



Legislative Briefing  
2023 Wyoming Legislative Session

red=dead bill

green = passed both houses

Bill # & Title	Description	Sponsors	Position	Latest Action	Notes
<b>House Bills</b>					
<a href="#">HB 1 - Budget bill</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>W</del> WCCC \$369,172 exception budget request for <b>cap con software</b> – pg. 35</li> <li>• <del>W</del> Wyoming’s Tomorrow endowment appropriation \$20M – pg. 56                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>E</del> Enterprise inflation \$693,000 (Gov’s original recommendation for the CC’s) + \$3.5M one time – pg. 65-66 - <i>Gov Veto</i> reduced to \$500,000 and extended to ongoing - leg override= <b>\$1.193M one time for the CCs</b></li> <li>• <del>E</del> Employee compensation - \$6.5M, biennial, totaling \$13M – pg. 66</li> <li>• <del>H</del> Higher Education Scholarship - \$1.25M - pg. 69-70</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Joint Appropriations Committee		passed both houses, vetoed by the Gov, both chambers override - budget final	
<a href="#">HB 28 - Community College capital construction</a>	Increases the WCCC threshold for capitol construction projects that require approval from \$100,000 to \$250,000	Joint Education	<b>Support</b>	Passed Both Houses - bill signing requested	\$500,000 reduced to \$250,000 but effective immediately

<a href="#">HB 29 - Community College funding - distance education credit hours</a>	Eliminates the current FTE weighted equivalency for distance education from .8 to "what is determined by the content of the course."	Joint Education	<b>Support</b>	Passed Both Houses - bill signing requested	Detailed talking points provided for members and on WACCT website.
<a href="#">HB 30 - Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program</a>	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	<b>Support</b>	Passed COW on 1/27, never assigned a committee in the Senate	\$60M for WT endowment, \$5M to WT expenditure fund, \$10M for WW programmatic account, \$5M WW scholarship, aligned with HB 109 fiscally
<a href="#">HB 31 - BOCES as local education amendments</a>	Allows BOCES to act as a local education agency for the purpose of applying to and receiving state and federal grants.	Joint Education		Died on 3rd reading in the Senate	amended to include community college districts
<a href="#">HB 32 - Education mill levy amendments</a>	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 but was not considered on COW	This bill was heavily discussed in House Ed, however remains very complicated and is not understood well.
<a href="#">HB 33 - School finance-career technical education grants.</a>	Establishes competitive grants for public schools to purchase career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment	Joint Education		In conference committee	
<a href="#">HB 54 - Homestead exemption</a>	Exempts the first \$100,000 of fair market value of residential real property used as a primary residence.	Rep. Sommers and Senator Baldwin		Died in House Revenue	

<a href="#">HB 66 - Prohibiting mask, vaccine and testing discrimination.</a>	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. <b>Criminal penalties amended back into the bill on 2nd reading.</b>
<a href="#">HB 71 - sales tax holiday back to school</a>	sales and use tax holiday for back to school clothing, computers, computer hardware, etc.	Representative(s) Brown, Andrew, Olsen and Styvar and Senator(s) Salazar and Schuler		Failed COW	
<a href="#">HB 89 - state investment returns - adequate reserve funding</a>	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		Passed both houses	<a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>
<a href="#">HB 98 - Property tax homeowner's exemption</a>	Establishes a homeowner's exemption for primary residences up to \$50,000 and not to exceed 25% of the fair market value.	Joint Revenue	Monitor and watch for backfill	Passed the House, Died in Senate Revenue	<a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>
<a href="#">HB 99 - Property Tax Refund Program</a>	Amends the qualifications of the property tax refund program	Joint Revenue		Passed both houses	<a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>

<a href="#">HB 100 - Acquisition value study</a>	Requires a study on the changes necessary to convert the property tax system to a system based on the acquisition value of property	Representative(s) Jennings, Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Davis, Heiner, Knapp, Locke, Niemiec, Pendergraft, Penn, Slagle, Strock and Styvar and Senator(s) Hutchings		Passed both houses	<a href="#">Fiscal Note</a>
<a href="#">HB 105 - Repeal gun free zones</a>	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 and Steinmetz	<b>Oppose</b>	Do not pass rec. from the approps committee	Includes K12 - WACCT will provide talking points when the bill gets rolling
<a href="#">HB 109 - Wyoming works for tomorrow</a>	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	<b>Support</b>	Did not consider on COW	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. <b>The bill has some structural elements that HB 30 does not.</b>

<a href="#">HB 115 - Elections administration</a>	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	
<a href="#">HB 121 - Property tax deferral program - amendments</a>	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		passed the house, Failed in Senate Revenue	
<a href="#">HB 136 - capital construction amendments</a>	works to provide foundational definitions for capital renewal type projects	Representative(s) Larsen, L, Walters and Wylie and Senator(s) Gierau		House did not consider on COW	
<a href="#">HB 143 - Health mandates - CDC WHO jurisdiction in Wyoming</a>	States that Wyoming is not subject to the jurisdiction of the CDC and WHO and their mandates, etc. have no effect.	Representative(s) Ward, Allemand, Haroldson, Jennings, Locke, Pendergraft, Slagle and Strock and Senator(s) Hutchings and Ide		Failed 3rd reading in the House	
<a href="#">HB 151 - Property tax exemption - child care facilities</a>	Exempts property of a governmental entity or a nonprofit corporation used for child care facilities from property taxes.	Representative(s) Yin, Allred, Andrew, Berger, Byron, Penn, Singh, Storer and Wylie and Senator(s) Brennan, Dockstader and Laursen, D		Failed on COW in House	
<a href="#">HB 167 - Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment program</a>	Appropriates \$500,000 to the WCCC for the loan program and amends the data reporting for the WCCC.	Representative(s) Henderson, Berger, Brown, Niemiec, Northrup, Zwonitzer, Dn and Zwonitzer, Dv and Senator(s) Baldwin, Brennan, Pappas and Schuler		House did not consider on COW	

<a href="#">HB 169 - K-12 post secondary education options</a>	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.	Representative(s) Harshman, Andrew, Berger, Clouston, Lawley and Provenza and Senator(s) Ellis		passed the House, never assigned a committee in the Senate	
<a href="#">HB 170 - public funds - reserves and spending policy</a>	modifies the calculation of the average market value of the <b>WT endowment fund</b> 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	<b>Support</b>	House did not consider on COW	
<a href="#">HB 179 - medical care for Wyoming communities</a>	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	Representative(s) Harshman, Chadwick, Clouston, O'Hearn, Trujillo and Yin and Senator(s) Barlow and Hutchings		House did not consider on COW	
<a href="#">HB 187 - student eligibility in interscholastic activities - 2</a>	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	

<p><a href="#">HB 194 - Wyoming freedom scholarship act.</a></p>	<p>Creates an education savings account for K12</p>	<p>Representative(s) Andrew, Allemand, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Stith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Ward, Washut, Winter and Zwonitzer, Dn and Senator(s) Baldwin, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Driskill, Hutchings, Kinskey, Laursen, D, Salazar and Steinmetz</p>		<p>Failed in House Education</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 195 ARPA</a></p>	<p>Makes appropriations and adjustments to prior appropriations from ARPA funds.</p>	<p>Joint Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>in conference committee</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 215 - property tax exemptions - elderly and veterans</a></p>	<p>adds new property tax exemption for primary residence of elderly persons and veterans</p>	<p>Reps. Allemand, Andrew, Bear</p>		<p>Died in House Revenue</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 227 - Veterans' property tax exemption - amendments</a></p>	<p>Increases veterans exemption limit from \$3000 to \$6000</p>	<p>Reps. Newsome, Northrup, Sherwood &amp; Sen. Barlow</p>		<p>Died in House Revenue</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 244 - Property tax refund program - rental properties</a></p>	<p>Revises the Property Tax Refund Program for rental properties</p>	<p>Reps. Henderson, Clouston, Jennings, Zwonitzer Dn. &amp; Sen. Cooper</p>		<p>Died in House Revenue</p>	

<a href="#">HB 256 - Property tax holiday</a>	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		Died in House Revenue	
<a href="#">HB 286 - ETS consolidation</a>	moves the Department of Enterprise Technology Services under the Department of Administration and Information	Rep. Nicholas		Passed the House but failed in the Senate COW	This bill is more about allowing the CIO to focus on the duties of the agency than administration.
<a href="#">HJ 1 - Residential Property taxation amendment</a>	creates a subclass for residential property and caps the level of increase.	Joint Revenue		Died in House Revenue	
<a href="#">HJ 2 - Constitutional amendment - residential property class</a>	Adds residential real property as a separate property class	Reps. Sommers, Crago, Harshman and Northrup & Senator Pappas		Failed on 3rd reading in the House.	
<a href="#">HJ 4 - Residential property tax cap - amendment</a>	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		Failed in House Revenue	
<a href="#">HJ 10 - political expenditures 2</a>	A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to propose a constitutional amendment identifying the source of political contributions as specified.	Representative(s) Chestek and Zwonitzer, Dn		Died in House Corp	would impact trustee elections
<b>Senate Bills</b>					
<a href="#">SF 46 - Community College funding - inflation adjustment</a>	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
<a href="#">SF 70 - back to school holiday</a>	similar to HB 71	Senators Boner and Dockstader & Rep. Olsen		Died in Senate Revenue	



<a href="#">SF 71 - State loan and bond programs</a>	among other things, 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	Joint Appropriations Committee		passed both houses	
<a href="#">SF 77 - Public works apprenticeship programs - repeal</a>	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 both houses	
<a href="#">SF 78 - Apprenticeship and job training promotion in schools.</a>	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 both houses	
<a href="#">SF 81 - Monthly ad valorem tax revisions</a>	clarifying the calculation of the payment amount for mineral production; clarifying distribution of monthly ad valorem payments received by the county treasurer	Senator(s) Barlow, Dockstader and Driskill and Representative(s) Burkhardt, Crago, Harshman and Zwonitzer, Dn		Died in Senate Revenue	The county assessors and treasurers have concerns with this bill.
<a href="#">SF 90 - Wyoming property tax relief authority</a>	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 did not consider on COW	
<a href="#">SF 104 - property tax mill levy adjustment</a>	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 and Winter	<b>Monitor</b>	Died in Senate Revenue	Would impact the colleges.

<a href="#"><u>SF 110 - personal property tax - exemption</u></a>	provides a property tax exemption for tangible personal property	Senator(s) McKeown, Biteman, French, Hutchings, Ide, Laursen, D and Salazar and Representative(s) Neiman	<b>Oppose</b>	Died on 3rd reading in the Senate	Has significant impact to the colleges and other local entities. No backfill.
<a href="#"><u>SF 114 - constitutional instruction and examination requirements</u></a>	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	
<a href="#"><u>SF 125 - Property tax limiting the maximum taxable value increase.</u></a>	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 did not consider on COW	The Wyoming County Commissioners Assn. and many other industry associations oppose this bill. Might have constitutional concerns.
<a href="#"><u>SF 126 - Barbering and cosmetology practice amendments.</u></a>	provides exemptions from the Wyoming Cosmetology Act and from barber licensing requirements	Senator(s) Ide, Hutchings and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Andrew, Oakley and Singh	<b>Monitor</b>	laid back in Senate Ag - will likely become an interim topic	Important for EWC and CWC. The WCCC and WACCT testified with concerns.
<a href="#"><u>SF 130 - educational freedom act</u></a>	specifies principles of individual freedom to be taught in all schools and colleges when giving instruction in the essentials of the US constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming.	Senator(s) Hutchings, Ide, McKeown and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Heiner, Ottman, Trujillo and Ward		Passed the Senate and was not heard in House Education	

<p><a href="#">SF 133 - Student eligibility in interscholastic sports.</a></p>	<p>Prohibits male at birth from competing in K12 womens sports</p>	<p>Senator(s) Schuler, Biteman, Dockstader, French, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Allred, Berger, Crago, Haroldson, Harshman, Henderson, Jennings, Lawley, Ottman, Rodriguez-Williams, Sommers, Styvar and Trujillo</p>		<p>Passed both houses</p>	
<p><a href="#">SF 143 - Wyoming freedom scholarship act-2.</a></p>	<p>mirror to HB 194</p>	<p>Senator(s) Steinmetz, Baldwin, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Driskill, Hutchings, Kinsky, Laursen, D and Salazar and Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Heiner, Hornok, Jennings, Knapp, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Niemiec, O'Hearn, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Stith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Ward, Washut and Winter</p>		<p>Passed the Senate, and never assigned to committee in the House</p>	

<p><a href="#">SF 135 - Repeal gun free zones - government buildings and meetings</a></p>	<p>Repeals gun-free zones for government and legislative meetings for persons lawfully carrying concealed weapons.</p>	<p>Senator(s) Bouchard, Biteman, French, Ide, Laursen, D, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Allemand, Hornok, Pendergraft, Trujillo and Winter</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Senate did not consider on COW</p>	<p>WACCT and President Tribley testified with concerns.</p>
<p><a href="#">SF 136 - property tax relief rate assessment reduction</a></p>	<p>Reduced the assessment rate for the "all other" category from 9.5% to 7.5%</p>	<p>Senator(s) Biteman, Ide, Kinskey, McKeown, Salazar and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Bear, Byron and Jennings</p>	<p><b>Oppose</b></p>	<p>Passed the Senate, House did not consider in COW</p>	<p>\$9M impact to the CC's over the course of the three years in the bill. Senate budget bill has \$28M for backfill by application for all entities impacted. House Revenue passed with full backfill in the bill. WACCT testified against the bill.</p>
<p><a href="#">SF 146 - State funded capital construction</a></p>	<p>NWC Capital Renewal Request for the Orendorff Building Infrastructure, LCCC facade Project, WWCC Powerline Technology Building, EWC Douglas Campus authorization only</p>	<p>Joint Appropriations Committee</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>	<p>Passed both houses</p>	
<p><a href="#">SF 159 - Stop ESG- Eliminate economic boycott act</a></p>	<p>requiring parties to state contracts to certify that they do not engage in boycotting or discrimination as specified</p>	<p>Senator(s) Biteman, Driskill, Hutchings and Steinmetz and Representative(s) Angelos, Bear, Burkhart, Haroldson, Heiner, Jennings, Olsen, Rodriguez-Williams and Ward</p>		<p>Passed the Senate, <b>Do not pass</b> from House Approps</p>	

<p><a href="#">SF 172 - Stop ESG-State funds fiduciary duty act</a></p>	<p>specifying requirements for the hiring and retention of 3 investment managers, trustees and fiduciaries who invest 4 state funds as specified</p>	<p>Senator(s) Biteman, Bouchard, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Laursen, D, McKeown and Salazar and Representative(s) Haroldson, Jennings, Ottman, Pendergraft, Singh, Tarver and Ward</p>		<p>Passed the Senate, <b>Do not pass</b> from House Approps</p>	
<p><a href="#">SF 177 - Promoting obscenity-educational exception repeal.</a></p>	<p>repealing an educational and library exception to the offense of promoting obscenity</p>	<p>Senator(s) Steinmetz and Biteman and Representative(s) Andrew and Neiman</p>		<p>Died in Committee</p>	
<p><a href="#">SJ 3 - property tax exemption for the elderly and infirm</a></p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Senator Dockstader &amp; Reps. Allred and Byron</p>		<p>passed both houses</p>	<p>Amended in the House to create a forth tier for residential property - will go to a vote of the people.</p>
<p><a href="#">SJ 12 - Constitutional amendment - property tax valuation</a></p>	<p>residential property a separate class based on the FMV as of January 1, 2019, allowing for inflation adjustments.</p>	<p>Senator Dockstader &amp; Rep. Allred</p>		<p>Failed in Senate Revenue</p>	