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## WEEK SIX LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 20, 2023

The major news of the week is the budget being voted on by both houses. Here are a few interesting facts about this year's budget:

- It was negotiated earlier in the session than ever before and was publicly available for ten days.
- It socked more money into savings than ever before. Almost \$1.4B
- There is potentially more spending among the cumulative individual bills than the budget.
- The House passed the bill by a vote of 37-25, and the Senate by 18-13.

At this point in the session, several bills are at play, primarily property tax relief and state-funded capital construction, and the deadline to submit interim topics is Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Next Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day for bills to be reported out of Committee in the second house.

HB 28, Community college capital construction and HB 29, Community college funding-distance education credit hours were signed by Governor Gordon last week – two good bills that allow the Community Colleges to continue to change student's lives!



*Figure 1 Dr. Caldwell speaking to HB 28 and HB 29*

*Figure 2 WACCT Executive Director Taylor speaking to HB 28 & HB 29*



Figure 3 Governor Gordon signing HB 28 & HB 29

The WACCT Board meeting, WACCT Legislative Breakfast and Wyoming Community College Commission events were widely attended and brought a great deal of connection and collaboration among those who attended. Thank you to everyone who contributed. Here are a few pictures from the events.





## BILLS OF INTEREST THIS WEEK

- [SF 146 – State-funded capital Construction](#) – passed the Senate this week. The Community College projects are still intact – the bill should start moving in the House next week.

Please visit the [WACCT webpage \(Advocacy page and 2023 Resources\)](#) for the WACCT Bill Tracking, Legislative priorities, and talking points.

## KEY DEADLINES ([click here for the full schedule](#)):

- Monday, February 20 -**Legislature Will Not Convene for President’s Day** recognition
- Friday, February 28 - Last day for Bills to be reported out of Committee in the second house
- Wednesday, March 1- Last day for Third Reading in the second house
- Friday, March 3 - Adjourn

## WEEKLY ZOOM

Fridays at 10am:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84012002625?pwd=MG9UWlV4MkZKNjI6MVp0eGFOMkhEQT09>

- Meeting ID: 840 1200 2625
- Passcode: 032653
- 1-669-444-9171