



March 12, 2020

The Honorable Drew Perkins,  
President of the Senate,  
Wyoming Senate,  
200 West 24th Street  
Capitol Building, E201  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear President Perkins,

In reflecting on the hard work of this session, all the work that went into renovating our Capitol, the diligence of the 65<sup>th</sup> Legislature in reviewing the 2021-2022 budget bill, and the challenges Wyoming presently faces in this uncertain time; it seems prudent to reconsider the growth of spending in the Legislative Services Office budget. Together we have scrutinized spending across state government and asked agencies to pare back. It seems appropriate that we apply the same lens to this bill. Accordingly, I wonder if Section 11 is absolutely necessary.

Since the Capitol was declared open on July 10, 2019, there have been a few items that any major construction project might experience in closing out. Unhappily, some portion of the furniture and fixtures remains unresolved among these lingering issues. Section 11 appears to seek additional help in addressing this matter.

Nevertheless, as has been noted elsewhere, this project was finished on time and on budget. Any remaining consideration including final furniture and fixture procurement has been consistently characterized by Mr. David Hart of Moca Systems as "within budget." Thus, a \$250,000 appropriation for a consultant seems excessive.

I recognize and empathize with the desire to be finally settled in the Capitol and Herschler buildings, but I also believe we can achieve this end without additional expense under the aegis of the State Building Commission and with the support of the Management Council.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Gordon  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Secretary of State, Edward Buchanan,  
The Honorable Steve Harshman, Speaker of the House  
Chief Clerk, Wyoming Senate  
Chief Clerk, Wyoming House of Representatives

ENROLLED ACT NO. 35, SENATE

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
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Conference]. There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for payment of registration, mileage and per diem for legislators attending the Wyoming state treasurer's investment conference in the 2020 or 2021 interim. Registration payments shall not exceed three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per legislator.

**Section 11.** [Facilities Appropriations].

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(a) ~~There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office to hire a consultant and other qualified professionals to assist with the design, procurement, ordering, purchasing and installation of office furnishings, other furnishings, fixtures and equipment and owner identified improvements within the capitol building and capitol extension. Contracts shall be awarded under this subsection by a vote of a majority of the members of the State Building Commission and a vote of the majority of the members of the Management Council.~~

(b) Management Council may also engage the services of consultants and other qualified professionals to procure the items listed in this subsection using funds appropriated under this subsection. There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office:

(i) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for miscellaneous furnishings and projects;

(ii) Ninety-one thousand dollars (\$91,000.00) for room management equipment and professional fees;

(iii) Five hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$525,000.00) for video conferencing and video streaming in