem, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Gray, Hallinan, Henderson, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm, Loucks, Miller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Stith, Styvar, Tass, Washut and Winter and Senator(s) Agar, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinskey and Steinmetz	Oppose	Recall from committee failed	

HB 193 - Wyoming career technical pathway workforce strategy	creating the Wyoming career technical pathway trust fund; authorizing funding for career technical training, internships, opportunities and services	Representative(s) Henderson, Harshman and Northrup and Senator(s) Kost and Nethercott	Support	On general file in the House	
HB 203 - Community colleges-safety and security	There is appropriated from the general fund to the community college commission six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) for safety and security improvements to the campuses of the seven (7) Wyoming community colleges. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026.	Representative(s) Northrup, Brown, Freeman and Paxton and Senator(s) Coe, Ellis, Kost, Landen and Nethercott	Support	On House General file - appropriation was stripped from \$6M to \$500,000, but the appropriation was put back in on the floor. Failed 3rd reading vote 17-42-1	
HB 204 - Common college transcript-implementation	relating to community colleges and the University of Wyoming; establishing requirements for the community college commission's common college transcript system; authorizing an at-will position; providing appropriations - implementation and appropriations for HEA 47 from last year.	Representative(s) Northrup, Brown, Freeman and Harshman and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Coe, Ellis and Wasserburger	Support	Passed the House. The appropriation was stripped on the floor. The positions are in the budget bill for the WCCC.	

HB 250 - Community colleges- baccalaureate degree programs	authorizing community colleges to confer baccalaureate degrees; providing for community college commission approval of a limited number of baccalaureate degree programs as specified; establishing a time-limited matching funds program (\$1M) to create community college baccalaureate degree programs.	Representative(s) MacGuire, Crank, Hallinan, Henderson, Larsen, Nicholas, Paxton, Pownall and Styvar and Senator(s) Anderson, Nethercott and Von Flatern	Monitor	Failed house education	
HB 254 - Hathaway scholarship award petition	Allows students who maintain a 3.75 GPA on 2 consecutive semesters to petition WDE for the next highest award	Representative(s) Freeman, Piiparinen and Sweeney and Senator(s) Coe and Kost	Monitor	Failed 3rd reading in the House 16-43-1	
HB 263 - Postsecondary education and economic development	There is a substitute bill that proposes a pilot program for each CC to confer an applied BA program.	Representative(s) Harshman and Simpson and Senator(s) Dockstader, Driskill and Pappas	Amend	The substitute bill passed the House and was portrayed as a compromise between UW and the colleges.	
HB 304 - Community colleges-degree programs	Much like SF111	Representative(s) Nicholas, Crank, Flitner, Greear, MacGuire and Paxton and Senator(s) Anderson and Landen	Monitor	was not considered in COW	
HB 310 - Wyoming's Tomorrow	providing for a study to create a grant program to make two years of education at Wyoming community colleges and the University of Wyoming as free as possible	Representative(s) Harshman, Connolly and Paxton and Senator(s) Kost and Wasserburger	Monitor	Passed the House by a narrow margin.	

HJR 6 - Legislative sessions	amend the Wyoming Constitution by removing distinctions between legislative general and budget sessions including repealing the introductory vote requirement for bills in a legislative budget session and making conforming amendments	Representative(s) Harshman, Greear, Newsome, Sommers and Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Pappas, Perkins, Rothfuss, Schuler, Von Flatern and Wasserburger	Monitor	Passed the House.	
Senate Files					
SF 11 - Budget submission deadline	Changes the date by which the Governor must submit his budget - December 1 to the third Monday in November	Joint Appropriations Committee	Monitor	Passed both houses	Stems from the work of the Joint Committee this interim.
SF0034 - Hathaway Eligibility Act	Repeals a provision excluding certain noncitizens from Hathaway scholarship eligibility.	Senator(s) Gierau and Anselmi-Dalton	Monitor	no report before deadline	
SF0043 - Hathaway scholarship eligibility	Modifies the Hathaway curriculum to allow for CTE courses.	Joint Education Interim Committee	General Support	Passed the Senate 28-2 and COW in the House	The bill is the same version that failed last year due to lack of timing. The supporters of the bill have significant amendments to make the bill better.
SF 53 - Government organizations - labor organizations	Prohibits governmental entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants.	Senator(s) Anderson, Boner, Driskill and Kinskey and Representative(s) Clausen, Lindholm, Pownall and Walters	Monitor	Passed the Senate, house introduction	
SF 57 - Public records	Requires state agencies to have a designated public records person.	Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee	Monitor	Passed the Senate and referred to House Appropriations	

SF 74 - Professional services procurement	Requires Wyoming residency requirements related to the procurement of professional architectural, engineering and land surveying services. Was amended to include the community colleges.	Senator(s) Case, Kinskey and Pappas and Representative(s) Loucks and Sommers	Monitor	S 3rd Reading: Passed 28-0-2-0-0. will go to House Appropriations	Senator Case brought the bill in years' past.
SF 75 - Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments	Repeals gun free zones; provides for the carrying of concealed weapons in the following locations: any public school, college, or professional athletic event; any public elementary or secondary school facility; any public college or university; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition.	Senator(s) Bouchard, Agar, Bebout, Biteman, Boner, Case, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinskey and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Blackburn, Brown, Burkhardt, Clausen, Clem, Edwards, Gray, Hunt, Jennings, Laursen, Lindholm, Loucks, Miller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Pownall, Salazar, Stith, Styvar, Tass, Washut, Western and Winter	Oppose	Died in Senate Judiciary 1/23. WACCT testified against it.	
SF 91 - Common college application	requiring the community college commission to create a common admission application system and application process	Senator(s) Wasserburger and Kost and Representative(s) Harshman and Sommers	Monitor	The bill was withdrawn by the sponsor	
SF 103 - State capital construction	Expands the duties of the School Facilities Select Committee to include other state capital construction and renames the Committee to the Select Committee on State Capital Construction	Senator(s) Perkins, Hicks, Landen, Moniz and Schuler and Representative(s) Kirkbride, Nicholas, Obermueller, Stith, Sweeney and Walters	Monitor	S 3rd Reading: Passed 26-2-2-0-0	
SF 109 - Educational attainment executive council	Continues the work of the educational attainment executive council, created by executive order 2018 4. The council has 15 members.	Senator(s) Wasserburger	Support	Passed the Senate and will be heard in House Ed on 2/11	

SF111 - Community colleges-bachelor of applied science programs	Authorizes academic programs at the community colleges; providing for community college commission approval of the baccalaureate degree programs.	Senator(s) Nethercott, Agar, Anselmi-Dalton, Bebout, Biteman, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, James, Kinskey, Landen, Pappas, Perkins, Schuler and Wasserburger and Representative(s) Blake, Brown, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clem, Eklund, Eyre, Gray, Harshman, Henderson, Kirkbride, Lindholm, Loucks, MacGuire, Miller, Newsome, Northrup, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Piiparinen, Pownall, Salazar, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Walters, Western and Zwonitzer	Support	Passed the Senate - waiting to get out of the speaker's drawer.	
SF 162 - State Funded Capital Construction	Appropriates dollars for state-funded capital construction (community colleges)	Joint Appropriations Committee	Monitor /Support	failed 3rd reading in the Senate 30-0.	
SJR 5 - Homeowners bill of rights	amend the Wyoming Constitution to require voter approval before any mill levy, property tax assessment percentage, tax on real estate transactions or tax on real estate services can be imposed or increased.	Senator(s) Bouchard, Biteman, Boner and James and Representative(s) Duncan, Henderson and Miller	Monitor	Postponed indefinitely	