
2026 WEEK THREE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY – MARCH 1, 2026

The week closed with the Joint Conference Committee reaching agreement on a budget that many had considered unworkable given the deeply divergent priorities between the two chambers. After meeting behind closed doors on Thursday, the committee released its compromise on Friday. Key areas of alignment include global state employee compensation, one year of funding for the Wyoming Business Council, and \$30 million restored to the University of Wyoming, with an additional \$10 million contingent on identifying \$5 million in efficiencies. For the community colleges, the agreement includes:

- \$14 million for employee compensation
- \$750,000 for a dual enrollment pilot program
- \$5 million in ongoing state aid
- \$7.5 million in ongoing CTE funding
- \$5 million for Wyoming Works (programmatic + student grants)
- \$600,000 in additional support for rodeo teams
- Removal of the \$1.5 million enrollment-adjustment cut (still confirming)

At this stage, each chamber will debate and vote on the agreement to advance it to the Governor as quickly as possible. Once received, he will have three days to issue any line-item vetoes. Given the remaining days in the session, the Legislature will still have time to override any vetoes—provided the budget reaches the Governor by the end of Monday or Tuesday.

WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

- **Property Tax Bills** – Most of the property tax bills have died with only a handful still moving. There is a version of the long-term homeowners exemption in both houses, and Senator Hicks has a version that allows a portion of the K12 mills to be forgiven. It is likely one version of the long-term homeowner bill survives.
- **Gun bills** – HB 95 and HB 96 passed Senate Judiciary Committee on Friday and will now have three readings on the floor of the Senate.
- **K12 recalibration** – SF81 passed House Education committee on Friday, which includes \$20M biennially appropriated to fund dual enrollment across the colleges and UW.
- **Ag study endowment bill** – SF 109 creates an agriculturally focused trust fund, the interest earned would be able to be used towards projects across the state, including the community colleges. While the bill passed the Senate, the House Approps committee offered a “do not pass,” but let the bill move to the floor.
- **HB 111 – State funded capital construction** – The Senate added in another \$750,000 one to one match for the CWC Jackson building, and \$16M for the Enzi building for GCCD. The bill now heads to a conference committee with the House appointing Lien, Haroldson and Pendergraft. The Seante will likely appoint members on Monday.

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