
WEEK FIVE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Last week marked an important milestone for everyone working at the capital - crossover and the halfway point for the legislative session. There is light at the end of the tunnel!

Budget negotiations should start soon. The major areas of difference between the House and Senate positions include backfill for property tax relief, large energy project matching dollars, and wildfire mitigation.

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Most action last week centered on SF 69 in the House. It has been amended greatly and still have to get through third reading on 2/18. It is expected to change yet again before it passes the House. WACCT worked to put together a [Property Tax FAQ](#) resource for trustees. It provides an overview of the property tax relief options currently available to Wyoming residents, impacts of the ballot initiatives, and data, data, data. Available now on the WACCT website. Check it out.

WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

[HB 172 - Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments](#) was discussed in Senate Judiciary on Thursday. WACCT testified along with UW emphasizing the need for exemptions for disciplinary hearings, along with sporting events where alcohol is served, and childcare centers. The bill was amended in the House to allow institutions to promulgate rules for safe storage in dorms. Testimony will continue on 2/19 and the Committee will work the bill then.

Other bills that impact the colleges (for a full list, please see [WACCT's 2025 General Session Bill Tracker](#) on the website):

- **Public property and building amendments – HB 86** – passed the House and is working its way through the Senate. A \$750,000 appropriation was attempted for the 20-year study – WACCT supports
- **Tangible personal property - index and depreciation - HB 49** - passed House Revenue Committee - WACCT testified with concerns about impacts to the colleges.

WEEKLY ZOOM Remember, WACCT hosts weekly conference/Zoom calls to update you on **Fridays at 10am**.