



**Legislative Briefing**  
**2022 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature**

red=dead bill

green = passed both  
houses

| Bill # & Title   | Description   | Sponsors  | Position       | Latest Action             | Notes   |
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| <b>House Bills</b>   |   |   |                |                           |   |
| <a href="#">HB1</a>  | General appropriations bill.  | Joint Appropriations Committee  | <b>Support</b> |                           | CC's have \$ for employee compensation, \$27M for WIP, including a position in the Gov's office, mirror amendments for \$7.5M to state aid. |
| <a href="#">HB26 - Dual public employment and office holding</a> | No person may shall hold an elective public office in any governmental entity which either provides any funding for or receives any funding from another any governmental entity in which that person is employed or holds elected public office. | Representative(s) Fortner, Ottman and Rodriguez-Williams and Senator(s) Bouchard, French, James and McKeown |                | <b>Was not considered</b> |   |
| <a href="#">HB 28 - Hathaway Scholarship Lump Sum</a>            | Offered a lump sum payment for the Hathaway awardees that they could hold on to for a certain amount of time.   | Joint Education   |                |                           |   |

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| <a href="#"><u>HB29 - Hathaway Scholarship Amendments</u></a>         | Creates pool A investment acct to invest monies from the Hathaway scholarship expenditure acct in equities; modifies "satisfactory academic progress" to mean 50% of semester hours attempted per semester; & redefines Hathaway opportunity, performance and honor scholarship amounts, as well as amounts for unmet financial need. Effective July, 2022.  | Joint Education  | Support | Died on 3rd reading in the Senate |   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 31 - Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program</u></a> | Creates an endowment whereas the interest would be used to support grants for adult learners in Wyoming.   | Joint Education  | Support | Governor Signed on March 11       | This bill is supported by a broad list of industry associations. See WACCT support materials on website. <b>Funded at \$10M</b> |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 32 - Vaccine Requirements, Limitations</u></a>      | Requires gov. entity or public employee (including CCs) to provide reasonable accommodation to publicly funded services regardless of immunization status unless doing so would create undue hardship or threat; violations result in misdemeanor; and prohibits employers from requiring employees to be immunized unless based on fed. law or rule or can demonstrate undue hardship or threat. Effective immediately. | Joint Labor Committee                                  | Watch   | Failed in Labor Committee 4-5     |   |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 50 - BOCES as local education agencies</u></a>      | authorizing a board of 2 cooperative educational services to act as a local 3 education agency for the purpose of applying for and 4 receiving state and federal grants  | Representative(s)<br>Sommers and Senator(s)<br>Schuler |         | Failed                            |   |

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| <a href="#">HB 67 - Connect Wyoming program- funding and</a>           | appropriating federal funds for the Connect Wyoming program for broadband development in Wyoming   | Blockchain  |  | <b>House did not consider</b> |   |
| <a href="#">HB 68 - Broadband and telehealth access projects</a>       | appropriating federal funds for broadband access projects and telehealth access projects   | Blockchain  |  | <b>House did not consider</b> | \$2M to the Wyoming Department of Health and \$7M to the Wyoming Business Council |
| <a href="#">HB 69 - Broadband development- amendments and programs</a> | authorizing the use of broadband development subaccount funds as matching grant funds  | Blockchain  |  |                               |   |
| <a href="#">HB 75 - Bond elections</a>                                 | requiring that bond elections only be held during general elections  | Representative(s) Styvar, Bear, Greear, Jennings,   |  | <b>Was not considered</b>     |   |
| <a href="#">HB 78 - Bid rejection or denial for public works</a>       | amending requirements for letting contracts for public works; requiring a written response for procurement decisions as specified  | Joint Appropriations Committee  |  | <b>Failed in Senate COW</b>   |   |
| <a href="#">HB 92 - Abortion prohibition- supreme court decision</a>   | No state funds to pay for abortions.   | Representative(s) Rodriguez-Williams, Bear, Flitner, Gray, Haroldson, Jennings, Neiman and Styvar and Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, French, Hicks, Hutchings and Salazar |  | <b>Passed</b>                 |   |
| <a href="#">HB 95 - State retirement plans- ad hoc payment</a>         | providing for a single, additional, noncumulative benefit payment under the Wyoming Retirement Act, the Wyoming State Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Warden and Criminal Investigator Retirement Act and the Firemen's Pension Account Reform Act of 1981 | Representative(s) Harshman, Henderson, Olsen, Schwartz and Sweeney  |  | <b>Was not considered</b>     |   |

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| <a href="#"><u>HB 118 - Prohibiting mask discrimination for COVID-19</u></a> | prohibiting discrimination based on the use or non-use of facial coverings for the purpose of preventing COVID-19 as specified                       | Representative(s) Hallinan, Baker, Fortner, Gray, Haroldson and Jennings and Senator(s) Biteman  |  | <b>Was not considered</b>  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 121 - Ban on COVID 19 passports</u></a>                    | prohibiting discrimination based on COVID-19 vaccination status  | Representative(s) Gray, Bear, Haroldson, Heiner, Jennings and Styvar and Senator(s) French, Hutchings, McKeown and Salazar               |  | <b>Was not considered</b>  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 122 - Proportional vacancy nominations.</u></a>            | providing for proportional voting by state central committee members when nominating persons to fill the remaining term in specified elected offices | Representative(s) Barlow, Brown, Eyre, Harshman, Larsen and MacGuire and Senator(s) Landen, Pappas and Wasserburger                      |  | <b>Was not considered</b>  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 133 - 2nd Amendment Preservation Act</u></a>               | prohibiting the enforcement of unconstitutional federal actions that infringe upon law abiding citizens' right to bear arms                          | Representative(s) Wharff, Baker, Burt, Fortner, Hallinan, Heiner and Laursen and Senator(s) Bouchard, French, James, McKeown and Salazar |  | <b>Failed Introduction</b> |  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 129 - Cosmetology examination amendments</u></a>           | removing a requirement that examinations for cosmetology and related licensure be conducted by the state board of cosmetology                        | Representative(s) Zwonitzer and Senator(s) Pappas  |  | <b>Was not considered</b>  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>HB 130 - Attracting and keeping Wyoming's best</u></a>        | providing for ongoing salary adjustments for public employees  | Representative(s) Henderson, Olsen and Yin   |  | <b>Was not considered</b>  |  |

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| <a href="#">HB 138 - Wyoming Hope Scholarship Program</a>         | creating the Hope scholarship program; providing eligibility requirements;   | Representative(s) Laursen, Andrew, Bear, Blackburn, Fortner, Hallinan, Haroldson, Heiner, Jennings, Neiman and Ottman and Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, French, Kinskey, Kolb and McKeown |                | <b>Was not considered</b>   |  |
| <a href="#">HB 142 - Vacancies in elected office.</a>             | amending procedures for filling vacancies in specified federal and state offices   | Representative(s) Harshman and Schwartz and Senator(s) Driskill  |                | <b>Failed</b>               |  |
| <a href="#">HB 143 - Wyoming medical cannabis</a>                 | Created the needed pathway for medical marijuana   | Representative(s) Burt, Baker, Banks, Barlow, Henderson, LeBeau, Olsen, Provenza, Sweeney and Wharff and Senator(s) Case   |                | <b>Failed</b>               |  |
| <a href="#">HB 146 - General government reports</a>               | Requires metrics to be assigned and then evaluated for public projects like the WIP.   | House Appropriations Committee   |                | <b>Passed</b>               |  |
| <a href="#">HB 147 - Cash based budget development</a>            | provides that recommended appropriations in the state budget shall be limited to specified prior revenues and adjusts other revenue streams and requires reporting | Representative(s) Barlow, Gray, Harshman and Olsen and Senator(s) Case, Driskill and Hicks   |                | <b>Died</b>                 |  |
| <b>Senate Bills</b>   |  |  |                |                             |  |
| <a href="#">SF 30 - Wyoming Community College Investment Fund</a> | Creates an endowment account where the interest earned would flow to the WCCC for distribution to the state aid for community colleges.                            | Joint Education Committee  | <b>Support</b> | <b>Died on introduction</b> |  |

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| <a href="#"><u>SF 43 - Community College District Elections</u></a>                        | Amends the date of the first regular election of a community college board to the date of the second succeeding general election following election establishing new community college district and initial board; initial 4 bd members with highest votes will serve 4 yrs and next 3 will serve 2 yrs.; all terms after that will be for 4 yrs.  | Senator(s) Wasserburger and Driskill and Representative(s) Barlow and Harshman   | <b>Support</b> | <b>Signed by the Governor March 11</b> |   |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 44 - Severance Tax Distribution - Roads and Education</u></a>            | For FY 2023 and thereafter, this bill would divert the additional one percent severance tax from the PWTM and CSPLF, and deposit seventy percent to the Highway Fund and thirty percent to a separate account that is continuously appropriated for and may be expended by the Community College Commission in accordance with and in addition to appropriations available under W.S. 21-18- 205(c). It would amount to approximately \$26M-\$24M annually for the community colleges. | Joint Transportation Committee   | <b>Support</b> | <b>Died on introduction</b>            |   |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 49 - Repeal of specified state boards and commissions</u></a>            | repealing the palliative care advisory council, the governor's food safety council, the division advisory committees on underground water, the health benefits plan committee, the state employee compensation commission and the Wyoming public television council  | Management Audit Committee   |                | <b>Passed</b>                          |   |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 50 - Government waste, fraud, abuse and whistleblower protection</u></a> | Establishes a reporting system for governmental waste, fraud, and abuse. Defines consequences and amends provisions governing employee protections.  | Senator(s) James, Biteman, Bouchard, French, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Fortner, Laursen and Rodriguez-Williams |                | <b>Passed the Senate</b>               | Was amended in the Senate to take the punitive portion out. |

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| <a href="#"><u>SF 51 - Fairness in Women's Sports Act</u></a>                          | Prohibits biological males from athletic teams and sports designated for females in public schools                          | Senator(s) Schuler, French, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Gray, Haroldson and Jennings  |                | <b>Passed the Senate</b>                               |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 66 - American rescue plan act recovery funds appropriations</u></a>  | Appropriates \$6.427 for the Wyoming Investment in Nursing Program to the WCCC and funding for Wyoming Works                | Joint Appropriations Committee  | <b>Support</b> | <b>Passed</b>  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 67 - State Funded Capital Construction</u></a>                       | Community College projects for CWC, NWCCD, WWCC, and NWC  | Joint Appropriations Committee  | <b>Support</b> | <b>Passed both Houses</b>                              |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 87 - 2nd Amendment preservation act</u></a>                          | prohibiting the enforcement of unconstitutional federal actions that infringe upon law abiding citizens' right to bear arms | Senator(s) Bouchard, Biteman, French, James, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Baker, Burt, Fortner, Hallinan, Heiner, Laursen and Wharff |                | <b>Failed introduction</b>                             |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF88 - COVID and mRNA vaccine status-privacy and discrimination</u></a> | prohibiting discrimination based on a person's COVID-19 or messenger RNA vaccination status                                 | Senator(s) Bouchard, Biteman, French, James, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Baker, Burt, Fortner, Hallinan, Heiner, Laursen and Wharff |                |  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF98 - Federal emergency COVID-19 relief funding-limitations</u></a>    | Limited expenditure of ARPA funds from the Gov's office.  | Joint Appropriations Committee  |                | <b>Vetoed by the Gov and overridden by both houses</b> |  |

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| <a href="#"><u>SF 101 - Epinephrine and naloxone administration authority</u></a> | amending and renaming the Emergency Administration of Opiate Antagonist Act; clarifying that the Act applies to the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges  | Senator(s) Rothfuss and Representative(s) LeBeau  |  | Passed                                       |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 102 - Second Amendment Protection Act</u></a>                   | This state and all political subdivisions of this state are prohibited from using any personnel or funds appropriated by the legislature of the state of Wyoming or any other source of funds that originated within the state of Wyoming to enforce, administer or cooperate with any act, law, treaty, judicial or executive order, rule or regulation of the United States government that infringes on or impedes the free exercise of individual rights guaranteed under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States | Senator(s) Hicks, Cooper, Dockstader, Driskill, Kinskey, Kolb, Kost, Nethercott and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Burkhart, Greear, Haroldson, Jennings, Olsen and Styvar |  | Passed                                       |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 112 - General government reports-2</u></a>                      | Requires metrics to be assigned and then evaluated for public projects like the WIP.  | Joint Appropriations Committee  |  | Passed the Senate and heads to House Approps |  |
| <a href="#"><u>SF 114 - Employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates and exemptions</u></a> | Modeled after the FL law.   | Employer COVID-19 vaccine mandates and exemptions   |  |  |  |