

Judiciary

Standard Budget: \$49,000.00

Priority #: 1 Justice Reform

The Committee will study and receive reports related to (1) justice reinvestment and (2) probation/parole effectiveness and efficiency.

Priority #: 2 Judicial Updates

The Committee will receive updates from the Judicial Branch, including court security, pre-trial release, suggested statutory amendments regarding the jury automation system, and confidentiality concerns regarding public access to electronic dockets.

Priority #: 3 De Facto Custody

The Committee will examine issues of de facto custody as they relate to current guardianship statutes.

Appropriations

Standard Budget: \$48,000.00

Priority #: 1 Revenue Streams and Simplification of the Budgeting Process

Conduct a comprehensive review of revenue streams and the appropriation of funds from various sources with the intent to provide recommendations to simplify the overall budget process. This review will include, but is not limited to: budget timeline; cash flows; use reserve accounts; transfers and deposits of revenues; transfers between accounts (tips); and the format of the LSO fiscal profile.

Priority #: 2 Exploration of Statewide Gaming Commission

Conduct a comprehensive study of lawful wagering and gaming in the State and examine inconsistencies between localities in the State. Review will include, but is not limited to, the management and funding of the Pari-Mutuel Commission, pull tabs and other gambling activities. The Committee may explore implementing a statewide gaming commission and review and recommended possible changes to how revenues are collected and distributed and modifying those formulas to improve and better regulate and monitor revenue streams and assess impacts and future growth issues. The Committee may consider expanding or decreasing gaming activities and state and local impacts related thereto.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Retirement System and State Treasurer's Office

Study the investment of funds by the Wyoming Retirement System (WRS) and the State Treasurer's Office, including mechanisms and policies that may increase overall rates of return to the State. The Committee may explore the potential for having the respective investment teams work collaboratively and combine efforts and responsibilities to broaden expertise and expand performance outcomes. The Committee may examine the possibility of implementing incentive compensation for internal investment managers and evaluate the benefits of expanding the investment teams by bringing expertise in house and reducing the high cost of outside investment expertise. Further, the Committee will receive a report of the actuarial study commissioned by the WRS Board. The Committee shall meet

jointly with the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments to coordinate review of committee objectives.

Priority #: 4 Provider Funding Model Joint Subcommittee

The Committee recommends the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint two legislators from the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee and two legislators from the Joint Appropriations Committee to serve on a Subcommittee. The purpose of the Subcommittee shall be to study the “Provider Funding Model” used by the Department of Health. The Committee will also develop recommendations for funding provider costs. Should this topic be approved, additional funding of \$7,000 may be required for the members to participate.

Priority #: 5 Receive Reports and Take Legislative Action

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies, as provided by law, and review additional items including:

- Receive and provide a recommendation on the K-12 external cost adjustment (ECA);
- Receive the report and recommendations from the Select Committee on Family Medicine Residency Programs;
- Continue to monitor the Wyoming State Penitentiary mitigation efforts and how they relate to major maintenance and the Department of Corrections’ budgetary needs;
- Review how the Department of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) determines the rates charged to agencies and receive further explanation from the agency on how those rates impact agency budgets. Additionally, ETS may provide a tour of its data center and in-person demonstrations to illustrate technology advancements and requirements;
- Receive reports from the Homeland Security Division in the Governor’s Office to further understand the funding, available resources and purview of the Division and its budget. This topic is primarily educational, though it may result in appropriation adjustments or proposed legislation; and
- Receive reports from the Department of Health regarding the operations of the Pioneer Home and the Wyoming Retirement Center and obtain updates on whether the State should modify or amend its statutory directives to operate these facilities, and consider transferring management, ownership, or both. This includes holding one of the JAC interim meetings in Thermopolis to provide an opportunity for the Committee to visit one, or both facilities and take public comment from impacted communities.

Revenue

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 State Fiscal Structure and Economic Diversification

The Committee will study the implications of the existing state fiscal structure and its relationship to economic diversification. This topic will include a consideration of the long term planning options for funding public education and general government services given the current state fiscal structure. The committee will additionally consider modernization and reform of the state sales tax system, including potentially revenue neutral reductions in the tax rate coupled with expansion of the tax base. The modernization and reform study will also include consideration of indexing of certain fees and taxes. The Committee will consider options for educating the public on the Committee findings generated from this topic.

Priority #: 2 Administration of Ad Valorem Tax on Mineral Production

The Committee will consider issues related to the administration and imposition of the ad valorem tax on mineral production including the following possibilities:

- A. The establishment of perpetual liens on mineral property when change of ownership occurs.
- B. The synchronization and streamlining of the payment of ad valorem and severance taxes.
- C. Other administrative changes to ease the burden on taxpayers and reduce delinquencies.

Priority #: 3 Reporting for Personal Property Tax Purpose

The Committee will consider revising statutes to create better mechanisms for reporting and tracking of personal property in Wyoming for property tax purposes. This topic will include a review of the current reporting and auditing processes and an investigation of procedures and processes employed in states comparable to Wyoming.

Priority #: 4 Debts Owed to the State

The Committee will consider options related to the creation of a centralized program for collection of debts owed to the state. This topic will include the development of recommendations for a debt collection program including the organizational structure, oversight, responsibilities, technology requirements and timing.

Priority #: 5 Funding for the Department of Tourism

The Committee will continue to consider alternate funding for the Wyoming Office of Tourism. This topic will include options for establishing a dedicated revenue source for funding the Wyoming Office of Tourism.

Priority #: 6 Local Tax Options

The Committee will review issues related to taxes and revenues at the local government level. This topic will include consideration of optional excise taxes, real estate transactions tax, modifications to the tax base and rate for sales and use taxes, and other potential options for local government taxation to be self-sustaining, to reduce or eliminate supplemental state support in the form of direct local government funding.

Priority #: 7 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

The Committee will review the possibility of requiring automobile dealers to collect motor vehicle excise taxes at the point of sale. This topic would include the consideration of issues concerning the accuracy and possible simplification of completing sales tax forms, time delays and differing local excise tax rates.

Priority #: 8 State Taxation of C Corporations

The Committee will consider the possibility of taxing C corporations. The possible outcome from this topic may entail the development a framework for taxation of large corporations with more than one hundred (100) shareholders.

Priority #: 9 Wyoming Lottery

The Committee will review the current lottery statutes and the accounting framework of the Wyoming Lottery. This topic will involve the assessment, clarification and modification of the statutes related to the Wyoming Lottery.

Priority #: 10 Statewide Stamping of Cigarettes

This topic would include a review of issues related to the statewide stamping of cigarettes including cigarettes sold on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The outcome of this topic would be legislation and agreements with Tribes establishing a uniform tax throughout Wyoming with revenue distributed appropriately to the State and the Tribes.

Education

Standard Budget: \$40,000.00

Priority #: 1 School Finance

The Committee will study and explore myriad school finance issues. Specifically, the Committee will review and make a recommendation to the Joint Appropriations Committee regarding an external cost adjustment to the K-12 education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u). Additionally, the Committee will examine the education resource block grant model's regional cost adjustment, but only for the purpose of updating the hedonic wage index. Further, the Committee will examine the funding transition within the model from a prototype school size to a small school to identify if alternative formulas could be implemented. The Committee will also review school district local revenues that may be eligible to count as a local resource under W.S. 21-13-310 that are currently not counted including local revenues in place prior to the 1997 school finance reform effort, school district cash reserves and uses, and cost efficiencies and shared services that could be achieved between school districts. The Committee's review of potential local resources shall include historic mill levies and valuation including the two pre-1997 board-approved mills. The Committee will also study and consider why Wyoming spends more per pupil than neighboring states.

The Committee will also review reports required under 2018 legislation: school district transportation (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapters 103 and 137), special education (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 137), education programs on the Wind River Indian Reservation (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134), and the National Board Certified Teacher Program (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134). Additionally, the Committee will consider the Government Efficiency Task Force's 2017 recommendations related to the Department of Education and review information from the Task Force related to school district regional service centers (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 112). The Committee will submit a report on alternative schools required by 2017 legislation (2017 Wyoming

Session Laws, Chapter 205). The Committee may consider sponsoring related legislation for each issue within this priority.

Priority #: 2 School Safety and Security

The Committee will review information from state agencies regarding community college and K-12 school building and facility security needs and assessments, school resource officer use and practices, the student and school safety call center, and school district use of local authority to arm staff. The Committee will also review school bus safety, including possible legislation on the passing of a stopped school bus.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Accountability in Education Act (WAEA)

The Committee will receive reports required by 2017 and 2018 laws regarding the WAEA and may consider sponsoring related legislation.

Priority #: 4 Review of the K-12 Education Program

The Committee will receive a report required by 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 123 regarding the changes and costs necessary to implement computer science education in Wyoming school districts. The Committee will also study the State's Common Core of Knowledge and the Common Core of Skills, the distinction between the two, and how the Knowledge and Skills are articulated through the State Board of Education's content and performance standards. The Committee will also review the statutorily required education programs outside of W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102. The Committee will also review the implementation of Wyoming high school graduation standards and the Hathaway scholarship program's success curriculum, scholarships and funding sources. If the Committee proposes any change in the Hathaway scholarship program's success curriculum for any scholarship level, the Committee will study the fiscal impact on the Hathaway scholarship's expenditure and reserve accounts.

Priority #: 5 Community Colleges

The Committee will receive reports required by 2018 laws regarding the community colleges, including a report on an electronic transcript transfer system and course equivalence and common course numbering system (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 78) and a report on the community colleges and the Wyoming unified network (2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134). The Committee may consider related legislation.

Priority #: 6 Virtual Education

The Committee will review implications of virtual education programs to school accountability metrics, including graduation rates.

Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources

Standard Budget: \$40,000.00

Priority #: 1 Landlocked State Lands

Continuing work began in the 2017 interim, the Committee intends to work with the Office of State Lands and Investments and the Wyoming Geological Survey to consider the current inventory of

landlocked state parcels located within federal lands (both surface and subsurface) and continue to evaluate the mineral resources of these parcels. The federal government currently owns approximately 26 million acres in Wyoming, or 48% of Wyoming's total surface area, and approximately 62% of the state's subsurface rights.

Priority #: 2 Water Issues in the Green River Basin

During a one-day joint meeting with the Select Water Committee, the Committee intends to study important water issues in the Green River Basin.

* - Pilot System Conservation Program & Wyoming Weather Modification Program: The Committee's intended focus is to receive updates on the progress of these programs and consider legislation to modify them as necessary.

* - State Engineer's Office: The Committee intends to receive updates from the State Engineer's Office relating to ongoing consumption in the Green River Basin, current storage projects and future project sites and demands.

* - Principles of Wyoming Water Law: The Committee also intends to examine the adequacy of current Wyoming water law in relation to interstate compacts, the allocation of compact water to Lake Powell and other issues affecting Wyoming water users and the State Engineer's Office. The Committee may also consider holding a regulatory call with stakeholders on Green River issues.

Priority #: 3 Livestock Board & State Veterinarian

Administrative rules issued by the Livestock Board in 2017 were intended to strengthen and streamline livestock importation requirements to protect Wyoming from harmful livestock diseases such as pseudorabies and brucellosis. However, after "strong public comments" regarding these rules, the Livestock Board relaxed many of the 2017 rule requirements in recent emergency rulemaking. Many stakeholders continue to have significant concerns regarding the adequacy of the Livestock Board's recent actions and the current state of animal disease prevention in Wyoming, however.

The Committee intends to study these issues and receive updates from the Livestock Board, State Veterinarian and the public to determine whether legislation is necessary to modify or replace Board rules and accompanying statutory requirements. The Committee also intends to consider whether any changes to livestock permitting and fees may be warranted.

Priority #: 4 Board of Control Adjudication Procedures

The Board of Control is statutorily charged with administering and adjudicating Wyoming's system of water rights. The Committee has received anecdotal feedback from stakeholders and constituents that the Board's current adjudication procedures are unjustifiably burdensome and do not yield timely decisions. Specifically, the Committee has been informed that a lawyer is a virtual necessity to obtain a favorable decision and that the Board's procedures could be simplified.

After receiving testimony from the Board and the public, the Committee would focus on: (1) the Board's statutory and rule-based adjudication procedures; and (2) developing legislation to streamline these procedures as necessary.

Priority #: 5 Crop Improvement

This topic consists of two discrete issues which relate to Wyoming crop production: (1) the future of the Wyoming Seed Certification Service; and (2) the creation of a malt barley commission.

* - Future of the Wyoming Seed Certification Service: The Wyoming Seed Certification Service maintains quality seed sources and conducts crop inspections. There has been recent debate amongst stakeholders about the future of the Service and whether it should continue to be associated with the University of Wyoming. The Committee would consider the current role of the Service and any necessary legislative improvements.

* - Malt Barley Commission: Neighboring states and provinces, including Idaho, Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan, have established malt barley commissions to provide marketing, research, educational services and other support to malt barley growers. A draft bill which created a malt barley commission (18LSO-392) was prepared for the 2018 Budget Session, but was not submitted for introduction. The Committee would consider this draft and examine the need for a Wyoming malt barley commission.

Priority #: 6 Feed Product Tort Liability

Farmers and ranchers often produce and sell hay, straw, grain and other feed products on the commercial market. As a result, they may be considered 'manufacturers' under Wyoming tort law and be subject to strict liability if damage is caused by their feed products—based on the same civil liability standard in which large manufacturers and retailers can be found responsible for flawed products. The Committee would consider legislation to clarify the standard of civil liability that applies to local farmers and ranchers who produce feed products for commercial sale.

Priority #: 7 Lawful Fence Standards & County Preemption

Wyoming maintains statutory standards for the construction of fences on both public and private enclosures/property. However, constituents have relayed concerns to the Committee that many existing public and private fences do not meet these statutory standards. The Committee has also learned that some counties have considered passing ordinances to impose fence standards which are more stringent than statutory standards. The Committee would study the current state of lawful fences in Wyoming, considering: (1) whether current statutory lawful fence standards are adequate; (2) strategies for ensuring compliance with statutory requirements; and (3) whether counties should be preempted from imposing lawful fence standards. 2018 SF 107 addressed the preemption issue and passed the Senate, but was not considered by the House of Representatives.

Priority #: 8 Agency Updates

The Committee would receive updates from executive branch agencies under its jurisdiction, including the Department of Agriculture and the Office of State Lands and Investments, especially regarding the implementation of legislation passed in the 2018 Budget Session.

Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Outdoor Recreation

The Committee will study and consider the recommendations of the Outdoor Recreation Task Force, including the use of resources at the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources toward outdoor recreation and funding models for the office of outdoor recreation to make the office self-sustaining.

Priority #: 2 Hunting Issues

The Committee will study high-tech hunting issues, including the use of smart weapons in hunting, the use of the internet in hunting, and the Game and Fish Commission's authority to regulate high-tech hunting methods and technology. The Committee will also review and consider sponsoring legislation regarding preference points for hunting, including an extension of time before one loses preference points, and the Board of Outfitters' authority to impose fines for violations and to limit licenses to specific areas.

Priority #: 3 Film Industry Financial Incentive

The Committee will review and consider possible legislation for a film industry financial incentive program and the benefits of bringing film-industry jobs to Wyoming and the associated promotional and economic value of an incentive program.

Priority #: 4 Inter-Agency Efficiencies

The Committee will study potential opportunities for the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, the Game and Fish Department, and the Office of Tourism to streamline efforts and improve efficiencies and communication.

Priority #: 5 Agency Reports

The Committee will receive reports, updates, and recommendations from the Game and Fish Department, the Office of Tourism, the Bicycle and Pedestrian System Task Force, and the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. The Committee will consider legislation based on the land acquisitions and de-acquisitions of the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources.

Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Public Service Commission

1. Electricity rates, regulations and policies.
2. Small water company regulation.
3. Telecommunications Act sunset date.

Priority #: 2 Insurance Department

1. NAIC accreditation issues.
2. Update statutes related to insurance.

Priority #: 3 Secretary of State & County Clerks recommendations

1. Elections, voting equipment and election code revisions.
2. Campaign finance disclosure and enforcement.
3. Recording revisions.

Priority #: 4 Public Records and Meetings

1. Enforcement and compliance of public records and meeting laws.
2. Denial of public records, fees and timeline.
3. Local government publications of records.
4. Modernization of statutes on records and recordkeeping.

Priority #: 5 Municipal Improvements and Services Funding

1. Study and evaluate options for municipalities to develop and fund local improvements and services. In conjunction with the Joint Revenue Committee's Topic #2, the Committee should consider the goal of providing options to local governments to fund improvements and services in a self-sustaining manner, to reduce or eliminate supplemental state support in the form of direct local government funding.

Priority #: 6 Title 33, Chapter 3 - Certified Public Accountants

1. Study the statutes governing the practice of certified public accountants.

Priority #: 7 LLC Statutes and Fees

1. Review the current LLC statutes and fees and compare them with Delaware and other states in the region.
2. Study impact of the block-chain statutes on LLC filing fees.

Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Veterans' Skilled Nursing Facility

Study will begin by receiving, and acting upon, two required October reports:

- Level I and Level II design and planning by the State Construction Department with assistance from the Veterans' Commission and the Department of Health (\$300,000 appropriation); and
- Joint study by the Department of Health and the Joint Labor, Health and Social Service Interim Committee.

In response to the October reports, the Committee will review whether statutory revisions and additions are needed to further develop a Veterans' Skilled Nursing Facility as recommended in the reports. The Committee will further study what is needed for the State Construction Department to complete a Level III study, to apply for United States Department of Veterans' Affairs 65% matching construction grant funds and to move forward as recommended in the reports.

Priority #: 2 Respond to Agency, Industry and Federal Actions and Reports

This Committee follows closely issues that affect the Military Department, the Department of Transportation, counties and municipalities, and industry groups. In particular, it is important for the Committee to study and respond when federal actions affect the military, interstate commerce and highways.

- The Committee intends to study the current state funding model and the federal cooperative agreements to determine if current funding levels sustain the Wyoming Military Department infrastructure to a level that will maintain deployment readiness and provide for understanding of the budgetary formula that is required to maximize federal matching funds to provide for facility maintenance.
- The Committee also aims to study relevant statutes as they relate to military matters. This list includes but is not limited to: Cheyenne National Guard Museum, veterans' services, Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy, adjutant general responsibilities, and notifying the military on criminal matters. If appropriate, following a Military Department review, the Committee may need to review occupational licensing requirements to determine if the statutes appropriately address the issues of military personnel and their spouses obtaining licenses through the various state licensing boards. Finally, the Committee seeks to address concerns raised about 2018 SF0032 regarding disseminating criminal background records to the Military Department, if this topic is not assigned to the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee.
- The Committee intends to receive reports on the 2018 Federal Infrastructure Plan regarding requirements and recommendations for funding WYDOT including Interstate 80 improvements, on the \$16.6 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for the Beartooth Highway (U.S. Highway 212) Reconstruction Project, and on other federal actions and how those actions may affect Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) planning and funding. The Committee aims to evaluate WYDOT legislative needs and federal resources that may become available.
- The Committee aims to monitor and study information provided by the trucking industry, highway wear and tear from commercial vehicles and Wyoming Highway Patrol reports including updates regarding electronic logging devices and commercial driver's licenses. The Committee will identify and offer any legislation it deems necessary.
- The Committee plans to examine vehicle registration to address Committee and county goals. One goal is to study different, perhaps more equitable for Wyoming, ways to determine the cost of a vehicle, which is used for registration fees and the depreciation schedule. One outcome the Committee seeks is a revised depreciation schedule and possibly a different method to determine the cost of a vehicle for the basis for registration fees and depreciation.

Priority #: 3 Revenue Information System Modernization and Maintenance

The Committee aims to work with WYDOT, the Department of Enterprise Technology Services, possibly the Department of Insurance and others to determine a funding strategy for the Revenue Information System (RIS) Replacement and Financing project that is expected to cost between \$40 and \$50 million and is a critical data system for Wyoming. RIS modernization shall include notification of vehicle

insurance lapse and enforcement, and it is necessary to study how to integrate all the system needs. The Committee requires study into the possibility of implementing user fees to repay a loan from the State for modernization and to continue to fund future maintenance. The Committee may need to adopt legislation to establish user fees from those who use the system or access information on the system, including vehicle insurers. WYDOT is currently engaging a third party to analyze options to move forward with deployment of the replacement for RIS. The report will be available in June 2018 to include updates of requirements and project budgets, schedules and staffing plans.

Priority #: 4 Funding for Wyoming Roads

The Committee will study and if possible propose how to extract earmarked federal mineral royalties from WYDOT's highway general fund budget without reducing funding for Wyoming roads. The Committee will ask various stakeholders to offer solutions. Discussions will include the impacts of heavy vehicles on roads and will examine the gas tax, other taxes, funding alternatives to the gas tax, such as a mileage-based road-use fee or other innovative ideas.

Minerals, Business & Economic Development

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Energy Authority and Strategy

The Committee's top priority this interim is to examine the feasibility, practicality and efficacy of creating a Wyoming energy authority that would be responsible for energy-related issues and development. The Committee will study whether the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (WIA), the Wyoming Pipeline Authority and possibly other commissions, boards or offices could be combined to create such an entity. The objective of establishing a Wyoming energy authority would be to consolidate and gain more efficiencies in the management of and responses to energy-related issues and development. The Committee will also receive a report from the WIA regarding the development of the Wyoming energy strategy, as required by Section 032, footnote 1 of the 2018 Budget Bill. This report "shall identify appropriate means to implement energy strategy initiatives, including working with other agencies, boards and commissions which shall make budget recommendations to the Governor as necessary for the agencies, boards and commissions to implement the initiatives." See Section 032, footnote 1(b). The WIA must submit to this Committee a preliminary report on the energy strategy, including initiatives and progress on implementation of the strategy, no later than October 31, 2018, with a final report due no later than October 31 of the following year.

Priority #: 2 Review of Public Purpose Investment Programs

The Committee will receive information from the Treasurer's Office and the Wyoming Business Council (WBC) regarding existing public purpose investment programs. This information will be used to identify and repeal any public purpose investment program that is not working properly or is no longer accomplishing its intended purpose. The Committee will also examine the possibility of combining and streamlining interest rates under these programs.

Priority #: 3 Final ENDOW Report and Update on 2018 ENDOW Legislation

The Committee will receive a presentation on the ENDOW Executive Council's 20-year comprehensive economic diversification strategy, due by August 1, 2018. The Committee will also receive an update on

all ENDOW legislation enacted during the 2018 Budget Session and determine whether any statutory changes are in order.

Priority #: 4 Review of Wyoming Trust Company Statutes

With the assistance of the Department of Audit's Division of Banking, the Committee intends to review Wyoming trust company statutes (Title 13, Chapter 5) to identify any needed statutory revisions and clarifications.

Priority #: 5 Review of the Environmental Quality Council

The Committee would like to review the Environmental Quality Council's (EQC) statutes and rules and regulations to educate Committee members on the EQC's role and purpose. The Committee would also like time to consider the EQC and the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) report on the efficiency and adequacy of DEQ staffing of the EQC provided pursuant to W.S. 35-11-112(d) and whether DEQ personnel could exclusively staff the EQC. This report must be submitted to the Committee by November 1, 2018, and will also be submitted to the Joint Appropriations Committee. The report will include statutory revisions for the Committee's consideration, as well as any recommendations for an annual budget for the EQC and staffing levels.

Priority #: 6 Review of Oil and Gas Taxation Rates

Pursuant to Section 303(f)(ii) of the 2018 Budget Bill, the WIA must provide a report by November 1, 2018, to this Committee on the tax burdens on oil and gas development in Wyoming. The report will also provide a comparison of Wyoming and other states' tax burdens on these resources. The Committee would use this information to consider whether to modify the state's taxation of oil and gas.

Priority #: 7 Review of the Department of Environmental Quality's Land Quality Division

The Committee wishes to review DEQ's Land Quality Division (LQD), including its governing statutes and rules and regulations, to familiarize Committee members with the work of the LQD and to identify any statutory changes that would streamline LQD services, including mine permitting.

Priority #: 8 Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage

The Committee would like to examine carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) investment opportunities. CCUS could be essential to sustaining coal's long-term use and the substantial revenues it produces for the state. CCUS could also be one of the largest job creators in Wyoming, a key goal of the ENDOW Initiative. Wyoming is well positioned to lead on CCUS because of the enhanced oil recovery potential from captured CO₂ that was incentivized by the 45Q federal tax credit. The Committee would seek to identify state regulatory and financial incentives for the deployment of CCUS technology on existing coal fleets within the state, with an emphasis on enhanced oil recovery prospects, to foster meaningful job creation and long-term stability for state revenue from coal production.

Priority #: 9 Clarification of the Lien and Assessment Process for Abating Abandoned or Nuisance Buildings to Allow Cleanup in Cities and Towns

The Committee has learned that Wyoming cities and towns are experiencing difficulties in abating abandoned or nuisance buildings due to an unclear lien and assessment process. The Committee seeks to study this issue with the assistance of the Wyoming Association of Municipalities and the WBC. The

Committee would use this review to potentially craft legislation to break down any barriers that are hampering the cleanup of nuisance and abandoned buildings to spur economic development in our cities and towns.

Priority #: 10 Reports on Air Service Improvement and Enhancement

The Committee would like to discuss the Aeronautics Commission's annual report on the Air Service Enhancement Program, which must be submitted to the Committee by September 30, 2018. See W.S. 10-3-602(c). The Committee also plans to receive and discuss the Wyoming Commercial Air Service Improvement Council's 10-year commercial air service improvement plan as well as the status report on the implementation of the plan, as required by 2018 SF 40. The plan must be submitted by August 1, 2018, while the status report is due by November 15, 2018.

Priority #: 11 Reports on Landfill Remediation, Orphan Sites and Municipal Solid Waste Facilities Cease and Transfer Projects

The Committee plans to receive DEQ's yearly reports on landfill remediation and cease and transfer projects and to sponsor legislation to implement DEQ's annual cease and transfer priority list.

Priority #: 12 Wyoming Business Council Reports

The Committee would like to discuss required reports from the WBC concerning the Business Ready Community Program, the Minerals-to-Value-Added-Products Program, the Wyoming Partnership Challenge Loan Program, the Main Street Program, the Wyoming Energy Conservation Improvement Program, the Wyoming Small Business Investment Credit Program and any other reports the WBC is required to submit to the Committee.

Labor, Health & Social Services

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

Priority #: 1 Responses to Federal Action

- Association & Short-Term Health Insurance Plans
- Monitoring Federal Legislation & Affordable Care Act Litigation
- Medicaid and Medicare issues, including: Medicaid services and reimbursement rates, including mental health provider rates; Strategies for reducing Medicaid costs to the State of Wyoming; and Medicare reimbursement rates and the potential cost-shifting effect that these rates may have on private health care provider availability and services in Wyoming.

Priority #: 2 Key Agency Concerns & Task Force Reports

- Department of Insurance: Wyoming Health Insurance Pool Sunset; Health Insurance Balance/Surprise Billing; Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (MEWA) regulation.
- Department of Health: Financial Monitoring of Health Care Providers; Long-Term Care.
- Department of Workforce Services: Unemployment Compensation/Seasonal Employment; Wage Study Report; Air Ambulance Litigation.
- Reports from Task Forces/Working Groups (including Opioid Addiction Task Force (2018 SF 78), Organ Donation Task Force (2018 SF 41) and the Retirement Income Security Task Force (2018 SF 116).

Priority #: 3 Mental Health & Substance Abuse

- Savings and Health Outcome Improvements Resulting From a Prevention-Based Framework for Mental Health & Substance Abuse Care, including: Post-discharge programs; Identifying key mental health prevention strategies; Improving the Directed Outpatient Commitment and Gatekeeper Programs; Mental health provider reimbursement rates; and Proposals for an interstate telepsychiatry compact.
- Substance Abuse Prevention, including: Establishment of a substance abuse grant program for community organizations and the creation of an advisory council on substance abuse prevention (2018 HB 155).
- Substance Abuse Treatment Programs for Prison Inmates & Newly-Released Inmates.
- Substance Abuse Provider Reimbursement Rates.

Priority #: 4 Veterans' Skilled Nursing Center Study

Conduct a study concerning a veterans' skilled nursing center as required by 2018 SF 31 including, the availability of personnel to staff a veterans' skilled nursing center; the availability of nursing home beds in various locations around the state; and the potential demand by veterans for a skilled nursing center in regions across the state.

Priority #: 5 Practice Act Amendments

- Revisions to the occupational licensing statutes for optometrists and physical therapists.

Journal

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Rules & Procedures

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

The Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee is charged by statute with (1) reviewing federal policies or actions which may impact the management, development or use of the state's natural resources; and (2) developing and introducing legislative responses to federal policies and actions necessary to protect the interests of the State, including issues related to the structure of ownership of federal lands within the state.

Select Water Committee

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

The Select Water Committee is required by statute to monitor the water development program, review project contracts and prepare annual legislation. The Committee is also required by statute to review and make recommendations regarding the project funding list under the Safe Drinking Water Revolving

Fund program.

Priority #: 2 Water Administration Issues

The Committee will consider current issues related to the administration of the water development program including the use of funds in Water Account III, water compacts and their impacts on water development in Wyoming, weather modification and water use plans in surrounding states and how that impacts Wyoming.

Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Standard Budget: \$10,000.00

Priority #: 1 Promotion of Intergovernmental Relationships

The Committee will work to facilitate and foster communication and strong working relationships among State, Tribal, Federal and local entities and pursue opportunities for encouraging economic growth, nondiscrimination and wellbeing for citizens on the Reservation and in neighboring communities, including developments of the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council, coordination with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and exploring with Tribal and State authorities the Tribal Liaison program goals, liaison selection and appointment, duties, funding and participation by both Tribes. The Committee will review and support University of Wyoming efforts, as well as the commemorations of the 1868 Treaties of Fort Laramie and Fort Bridger.

Priority #: 2 Infrastructure

- The Committee intends to study and facilitate discussion after Wyoming Water Development Commission updates on the status and efforts regarding water storage projects on the Big Wind and Little Wind drainages. The Committee intends to study status reports, current timelines and needs to complete the projects.
- The Committee plans to study and facilitate discussion about recourse residents have through the Tribal Housing Authorities for problems such as mold remediation, foundation leaks, maintenance and upkeep. Housing issues involve Federal, State and Tribal entities, as well as the local communities, and the Committee aims to explore how parties may cooperate to resolve any issues.
- The Committee aims to study irrigation rates and to facilitate discussion about effects on the Reservation of the recently passed federal Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WINN Act), the legislative vehicle for the Water Resources Development Act, which included both S.438, the Irrigation Rehabilitation and Renovation for Indian Tribal Governments and Their Economies Act (IRRIGATE Act); and S.2717, the Dam Repairs and Improvements for Tribes Act of 2016 (DRIFT Act).
- The Committee will receive information and updates on the maintenance and development of public utility infrastructure, including easements and rights-of-way, roads, and facilities for the provision of natural gas, broadband, electricity, water and sewage. The Committee may have discussion with the Inter-Tribal Council about enforcement of Tribal Employment Rights ordinances for State-funded

construction projects on the Reservation and other construction projects outside Reservation boundaries.

Priority #: 3 Legal Services and Community Matters Involving Law Enforcement

- School absenteeism is an urgent matter that affects student success and involves many parties. Schools are expected to be accountable for students who are not there. In truancy situations, sometimes juvenile services or law enforcement needs to become involved. Community involvement and education is needed. At its second meeting in 2017, the Committee voted to form a truancy working group composed of Committee members, Korin Schmidt, Deputy Director, Wyoming Department of Health, the Fremont County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the BIA juvenile services department, Department of Family Services, the Eastern Shoshone Department of Family Services, the Northern Arapaho Department of Family Services, Fremont County School Districts and the Wyoming Department of Education to discuss how to address truancy matters on and around the Reservation.
- The Tribes are building the new inter-tribal Wind River Court. The Committee wants to keep all interested persons apprised of developments and to have an opportunity for discussion about the court facilities, the many new positions hired and growth or changes to a new inter-tribal law and order code.
- The Committee intends to introduce the newly appointed U.S. Attorney for Wyoming to the Tribes and communities. They intend to facilitate discussion on criminal issues and developments, such as federal Violence Against Women Act implementation and concurrent jurisdiction.
- The Committee plans to study agriculture plans and range allotment information on and near the Wind River Reservation to determine the type and extent of any problems and to evaluate possible solutions, actions or legislation necessary.

Priority #: 4 Reservation Health and Human Services

The Committee will examine health care developments that affect the Tribes, in particular matters relating to expanding and improving access to health care. The Committee plans to tour the Tribal health clinics and review the status of each clinic, in addition to following the progress of the new child development center. The Committee needs to continue to pursue removal or amendment of restrictions on the Wyoming Department of Health's Section 1115 Tribal Uncompensated Care Demonstration Waiver by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Committee plans to continue to monitor the execution and responsibilities of the contracts between each Tribe's Department of Family Services and the Wyoming Department of Family Services.

Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

The Committee is charged by statute with monitoring the establishment and implementation of the state's investment and capital financing policies. In addition to other statutorily required reports, the Committee will receive the following reports and updates from the State Treasurer's Office:

1. Update and status of the Investment Funds Committee;

2. Update and status of the State Treasurer's Office internal investing build-out; and
3. Report on investment performance and fees for fiscal year 2018.

Priority #: 2 Capital Gains and Losses

The Committee will study and consider the State Treasurer's interpretative policy related to capital gains and losses.

Priority #: 3 Spending Policies

The Committee will review the state spending policies for the various funds, including the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund and the Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Fund. In addition, the Committee will study the future funding needs and distribution of earnings to programs that receive distributions from these funds.

Priority #: 4 Public Purpose Investments

The Committee is charged by statute with monitoring state funds invested for a specific public purpose authorized or directed by the legislature. In carrying out this charge, the Committee will review the status of the state's public purpose investments and will receive updates on current investments.

Select Committee on School Facilities

Standard Budget: \$15,500.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

The Select Committee is charged by statute to: (1) monitor the assessment of statewide school facility needs, the prioritization of those needs and remediation of identified needs as undertaken by the school facilities commission and department; (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members relating to statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review commission rules.

Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology and Process

Standard Budget: \$5,000.00

Priority #: 1 Website Enhancements

Continue development of the Legislature's new Website, including additional features and enhancements.

Priority #: 2 Review of Technology and Process Functions Relating to the Capitol Square Project

The Select Committee will make recommendations regarding facility, technology and process functions related to the renovation of the Capitol that impact the legislative branch.

Priority #: 3 General Responsibilities Relating to Technology

Provide oversight of the Legislature's computer, audio/video and Website development by the LSO operations division staff. The Committee will review and update the Legislature's current information strategy to continue to guide technology development for the legislative branch.

Priority #: 4 General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Process

Review and recommend rule and process changes and other innovations to enhance the efficient, open and transparent operations of the Legislature.

Priority #: 5 Review Public Complaint Process

Review and recommend policy changes related to complaints lodged by the public concerning decorum and conflicts of interest.

Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Standard Budget: \$8,000.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities

The Committee will monitor the progress of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Account Board regarding projects specified in W.S. 9-15-103 through 9-15-105 and other projects specified by law; review project grant applications for large projects that the Board receives; and sponsor legislation to fund expenditures for large projects from the account as the Committee and Board recommend.

Priority #: 2 Growth Strategies for the Trust and Income Accounts

The Committee will study and consider strategies to grow the corpus of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource trust account and consider legislation to benefit the growth and viability of the trust and income accounts.

Capitol Building Restoration Oversight Group

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Opioid Addiction Task Force

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Casper State Office Building Advisory Task Force

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Task Force on University of Wyoming Housing

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Blockchain Task Force

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Select Committee on Family Medicine Residency Programs

Standard Budget: \$0.00

Air Transportation Liaison Committee

Standard Budget: \$8,000.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities

Created by the Management Council, the Select Committee on Air Transportation is statutorily charged with receiving reports from the Aeronautics Commission relating to the expenditure of funds from the air services enhancement account pursuant to W.S. 10-3-602(c). The Committee also reviews proposals for air service enhancements to spur economic development in the State.