



Legislative Briefing
2023 Wyoming Legislative Session

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| Bill # & Title | Description | Sponsors | Position | Latest Action | Notes |
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| House Bills | | | | | |
| HB 1 - Budget bill | Supplemental Budget Bill - | Joint Appropriations Committee | | 3rd reading on 2/3 | \$40M to fully fund Wyoming's Tomorrow, WCCC cap con software, employee compensation still included |
| HB 28 - Community College capital construction | Increases the WCCC threshold for capitol construction projects that require approval from \$100,000 to \$250,000 | Joint Education | Support | Passed the House. Referred to Senate Ed. | \$500,000 reduced to \$250,000 but effective immediately |
| HB 29 - Community College funding - distance education credit hours | Eliminates the current FTE weighted equivalency for distance education from .8 to "what is determined by the content of the course." | Joint Education | Support | Passed the House. Referred to Senate Ed. | Detailed talking points provided for members and on WACCT website. |
| HB 30 - Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program | Funds the scholarship program at \$90M from the LSRA into the endowment account and \$15M from the LSRA into the expenditure account (therefore scholarships may be issues immediately) | Joint Education | Support | Passed COW on 1/27 | \$60M for WT endowment, \$5M to WT expenditure fund, \$10M for WW programmatic account, \$5M WW scholarship, aligned with HB 109 fiscally |
| HB 31 - BOCES as local education amendments | Allows BOCES to act as a local education agency for the purpose of applying to and receiving state and federal grants. | Joint Education | | passed the House | amended to include community college districts |

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| HB 32 - Education mill levy amendments | Authorizes mill levy authority for school districts (up to 2.5 mills) and community colleges (up to 2.5 mills) for 2 years to pay for maintaining programs offered by BOCES. | Joint Education | | passed House Ed Committee and is on COW in the House | This bill was heavily discussed in House Ed, however remains very complicated and is not understood well. |
| HB 33 - School finance-career technical education grants. | Establishes competitive grants for public schools to purchase career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment | Joint Education | | Passed the House | |
| HB 54 - Homestead exemption | Exempts the first \$100,000 of fair market value of residential real property used as a primary residence. | Rep. Sommers and Senator Baldwin | | House Revenue | |
| HB 66 - Prohibiting mask, vaccine and testing discrimination. | Prohibits discrimination and publishing or advertising based on a person's vaccination, face covering or medical testing status as specified; provides for criminal penalty. | Representative(s) Ward, Allemand, Angelos, Banks, Haroldson, Hornok, Knapp, Locke, Ottman, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Slagle, Smith, Strock, Styvar and Winter and Senator(s) Hutchings and Salazar | Monitor | Failed on 3rd reading in the House. | Would impact student athletics, dorms, health programs, etc. Criminal penalties amended back into the bill on 2nd reading. |
| HB 71 - sales tax holiday back to school | sales and use tax holiday for back to school clothing, computers, computer hardware, etc. | Andrew, Olsen and Styvar and Senator(s) Salazar and Schuler | | Failed COW | |
| HB 89 - state investment returns - adequate reserve funding | Increases amounts in permanent fund reserve accounts for the purpose of growing longer-term, historically higher-yielding "total returns." Impacts the Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Account, the Hathaway, the PMTF and the Common School Land Fund. | Joint Committee on Capital Finance and Investment | | House general file | Fiscal Note |
| HB 98 - Property tax - homeowner's exemption | Establishes a homeowner's exemption for primary residences up to \$50,000 and not to exceed 25% of the fair market value. | Joint Revenue | | House Revenue | Fiscal Note |
| HB 99 - Property Tax Refund Program | Amends the qualifications of the property tax refund program | Joint Revenue | | Passed the House | Fiscal Note |

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| HB 100 - Acquisition value study | Requires a study on the changes necessary to convert the property tax system to a system based on the acquisition value of property | Jennings, Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Davis, Heiner, Knapp, Locke, Niemiec, Pendergraft, Penn, Slagle, Strock and Styvar and Senator(s) | | Passed 2nd reading in the House | Fiscal Note |
| HB 105 - Repeal gun free zones | repealing gun free zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; creating a criminal offense for prohibiting entry to a person carrying a concealed weapon as specified; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition; providing for an exception | Representative(s) Haroldson, Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Jennings, Knapp, Locke, Niemiec, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith, Strock, Tarver, Ward and Winter and Senator(s) Biteman, Case, Hutchings, Laursen, D | Oppose | House Approps next week | Includes K12 - WACCT will provide talking points when the bill gets rolling |
| HB 109 - Wyoming works for tomorrow | Appropriates \$75M from the LSRA to WT, \$5M into the WT expenditure account, allows \$5M in matching funds from business or nonprofit, \$15M for Wyoming Works programmatic and \$5M for WW grants | Representative(s) Sommers, Berger, Brown and Northrup and Senator(s) Landen | Support | House general file | As amended appropriates \$40M from the LSRA to WT, \$5M into the WT expenditure account, allows \$5M in matching funds from business or nonprofit, \$10M for Wyoming Works programmatic and \$5M for WW grants. The bill has some structural elements that HB 30 does not. |
| HB 115 - Elections administration | Changes the supervision of elections from the SOS to a "state canvassing board" made up of Governor, SOS, Auditor, treasurer and one appointed member. | Reps. Chestek, Zwonitzer & Senator Rothfuss | | Did not consider | |

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| HB 121 - Property tax deferral program - amendments | allows persons with "limited income" or a disabled veteran to defer property taxes | Representative(s) Lawley, Harshman, Sommers and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Case, Cooper, Rothfuss and Steinmetz | | house received for introduction | |
| HB 136 - capital construction amendments | works to provide foundational definitions for capital renewal type projects | Representative(s) Larsen, L, Walters and Wylie and Senator(s) Gierau | | House general file | |
| HB 143 - Health mandates - CDC WHO jurisdiction in Wyoming | States that Wyoming is not subject to the jurisdiction of the CDC and WHO and their mandates, etc. have no effect. | Allemand, Haroldson, Jennings, Locke, Pendergraft, Slagle and Strock and Senator(s) Hutchings and Ide | | House Labor | |
| HB 151 - Property tax exemption - child care facilities | Exempts property of a governmental entity or a nonprofit corporation used for child care facilities from property taxes. | Allred, Andrew, Berger, Byron, Penn, Singh, Storer and Wylie and Senator(s) Brennan, Dockstader and Laursen, | | Passed House Education, on general file | |
| HB 167 - Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment program | Appropriates \$500,000 to the WCCC for the loan program and amends the data reporting for the WCCC. | Henderson, Berger, Brown, Niemiec, Northrup, Zwonitzer, Dn and Zwonitzer, Dv and Senator(s) Baldwin, Brennan, Pappas and | | Passed House Education, on general file | |
| HB 169 - K-12 post secondary education options | Requires that school district boards of trustees in conjunction with UW and the CC's boards of trustees make post secondary education available for HS students grades 9-12. | Harshman, Andrew, Berger, Clouston, Lawley and Provenza and Senator(s) Ellis | | received for introduction | |
| HB 170 - public funds - reserves and spending policy | Prescribes the calculation of the average market value of the WT endowment fund by allowing more funds to remain in the expenditure account before being transferred back to the endowment. \$15M to the expenditure account and \$90M to the endowment at the end of the fiscal year. | Representative(s) Harshman, Larsen, L, Nicholas, Northrup and Sommers and Senator(s) Barlow and Rothfuss | Support | House Travel Committee | |

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| HB 179 - medical care for Wyoming communities | modifying Wyoming medical education provisions; requiring increased emphasis in higher education medical programs on health care in rural settings in Wyoming; providing for reports and legislative oversight | Harshman, Chadwick, Clouston, O'Hearn, Trujillo and Yin and Senator(s) Barlow and Hutchings | | House general file | |
| HB 187 - student eligibility in interscholastic activities - 2 | prevents students who are male at birth from competing in female sports. | Representative(s) Crago, Northrup, Oakley, Stith and Western and Senator(s) Schuler | | Did not consider | |
| HB 195 ARPA | Makes appropriations and adjustments to prior appropriations from ARPA funds. | Joint Appropriations Committee | Support | Passed COW | Wyoming Investment in Nursing Program dollars are reduced by \$6.4M - \$10M appropriated for workforce programs - need to make sure amendment fixes this. |
| HB 215 - property tax exemptions - elderly and veterans | adds new property tax exemption for primary residence of elderly persons and veterans | Reps. Allemand, Andrew, Bear | | House Revenue | |
| HB 227 - Veterans' property tax exemption - amendments | Increases veterans exemption limit from \$3000 to \$6000 | Reps. Newsome, Northrup, Sherwood & Sen. Barlow | | House Revenue | |
| HB 244 - Property tax refund program - rental properties | Revises the Property Tax Refund Program for rental properties | Clouston, Jennings, Zwonitzer Dn. & Sen. Cooper | | House Revenue | |
| HB 256 - Property tax holiday | reduces property tax rates for 2023: reduces property tax due on minerals production each month by 16.67%; reduces industrial by 16.67% and all other property by 33.33% | Reps. Locke, Allemand, Haroldson, Jennings, Styvar, Ward | | House Revenue | |

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| HB 286 - ETS consolidation | moves the Department of Enterprise Technology Services under the Department of Administration and Information | Rep. Nicholas | | passed House minerals | This bill is more about allowing the CIO to focus on the duties of the agency than administration. |
| HJ 1 - Residential Property taxation amendment | creates a subclass for residential property and caps the level of increase. | Joint Revenue | | Headed to House Revenue | |
| HJ 2 - Constitutional amendment - residential property class | Adds residential real property as a separate property class | Reps. Sommers, Crago, Harshman and Northrup & Senator Pappas | | Headed to House Revenue | |
| HJ 4 - Residential property tax cap - amendment | proposes an amendment to the Wyoming constitution that would allow residential real property to be valued at less than full value. | Representative(s) Locke, Allemand, Banks, Davis, Jennings, Styvar and Ward and Senator(s) Laursen, D and Salazar | | House Revenue | |
| HJ 10 - political expenditures 2 | A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to propose a constitutional amendment identifying the source of political contributions as specified. | Representative(s) Chestek and Zwonitzer, Dn | | House Corp | would impact trustee elections |
| Senate Bills | | | | | |
| SF 46 - Community College funding - inflation adjustment | Authorizes the WCCC to make an exception budget request for an external cost adjustment to account for inflation to the standard budget for state aid every 2 years. | Joint Education | | Died in Senate Education on 1/18 | Vote - Aye - Scott and Rothfuss: No - Biteman, Steinmetz and Brennan |
| SF 70 - back to school holiday | similar to HB 71 | Senators Boner and Dockstader & Rep. Olsen | | Senate Revenue | |

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| SF 71 - State loan and bond programs | decreasing maximum limits for loan amounts and amending terms, rates and conditions for farm loans, infrastructure project loans and street and road project loans; striking provisions related to the investment of permanent funds in community college district bonds; prohibiting new state loan and investment board loans under the Wyoming Joint Powers Act and student dormitory loans as specified; repealing the limit on funds available for beginning agriculture producer farm loans | Joint Appropriations Committee | | Passed the Senate | |
| SF 77 - Public works apprenticeship programs - repeal | Repeals statutes authorizing the use of apprenticeship programs on public works projects; repeals bid preferences for contractors who utilize the apprenticeship program; repeals reporting requirements | Joint Minerals Committee | | Passed the Senate | |
| SF 78 - Apprenticeship and job training promotion in schools. | Among other things, requires the department of workforce services to provide information to secondary students in Wyoming on apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs | Joint Minerals Committee | | Passed the Senate | |
| SF 81 - Monthly ad valorem tax revisions | clarifying the calculation of the payment amount for mineral production; clarifying distribution of monthly ad valorem payments received by the county treasurer | Dockstader and Driskill and Representative(s) Burkhardt, Crago, Harshman and Zwonitzer, Dn | | Senate Revenue | The county assessors and treasurers have concerns with this bill. |
| SF 90 - Wyoming property tax relief authority | Creates the Wyoming Property Tax Relief Authority to facilitate and provide loans for Wyoming homeowners in need of assistance with paying increased property taxes. | Sen. Case & Rep. Harshman | | Senate general file | |

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| SF 104 - property tax mill levy adjustment | Limits increases to levy of mills for schools and other functions if revenues would exceed statewide revenues from prior year. | Senator(s) Steinmetz, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Driskill, Gierau, Kinskey, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Bear, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Ward | Monitor | Senate Revenue | Would impact the colleges. |
| SF 110 - personal property tax - exemption | provides a property tax exemption for tangible personal property | Biteman, French, Hutchings, Ide, Laursen, D and Salazar and Representative(s) Neiman | Oppose | passed COW | Could have significant impacts to the CC's. Working on fiscal impact |
| SF 114 - constitutional instruction and examination requirements | mandates one year of instruction on the essentials of the US Constitution, bill of rights, etc. for any higher education degree, certificate program for which the coursework requires one year or more of full time study | Senator(s) Laursen, D, Biteman, French, Ide, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Davis, Haroldson, Heiner, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith and Zwonitzer, Dn | | Failed on 3rd reading in the Senate | |
| SF 125 - Property tax- limiting the maximum taxable value increase. | Under this bill, the assessed value of any property (real and personal) in the “all other” property class could not increase in any one year by more than five percent from the assessed value of the property determined in the prior year. This limit would not apply to any assessed value increase attributable to changes, additions, reductions or improvements to the property made in the prior year. | Senator(s) Salazar, Biteman, French, Ide and McKeown and Representative(s) Ottman and Pendergraft | | Senate General file | The Wyoming County Commissioners Assn. and many other industry associations oppose this bill. Might have constitutional concerns. |
| SF 126 - Barbering and cosmetology practice amendments. | provides exemptions from the Wyoming Cosmetology Act and from barber licensing requirements | and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Andrew, Oakley and Singh | Monitor | laid back in Senate Ag - will likely become an interim topic | Important for EWC and CWC. The WCCC and WACCT testified with concerns. |

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| SF 130 - educational freedom act | taught in all schools and colleges when giving instruction in the essentials of the US constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming. | Ide, McKeown and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Heiner, Ottman, Trujillo | Monitor | Passed the Senate | |
| SF 135 - Repeal gun free zones - government buildings and meetings | Repeals gun-free zones for government and legislative meetings for persons lawfully carrying concealed weapons. | Senator(s) Bitchman, French, Ide, Laursen, D, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Allemand, Hornok, Pendergraft, Trujillo and | Oppose | Passed Senate Regenue on 2/2 by 4/1 | WACCT and President Tribley testified with concerns. |
| SF 136 - property tax relive rate assessment reduction | Reduced the assessment rate for the "all other" category from 9.5% to 7.5% | Senator(s) Bitchman, Ide, Kinskey, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Byron and Jennings | Oppose | Passed the Senate | Has great momentum. WACCT Action Alert to all trustees. \$9M impact to the CC's over the course of the three years in the bill. Working the budget bill for backfill. |
| SJ 3 - property tax exemption for the elderly and infirm | amends the Wyoming constitution to allow the Leg to provide a property tax exemption to help preserve home ownership for the elderly and infirmed who are poor. | Senator Dockstader & Reps. Allred and Byron | | passed the Senate | |
| SJ 12 - Constitutional amendment - property tax valuation | residential property a separate class based on the FMV as of January 1, 2019, allowing for inflation adjustments. | Senator Dockstader & Rep. Allred | | Failed in Senate Revenue | |