

61st WYOMING LEGISLATURE
INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDIES
2012 INTERIM

JOINT JUDICIARY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$47,500.00
Priority #: 1 Child Support

The Committee will review the child support tables and forms and consider the need for statutory revisions.

Priority #: 2 Prison Programs

The Committee will study issues related to inmates, with an emphasis on the prison industries program, prison health care costs and reimbursements for housing state prisoners.

Priority #: 3 Juvenile Justice

The Committee will continue its two-year study of juvenile justice issues and possible legislation addressing confidentiality, jurisdiction, ~~and~~ improvements to and costs of the juvenile justice system. The committee will review potential expansion of circuit court jurisdiction to encompass juvenile proceedings, and will also review community juvenile service board expenditures. **[Study Modified by Management Council]**

Priority #: 4 Eminent domain and regulatory takings

The Committee will review bonding requirements for seismic activities, ~~eminent domain,~~ the collector line suspension of eminent domain and regulatory takings issues. **[Study Modified by Management Council]**

Priority #: 5 Private transfer fees

The Committee will review the imposition of private transfer fees and further legislation in response to the deadline created in existing law.

Priority #: 6 Crime rate on Wind River Indian Reservation

The Committee plans to work in conjunction with the Select Committee on Tribal Relations to address issues with respect to the high rate of crime on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Priority #: 7 Tentative Meeting Schedule

The Committee plans to hold three two-day meetings. The Committee plans to hold one meeting in conjunction with the Select Committee on Tribal Relations on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$27,500.00

Priority #: 1 General Topics

2 days for preliminary discussion of cost of living adjustments in the retirement system, and discussion of budget process changes.

Priority #: 2 General Topics

2 days for discussion of K-12 external cost adjustment and impact of revised CREG revenue estimates on supplemental budgets.

Priority #: 3 General Topics

1-2 days for discussion of technology conversion of budget-related documents and budget requests, follow-up on OCIO reorganization/statewide procurement processes, contractor preference committee, and Medicaid waiver committee.

JOINT REVENUE INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$37,500.00

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Department of Transportation Funding

This topic will include a broad review of the Department of Transportation's current revenue streams and financial structure. The Committee will consider the history and evolution of WyDOT's funding formulas. The Committee will consider highway funding options including increasing fuel taxes, imposing a ton-mile tax, implementation of an optional \$.01 sales tax and the benefits of modifying WyDOT's overall funding model. This review will be conducted jointly with the Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee. LSO staff will coordinate all tasks and information between the two committees.

Priority #: 2 Coal Valuation

Consideration of coal valuation options. The Committee will consider 2012 HB0038 as well as other options for the valuation of coal for taxation purposes. If necessary, the Committee may form a subcommittee for consideration of this issue.

Priority #: 3 Special Districts

The Committee will review special districts and related tax implications. The review will include consideration of budget oversight and the result of special district mill levies when there is a large increase in assessed valuation.

Priority #: 4 Department of Revenue

The Committee regularly receives reports and information from the Department of Revenue and other entities and may be required to act on that information as necessary. Under this topic, the Committee will review issues related to compliance with the streamlined sales tax. One of the issues for consideration will be taxation of tobacco and cigars which are packaged similarly to cigarettes.

JOINT EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$40,000.00

Additional Budget: \$25,000.00 authorized by 2012 SF 0002 for Priority #4

Priority #: 1 Monitoring of the education resource block grant model.

Wyoming Statute 21-13-309(u) requires components of the education resource block grant model be monitored between periods of model recalibration. The Committee will receive reports and information from the legislative service office in reference to this statutory mandate and report recommendations to the Joint Appropriations Committee by October 15, 2012.

~~Priority #: 2 Utilization of natural gas fueled buses.~~

~~The Committee will receive information and reports related to buses that utilize natural gas as a fuel source. Specifically, the Wyoming Department of Education will provide the Committee with the following information related to use of natural gas buses by Wyoming school districts: fuel economy and cost as compared to buses utilizing other types of fuel, any potential cost savings, and current and possible locations for fueling centers. [Study Deleted by Management Council]~~

Priority #: 3 Energy literacy and agriculture in the classroom.

The Committee will receive reports from appropriate officials on the energy literacy in the classroom project and the agriculture in the classroom program.

Priority #: 4 Wyoming Accountability in Education Act.

The Committee members may attend the meetings of the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability for informational purposes and to participate in discussions

regarding the work to be undertaken in Phase II as required by the Wyoming Accountability in Education Act.

Additional Budget Request: Supplemental funding to compensate members for attendance at these meetings has been proposed in 2012 Senate File 0002.

Priority #: 5 Reduction of reporting requirements.

The Committee will receive information and a report from the State Superintendent on duplicative or redundant reporting requirements. The report will include recommendations for statutory and regulatory revisions to decrease duplicative or redundant reports.

JOINT AGRICULTURE, STATE AND PUBLIC LANDS AND WATER RESOURCES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$37,500.00

Priority #: 1 Joint Subcommittee on Federal Natural Resource Management Issues

Topic: Review federal natural resource management issues.

A Joint Subcommittee, consisting of the co-chairmen of the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee and the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee, the Senate Minority Leader and the House of Representatives Minority Floor Leader, or their designees, shall meet as necessary to review existing or proposed federal policies or action which may impact the management, development or use of the state's natural resources. The Joint Subcommittee shall develop and forward to the Governor the appropriate legislative committees recommended legislative responses to federal policies and actions necessary to protect the interests of the State of Wyoming.

The budget request for the Joint Subcommittee is included in the mirror study request submitted by the Joint Minerals Interim Committee.

Priority #: 2 Wyoming Department of Agriculture

Topics: Uniform construction of state fairgrounds; licensure for pesticide application; commission style department agriculture; predator refunds for out of state leaseholders; large game damages to agriculture.

Exploration and research of the statutes governing construction of facilities on the state fairgrounds to ensure uniform construction. Review of the pesticide licensure in Wyoming, including reciprocity of licensure from other states. Discussion of a commission style Department of Agriculture that would include the functions performed by the Wyoming Livestock Board and the Board of Agriculture. Review of the predator

refund statutes to address payment by out-of-state leaseholders. Continue study of possible solutions to damage caused by large game to agriculture producers.

Priority #: 3 State Lands and Investments, including the State Forestry Division

Topics: State funded conservation easements; mitigation of the Bark Beetle; common carrier pipelines.

Review of state funded conservation easements and guiding statutory provisions to explore simplification. Explore options for creation of long term plans to mitigate damage by the Bark Beetle to Wyoming's forests. Review the concerns of landowners and the bonding requirements for pipeline common carriers.

Priority #: 4 Wyoming State Engineer's Office

Topics: Review of export statutes; review of "beneficial use" and federal government's appropriation of water.

Review of the water use statutes, including exportation, beneficial use and wild and scenic designations by the federal government.

Priority #: 5 Wyoming Livestock Board

Topics: Brand inspections; review of statutes, including animal health, feral livestock and archaic statutes.

Review the brand inspection process and requirements, including renewals and the ability to create permanent brand inspections. Review the guiding statutes for animal health and feral livestock and make recommendations for improvements. Review of statutes for archaic laws.

Priority #: 6 University of Wyoming

Topics: Review of agriculture studies conducted by the University of Wyoming, including the Wyoming natural diversity database and endangered species.

Review the studies conducted by the University of Wyoming in area of agriculture, including endangered species and the Wyoming natural diversity database.

Priority #: 7 Emergency Topics as Necessary

Committee requests the ability to retain the authority to study or draft legislation in relation to any topic or emergency that may be presented by the various agencies that fall under the umbrella of agriculture, state and public lands and water.

Priority #: 8 Tentative Meeting Schedule

Spring : May 7 and 8 (Lander, WY)

Fall : Sept. 24 and 25 (Hulett, WY)

JOINT TRAVEL, RECREATION, WILDLIFE AND CULTURAL RESOURCES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$37,500.00

Priority #: 1 State Parks & Cultural Resources

1. Concessions - The committee proposes to study management of concessions on state parks and historic sites.
2. Trails Program - The committee proposes to study issues related to the state trails program, including funding mechanisms and management.
3. Site Criteria Process Recommendations - The committee is required to review any proposal for addition of lands to the state parks system. The committee lists this topic in case such a proposal is brought by the department.
4. Monuments & Markers Program - The committee will receive a report and presentation about the current monuments and markers program. The committee does not anticipate any legislation to come from this topic.

Priority #: 2 Game and Fish Department

1. Funding and Revenues - The committee proposes to review the complex funding sources available to the department and to consider issues relating to increasing revenues, including issues related to recruitment and retention of hunters and anglers.
2. Disabled Hunter Programs - The committee proposes to review the various programs designed to encourage hunting by disabled persons and consider additional solutions to such programs.
3. Program Reports - The committee proposed to continue to receive reports from the department on endangered/threatened species and aquatic invasive species.
4. Seasons and Bag Limits - The committee proposes to receive a presentation from the department on how seasons and bag limits are set for mountain lions and wolves.

Priority #: 3 Tourism

The committee will receive the annual report on the tourist season and an update on the department's master plan.

Priority #: 4 Emergency Topics as Necessary

The committee requests the ability to retain the authority to receive reports, study or draft legislation in relation to any topic or emergency that may be presented by the various agencies that fall under the purview of the committee.

Priority #: 5 Tentative Meeting Schedule

The committee proposes three two-day meetings as follows:

June 26 & 27: Rock Springs, WY

late August: Jackson, WY

November 6 & 7: Guernsey, WY

JOINT CORPORATIONS, ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$37,500.00

Priority #: 1 Insurance

The committee proposes to study the following issues related to insurance: Possible accreditation issues involving holding companies, foreign country insurers and certificates of insurance; portable electronic devices insurance; ~~and, if assigned, interstate sales of health insurance.~~ **[Deleted by Management Council. Sale of health insurance policies across state lines will be studied by the Joint Labor/Health Committee]**

Priority #: 2 Public Service Commission

The committee proposes to study the following items related to telecommunications: regulatory treatment of voice over internet protocol; sunset of the office of consumer affairs; certified service territories for electrical utilities; and receipt of reports regarding ongoing changes in FCC regulation.

Priority #: 3 Secretary of State's Office

The committee proposes to study the following issues raised by the secretary of state's office: Effective financing statements - consideration of length of effectiveness of the liens and fees for filing; and with respect to elections - possible amendments to the election code to accommodate the military and overseas voter act.

Priority #: 4 Other agencies under the committee's purview.

The committee proposes to study the following topics:

1. Low voltage electrical licensing statutes.

2. Requirements for appraisal management companies under the federal Dodd-Frank Act.
3. Legal advertising and publication requirements for local governments.

Priority #: 5 Tentative Meeting Schedule

The committee proposes three two-day meetings as follows:

Late April: Cody, WY; August: Saratoga, WY; October: Cheyenne, WY

JOINT TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Department of Transportation Funding

This topic will include a broad review of the Department of Transportation's current revenue streams and financial structure. The Committee will consider the history and evolution of WyDOT's funding formulas. The Committee will consider highway funding options including **tolling**, increasing fuel taxes, imposing a ton-mile tax, implementation of an optional \$.01 sales tax and the benefits of modifying WyDOT's overall funding model. This review will be conducted jointly with the Joint Revenue Interim Committee. LSO staff will coordinate all tasks and information between the two committees. **[Study Modified by Management Council]**

Priority #: 2 Transportation Issues

The Committee will consider statutory amendments necessary to comply with changes to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Act. The Committee also will consider whether amendments are necessary to harmonize statutory provisions related to restricted driver's licenses and graduated driver's licenses.

Priority #: 3 Military Affairs

The Committee will consider ways to enhance the Military Department's ability to recruit students into the Wyoming National Guard Youth Challenge Program. The Committee will consider military-related interstate issues, including stream-lined professional licensing for military spouses and recognition of military training in professional licensing. The Committee will review state active duty medical coverage, payment and reimbursement issues. Finally, the Committee will study the status and condition of armories in the Big Horn Basin and consider the potential reorganization of those armories.

Priority #: 4 Veterans' Affairs

The Committee will consider differences in benefits offered to combat and non-combat veterans and consider whether changes need to be made to equalize benefits. The Committee also will consider new legislation which clarifies that VA disability benefits cannot be considered divisible property in divorce proceedings. Finally the Committee will receive updates on the need for skilled nursing care for veterans.

JOINT MINERALS, BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$47,500.00

Additional Budget: \$16,000.00 for Priority #1; \$4,500.00 for Priority #3

Priority #: 1 Joint Subcommittee on Federal Natural Resource Management Issues.

A Joint Subcommittee, consisting of the Co-Chairmen of the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee and the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee, the Senate Minority Leader and the House of Representatives Minority Floor Leader, or their designees, shall meet as necessary to review existing or proposed federal policies or action which may impact the management, development or use of the state's natural resources. The Joint Subcommittee shall develop and forward to the Governor and the appropriate legislative committees recommended legislative responses to federal policies and actions necessary to protect the interests of the State of Wyoming.

Additional Budget Request: It is anticipated that the Joint Subcommittee will hold four (4) one (1) day meetings and will require an additional \$16,000.00 for salaries, travel, per diem and expenses associated with the Joint Subcommittee meetings.

The authority of the subcommittee shall only be to make recommendations to the appropriate standing committee. The appropriate standing committee may then consider developing legislation. [Added by Management Council]

Priority #: 2 State Energy Issues

The Committee shall take testimony and development legislation concerning issues relating to energy production, transmission, consumption and value added industries in Wyoming. The Committee will consider a state energy policy, advanced conversion technologies, impacts to local communities from mineral and energy development, hybrid energy systems, natural gas as a transportation fuel, pipeline corridors, possible new coal markets, small renewable energy sources and energy efficiency, enhanced oil recovery, trona and related products and other issues facing the Wyoming energy sector.

Priority #: 3 Department of Environmental Quality Amendments, Permitting and Regulations and Solid Waste Subcommittee

The Department of Environmental Quality shall report to the Committee on issues surrounding implementation of general permits, greenhouse gas regulations and other permitting issues. The department shall also report to the Committee on possible amendments to the Innocent Owner statutes.

The Committee chairmen will create a Subcommittee of two (2) representatives and two (2) senators to take testimony and propose legislation to the Committee to amend activities for authorized expenditures from the municipal solid waste landfill account.

Additional Budget Request: It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will hold two (2) one (1) day meetings and will require an additional \$4,500.00 for salaries, travel, per diem and expenses associated with the Subcommittee meetings.

The authority of the subcommittee shall only be to make recommendations to the appropriate standing committee. The appropriate standing committee may then consider developing legislation. [Added by Management Council]

Priority #: 4 University of Wyoming Energy Programs.

The Committee shall take testimony and consider sponsoring legislation concerning duties imposed on the Committee by 2012 House Bill 121 as they relate to development of a renovation and reconstruction plan for the college of engineering and the development of a plan for the use of abandoned mine land funds for the support and enhancement of technologies important to the economy of the Wyoming. The Committee shall also consider program funding for the School of Energy Resources and processes to integrate the University of Wyoming more fully into the state's economy.

Priority #: 5 Reports and Updates

The Committee will receive and consider reports required by law and updates from various agencies, including but not limited to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and the Office of State Lands and Investments, Department of Environmental Quality, the School of Energy Resources, Wyoming Business Council, the Division of Banking, the Wyoming Pipeline Authority, the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, the Energy Producing States Coalition the Joint Subcommittee on Federal Natural Resource Management and the Nuclear Energy Task Force.

Priority #: 6 Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Committee plans to meet for 3 two-day meetings. The meetings are tentatively set for June, September and October/November and will be held in Riverton, Southwest Wyoming and Casper. One or more meetings may include tours of facilities.

JOINT LABOR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00
Additional Budget: \$15,000.00 for Study #5

Priority #: 1 Medicaid Review

Medicaid is a primary cost driver in the State's budget. The Committee will monitor and review all aspects of the program, including program growth projections, eligibility and benefit changes if the Affordable Care Act is upheld, cost saving opportunities, waiver program waiting lists and possible innovative waiver programs involving such things as co-pays and medical case management.

Priority #: 2 Health insurance exchanges

The Committee will monitor the Health Insurance Exchange Steering Committee and respond as needed. As part of the study, the Committee will explore the sale of health insurance policies across state lines as part of or independent of a health insurance exchange.

Priority #: 3 Response to federal initiatives and agency reports

The Committee's jurisdiction includes areas that require state response to federal legislative or regulatory initiatives, as well as areas that require state executive branch reports. The Committee will monitor and respond as needed to federal initiatives and state agency reports.

Priority #: 4 Public health preventive measures

Many areas of public health are inter-related. Effective preventive health may reduce costs of private insurance and reduce demand on public health benefit programs. The Committee will study all aspects of public health, to include: statewide immunization program; acquired brain injury prevention/management; supervision of and funding for public health nurses; wellness/prevention in publicly funded health programs, including state employees.

Priority #: 5 Involuntary hospitalization

Review and evaluate possible changes at the Wyoming State Hospital to increase capacity for Title 25 patients. Schizophrenic and geriatric patients require extended hospitalizations, causing increased use of private placements that are costly and burdensome to county governments. The Committee will look at the causes of the bed

shortage at WSH and possible solutions, including treatment changes to decrease length of stay and address specialized geriatric psychiatric care needs.

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00
Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

During the interim between sessions, the Management Council directs the LSO staff, monitors interim committee activities, reviews administrative rules, and oversees the budget and administrative affairs of the Legislature.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Council typically schedules three 1-day meetings held in late spring, early fall and mid-December.

MANAGEMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00
Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

Pursuant to statute, the Management Audit Committee directs the program evaluation function of the Legislature. This includes the selection of performance audit studies and direction of the LSO program evaluation staff.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Committee typically schedules three to four 1-day meetings during the year.

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.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Select Committee typically schedules a 2-day workshop and meeting in late spring; a 2-day workshop and meeting plus a tour in late summer; a 2-day workshop and joint

meeting with the Water Development Commission in the fall; and a final 1-day meeting prior to the session to finalize legislation.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL FINANCING AND INVESTMENTS

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00
Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

The Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments is charged by statute with monitoring the establishment and implementation of the state's investment and capital financing policies.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Committee typically schedules one or two 1-day meetings during the year.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FACILITIES

Standard Budget: \$30,000.00
Priority #: 1 Student enrollment projection methodology.

Review the methodology assembled by the School Facilities Commission and the School Facilities Department in developing student enrollment projections for school facility projects under W.S. 21-15-123(f)(ii), as modified and adjusted pursuant to SEA 9 being original 2012 SF0105, Section 5(h).

Priority #: 2 School facility capacity needs evaluation, including functional capacity.

Review reports by the School Facilities Department in its development of a capacity evaluation methodology for the prioritization of school facilities needs, in compliance with W.S. 21-15-117(e), as enacted by 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 71, Section 1. This review shall include a review of the methodology for determining functional capacity (85% at the secondary level, 95% at the primary level, etc.) In addition, the Select Committee shall review the Department's evaluation of facility capacity issues self-reported by school districts.

Priority #: 3 Adequacy standards.

Receive reports from the School Facilities Commission regarding adequacy standards established for maintaining school buildings and facilities at levels adequate for delivery of educational programs prescribed by law for public schools. Pursuant to W.S. 21-15-115(c), the Commission is required to review and evaluate standards every four years and to report this review and evaluation to the Select Committee.

Priority #: 4 School building condition needs assessment update.

Receive periodic updates from the School Facilities Department on the recalibration of the building condition needs assessment instrument undertaken by the Department, fully implementing modifications enacted by 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 71, under amendments to W.S. 21-15-117(a).

Priority #: 5 School Facilities Commission rules and regulations.

Receive updates, reports and summaries of School Facilities Commission rules and regulations, as currently being revised and promulgated by the Commission. The update reports shall include summaries of existing as well as proposed rules, and shall provide Select Committee members with an understanding of agency processes.

Priority #: 6 SFC management audit implementation.

Receive implementation reports from the School Facilities Department with respect to action taken on the independent audit of agency management processes and functions included in facilities prioritization and remediation, as initially required by 2009 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 207, Section 2.

Priority #: 7 Implementation of 2012 SF0105, 2013 supplemental budget request.

Monitor implementation of projects forwarded and funded under 2012 SEA 9, being original SF0105, and following receipt of agency 2013 supplemental budget requests, submit recommendations to Governor and JAC pursuant to W.S. 21-15-119(a) and 28-11-301(d).

SELECT NATURAL RESOURCE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Standard Budget: \$5,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

Pursuant to statute, the Select Natural Resource Funding Committee reviews projects funded from the wildlife and natural resource trust income account and monitors activities of the wildlife and natural resource trust account board. The committee shall review the scope of projects authorized to be funded from the wildlife and natural resource trust income account. If it determines that scope should be either expanded or narrowed the committee will forward the recommendation to the agriculture, public lands and water resources interim committee. [Language Added by Management Council]

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Committee typically schedules a one or two day meeting during the year.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FACILITIES

Standard Budget: \$5,000.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities

The Select Committee on Legislative Facilities is responsible for addressing furnishings, remodeling, and space needs in the legislative areas of the Capitol building, including oversight of facilities projects specifically approved and funded during the session.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Select Committee typically schedules two or three 1-day meetings during the year.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS

Standard Budget: \$12,500.00

Priority #: 1 Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities

Created by the Management Council, the Select Committee on Tribal Relations works with the Eastern Shoshone Indian Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Indian Tribe and various state agencies to address services and needs on the Wind River Indian Reservation. The Committee addresses health and safety, water (including potable water to homes), education, transportation, gaming, communications, minerals, revenue, economic development and other issues that are a concern to the citizens on and near the Reservation.

Priority #: 2 Health

The Committee will review health care issues, including monitoring the status of the Riverton Community Health Center and receiving updates and information on medical education opportunities from the Shoshone and Arapaho Education Departments, the Rural Medical Education Program, Wind River Tribal College and Central Wyoming College. The committee should discuss the implementation of requested state budget cuts on health care programs provided to the two tribes. **[Language Added by Management Council]**

~~Priority #: 3 Family Services, Juveniles and Law Enforcement~~

~~The Committee will examine family services, juvenile issues and law enforcement issues. The examination will include authority of Tribal officers, a review of crime rates and the particular criminal justice needs on the Reservation.~~

Priority #: 3 Crime rate on Wind River Indian Reservation

The Committee plans to work in conjunction with the Judiciary Committee to address issues with respect to the high rate of crime on the Wind River Indian Reservation.
[Modified by Management Council to mirror the Joint Judiciary interim committee study request.]

Priority #: 4 Water

The Committee will continue to monitor and analyze water issues. The Committee will receive information on procedures for filling reservoirs and on the effects of cloud seeding. The Committee will also receive an update on improvements in the management of the Wind River Irrigation Project by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Priority #: 5 Infrastructure

The Committee will receive information and updates on the development of public service systems and utility corridors. The review will include updates on broadband and natural gas facilities.

Priority #: 6 Tribal liaisons

The Committee will review opportunities for legislative involvement in interactions with the tribal liaisons and the Governor's office on issues affecting policy decisions.

Priority #: 7 Community updates

The Committee will receive updates and information on eagle feathers from the Raptor Center and on small business development from the Wind River Development Fund.

Priority #: 8 Tentative Meeting Schedule

The Committee typically schedules two meetings during the year. The Committee plans to meet in late May and early November. The Committee will coordinate its May meeting to allow a joint session with the federal Indian Law and Order Commission to discuss possible solutions for addressing high crime rates on the Reservation.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON AIR TRANSPORTATION

Standard Budget: \$7,500.00

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.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Committee typically schedules one or two 1-day meetings during the year.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND PROCESS

Standard Budget: \$7,500.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities Relating to Technology

The primary responsibility of the Select Committee is to provide oversight of the Legislature's computer, audio/video and Web site development by the LSO information technology staff.

Priority #: 2 General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Process

The primary responsibility of the Select Committee is to review and recommend rule and process changes and other innovations to enhance the efficient, open and transparent operations of the Legislature.

Priority #: 3 General Responsibilities Relating to Public Information & Public Outreach

As previously assigned by Management Council, the Select Committee on Legislative Technology and Process will oversee legislative public outreach initiatives and efforts to improve the information available to the public about legislative activities.

Priority #: 4 Monitoring of SharePoint Implementation

The Select Committee will provide oversight of the conversion of the Legislature's existing technology systems to the new SharePoint platform. The first priority will be to replace the bill drafting, tracking and processing systems (which will be referred to as the Legislative Management System or LMS) during this interim and the Committee will also begin planning how to deploy SharePoint for legislative and public information needs in the future. The Committee will evaluate the need for policy changes based on the ways in which technology can be better deployed to improve legislative operations.

Priority #: 5 Conversion of Legislative Email Systems

The Committee will provide general guidance to LSO staff regarding conversion of legislator email to the Microsoft Online email system.

Priority #: 6 Standing Committees - Information Available to the Public

The Select Committee will evaluate policy, technology, and procedural issues relating to information available to the public regarding actions on legislation before standing committees.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ARCHAIC LAWS

Standard Budget: \$2,500.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities

Created by Management Council, the Select Committee on Archaic Laws is engaged in a long term project to review and recommend to Management Council legislation to amend or repeal archaic statutes. The Committee is charged with addressing the following types of issues: update references to federal or state citations which have been amended over the years when the existing reference is clearly inaccurate; repeal provisions held to be unconstitutional in whole or in part; repeal or amend laws which no longer appear to be pertinent due to the passage of time or historic practices. The Select Committee may occasionally request Management Council to refer substantive issues to one or more of the Joint Interim Committees for consideration.

Tentative Meeting Schedule.

The Select Committee will likely schedule one or two 1-day meetings during the year.