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## WEEK SEVEN LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY FEBRUARY 24, 2019

The legislature winds down with only a few more days to complete the work of the 2019 General Session. The schedule suggests that they are due to adjourn by midnight on Wednesday, February 26th. Leadership reserved five days for the opening of the restored capitol building in July, and a possible special session. Stay tuned.

Committees are meeting to discuss joint interim topics – but Management Council is not due to meet until after the legislative session (perhaps in March) to make topic assignments. With the emphasis on workforce development and education attainment this session, one might expect those issues to carry through to the interim in several committees. HB 58 – Wyoming Investment in Nursing – was signed last week! The bill originally set out to extend the sunset date on the student grants side of the program, but the sunset date was removed completely.

### BILLS OF INTEREST THIS WEEK

- [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. **The bill passed the House and was amended in the Senate to delay the implementation date in HEA 47 to 2020. The appropriation was also reduced in Senate Appropriations. This is work the Education Attainment Council can continue.**
- [HE 263 - Postsecondary education - Authorizing a pilot project to allow students attending community colleges to receive baccalaureate degrees conferred by the University. It also has several conditions for the pilot – programs must focus on health sciences and CWC shall offer an education program, among others. The substitute bill passed the House but failed in the Senate.](#)
- [HB 310 – Wyoming’s Tomorrow](#) – The bill provides 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; creates a task force; outlines parameters for the study and the program; and creates an endowment fund. **The bill passed the House with a narrow margin and should be heard on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate. The bill was amended to make the study as part of the Joint Education Committee work next interim.**
- [SF 111 - 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. **The bill passed the Senate 28-2 and still carries strong momentum from the business community. It will be heard on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in the House on 2/25. There are several amendments, and the sponsors are working to keep the bill clean with no amendments from the House.**
- [SF 122 – Wyoming Works](#) - Provides for grants for students and funding for community college technical programs approved to meet labor and economic development needs. **The bill passed the Senate 28-0-2. It enjoys support from a wide coalition of industry associations and will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 2/25. The bill initially failed on COW on Friday, which got the attention of the Governor’s office. Through efforts from the Governor’s office, the Community Colleges and industry, the bill was revived and will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 2/25.**
- [SF 162 State Funded Capital Construction](#) - Appropriates dollars for state-funded capital construction (community colleges) – **The bill was resurrected in the Senate and is moving through the House. The Community College projects are still intact as originally working through the SBC process and supported by the JAC.**