

## **Judiciary**

Standard Budget: \$52,000.00

Priority #: 1 Judicial Branch Issues.

The Committee will study and review issues that the Judicial Branch has identified, including court security, administrative staffing, diversion and behavioral health, and rural attorney practice.

Priority #: 2 Law Enforcement Issues.

The Committee will study and review issues identified by law enforcement and the Attorney General as needing review, including internet crimes against children, sex offender registry requirements, parental abductions, controlled substances and the revision of the substance types, and unsolved murders.

Priority #: 3 Department of Corrections Issues.

The Committee will study and review Department of Corrections investigation reports and the Wyoming Public Records Act and correctional compacts.

Priority #: 4 Agency Reports and Reviews.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports.

## **Appropriations**

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Pension Plans, Unemployment Insurance, and Workers' Compensation.

The Committee will undertake an actuarial review of all public retirement plans, including how current contributions and benefits correlate with each plan's funding model. In particular, the Committee will review the law enforcement pension plan and its funds. As part of this study, the Committee will seek external input, assessment, and comparisons.

As part of this topic, the Committee will assess the revenues, solvency, size, and any unfunded liability of the state unemployment insurance trust fund and the workers' compensation account. The Committee will study funding, benefit levels, and comparisons to other states.

Priority #: 2 Performance Compensation and State Treasurer's Office.

The Committee will complete an overall review of the performance compensation program for investment staff of the Wyoming Retirement System and the State Treasurer's Office. This review will include evaluating the need for an independent audit or review of benchmarks and compliance with program requirements by the Wyoming Retirement System and State Treasurer's Office. As part of this topic, the Committee will coordinate with the Governor and the State Loan and Investment Board to solicit feedback on the efficacy and efficiency of the current performance compensation program. The Committee shall meet jointly with the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments to coordinate review of committee objectives.

The Committee will review the systems and staffing of the State Treasurer's Office, including a review of

operations, new positions authorized, and the work of consultants over the last few years. The Committee will also review the transparency of processes and functions of the State Treasurer's Office.

Priority #: 3 Environmental, Social, and Governance Issues.

The Committee will study the impact of adopting Wyoming-specific policies concerning the investment of state funds in light of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies. The Committee will review ESG policies and practices from comparator investment organizations and states, including written policies, available metrics, screening procedures, and proxy voting. The Committee will review previous legislation related to this topic as part of its study.

Priority #: 4 Major Maintenance Review.

The Committee will review major maintenance funding for state, University of Wyoming, community college, and school buildings. The Committee will consider both the formula used to generate funding requests as well as restrictions on the expenditure of funds. The Committee will explore methods to retain and align allocated funds for large projects, including HVAC, roof replacement, and other major building systems. As part of this review, the Committee will explore how other states address control, supervision, and monitoring of major maintenance appropriations and expenditures and may consider the development of consistent policies and procedures for major maintenance funding and accounting.

Priority #: 5 Statutory Responsibilities and Reports.

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies and will review and consider, among other things: (1) the K-12 external cost adjustment at a separate half-day meeting with the Joint Education Interim Committee; (2) the allocation and expenditure of authorized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, including a review of previous expenditures and cost-benefit analyses associated with ARPA and other COVID-related funds; (3) funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, including the development of policies and procedures for allocating and expending those funds; and (4) updates from the University of Wyoming on capital construction projects. The Committee will consider the reorganization of the Department of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and legislation to align ETS practice to its statutory authority and governance. As part of this topic, the Committee will review 2023 House Bill 0286 and will review ETS's goals and objectives and the ability of ETS to meet agency needs in light of any proposed reorganization. The Committee will also receive a detailed explanation and demonstration of the efforts being deployed with the funds dedicated for tourism marketing, along with identified deliverables from the marketing investment. The Committee will review all expenditures and uses of revenues dedicated to tourism. The Committee will also receive updates from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and the protection of Wyoming's critical infrastructure sectors, including data gathering and reporting needs, foreign investments, and the Office's capacity to address these issues.

## **Revenue**

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

Priority #: 1 Electrical Generation Tax.

The Committee will review the possibility of implementing a gross receipts tax on the production of electricity. This topic will include a discussion of allowing a credit against the tax for all other taxes paid.

The Committee will also study fees and taxation of various sources of electric generation to ensure equity among all generation types.

Priority #: 2 Property Tax Issues.

The Committee will review issues related to property taxes including a general review of the property tax code, property tax relief, the constitutional amendment related to residential property and options for lowering property taxes.

Priority #: 3 Sales Tax Issues.

The Committee will review issues related to sales taxes including a general review of the sales and use tax statutes. This topic may include a review of sales tax exemptions and the issue of broadening the sales tax and lowering the sales tax rate, excise tax licensing and an overall review of taxability and exemptions as applied to the sales tax.

Priority #: 4 Tax Administration Issues.

The Committee will review issues related to tax administration, including potential statutory changes that would assist the Department of Revenue and/or the Board of Equalization in their administration and adjudication of the Wyoming tax code.

## **Education**

Standard Budget: \$65,000.00

Priority #: 1 K-12 Mental Health.

The Committee will study K-12 mental health issues, including the impacts on student academic performance and well-being, and staff recruitment, retention, and well-being. State agencies, school districts and other interested parties will be requested to identify state, community, school district, and financial resources available and utilized by school districts, students, and staff to address mental health issues.

Priority #: 2 Early Childhood Programs and Literacy.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:** The Committee will study early childhood education and childcare providers to develop an understanding of how well students are prepared to enter kindergarten. The topic will include a review of state agencies involved in early childhood programs, the governance structure, child development centers, and the current childcare infrastructure. The Committee will review prior studies and request state agencies and interested parties that have been awarded grants for this purpose to assist the Committee in identifying policy options.

**EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PRIMARY GRADES (K-3):** The Committee will study the reading assessment and intervention program under W.S. 21-3-401 and review similar programs implemented in other states including Alaska and Mississippi that focus on a comprehensive kindergarten through grade three literacy program. The Committee will review prior work completed in the 2021 interim and enacted during the 2022 Budget Session.

Priority #: 3 School Choice.

The Committee will review aspects of school choice, including a review of HB 194, Wyoming freedom scholarship act and SF 143, Wyoming freedom scholarship act-2. The Committee will also request state agencies to provide an update and review any necessary technical changes from the amended charter school laws through 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 166, K-12 school facility leasing and Chapter 179, Wyoming charter school authorizing board.

Priority #: 4 Community Colleges.

The Committee will review community college funding, governance of the community colleges, and the responsiveness of the colleges to community needs. This topic will also include a review of 2023 Senate File 46, Community college funding-inflation adjustment.

Priority #: 5 Recruiting and Retaining School District Personnel.

The Committee, in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u), will review information necessary to make its recommendation on an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model for school year 2024-2025 and any impacts it may have on staff recruitment and retention. The Committee will meet jointly with the Joint Appropriations Committee to receive required reports and information under W.S. 21-13-309(u). The Committee will continue its work in studying and reviewing policy options related to K-12 school district staff recruitment and retention.

### **Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources**

Standard Budget: \$63,000.00

Priority #: 1 Water Issues.

The Committee will meet jointly with the Select Water Committee to review the Wyoming Water Development program, basic principles of Wyoming water law, Colorado River Basin issues and receive an update on Wyoming's aging irrigation infrastructure.

Priority #: 2 National Forest Management Plans – Updates.

The Committee will receive updated information for the United States Forest Service regarding ongoing and upcoming National Forest Management Plans.

Priority #: 3 State Lands and Eminent Domain.

The Committee will consider issues regarding the exchange and transfer of state lands, including streamlining the transfer process. The Committee will study eminent domain and its effects on private property rights.

Priority #: 4 Brucellosis.

The Committee will study brucellosis issues and consider increasing the corpus of the Animal Reimbursement Program Account under W.S. 11-19-118 as well as increasing the payout cap of \$25,000 under W.S. 11-19-118(d).

Priority #: 5 Agency Reports and Reviews.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports including a review of federal cooperative extension service funding. The Committee will evaluate how the funds are spent and areas of designation in order to ensure maximization and effectiveness of the funds. They will also review of all funding mechanisms for the University of Wyoming's College of Agriculture, including endowments, and agricultural enhancements, including but not limited to the use of vertical farming and ways of enhancing income in agriculture through value-added programs. The Committee will receive reports on the use of CARES and ARPA dollars regarding their distribution and effect on the meat processing industry in Wyoming. The Committee will examine the disposal of waste products from the meat processing industry and burdensome regulations. The Committee will consider Wyoming's food labeling requirements and possible revisions. They will also receive updates on the Wyoming State Fair, its marketing endeavors and the partnership between the State Fair, the Wyoming Office of Tourism and the Converse County Tourism Promotion Board.

### **Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources**

Standard Budget:       \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1       Commercial Fishing Outfitters and Guides.

The Committee will study the regulations and permitting requirements for commercial fishing outfitters and guides.

Priority #: 2       Wyoming State Museum.

The Committee will study options for the Wyoming State Museum based on recommendations from the level I and II feasibility and planning studies.

Priority #: 3       Wyoming Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund.

The Committee will study ways to clarify and regulate the governance of the trust fund.

Priority #: 4       Agency Updates and Reports.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies as required by law and take legislative action to address the reports if necessary or required.

### **Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions**

Standard Budget:       \$52,000.00

Priority #: 1       Electric Utilities.

A host of topics have developed in the electricity area with several bills introduced in the 2023 session. A considerable effort will be needed to educate the new committee and review energy and electricity issues facing Wyoming. The Committee will hear from the Public Service Commission as well as other stakeholders to learn about policy changes forced on us by changing electricity markets and choices and implications for grid reliability. The Committee will survey bills introduced in the 2023 session, including those with respect to renewable energy sources, dispatchable power, and the certificated service territories of electric utilities. This topic may take additional time and will potentially continue to the 2024 interim.

Priority #: 2 Elections.

The Committee will receive an Elections 101 educational presentation from the Wyoming County Clerks and will receive other input on Wyoming elections in general. The topic will also include a review of other specific issues related to elections in Wyoming.

Priority #: 3 Regulatory Reform.

The Committee will review legislation related to the concept of a regulatory sandbox. This review would be completed in coordination with the efforts of the executive branch in its review and revision of regulations to reduce regulatory burdens on agencies, citizens and businesses. This topic may continue to the 2024 interim.

Priority #: 4 Special Districts.

The Committee will study issues related to special districts operations in general including voter participation, requirements for indebtedness, filling of vacancies, as well as other pertinent issues. This topic will also include an overview of senior citizen districts including how those districts are formed and continued.

Priority #: 5 Telecommunications Act and Agency Updates.

The Committee will review and update the Wyoming Telecommunications Act. This topic is proposed as a two-year study with final legislation likely in the 2024 interim before the act is scheduled to sunset in 2025. The Committee will also receive and consider reports and updates from agencies related to the committee's work.

## **Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs**

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

Priority #: 1 Transportation and Highways.

The Committee will study transportation topics related to issues associated with Interstate 80's condition and funding, the Department of Transportation's processes, electric and autonomous vehicles, commercial driver's licenses, and the fuel tax administration process.

Priority #: 2 Military Affairs.

The Committee will study identified issues related to military affairs including restarting the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy, higher-education support, military readiness, malpractice liability, and jurisdictional issues on military bases.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Plane Coordinate System.

The Committee will review the State Plane Coordinate System and evaluate whether statutory revisions are necessary. The Committee will consider implementing updates to provide support for emergency services.

Priority #: 4 Reports from Agencies, State and Local Entities.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies as required by law and take legislative action to address the reports if necessary or required.

### **Minerals, Business & Economic Development**

Standard Budget: \$55,000.00

Priority #: 1 Energy Issues.

The Committee will study and address energy issues that are currently affecting the state, including nuclear energy, mining, coal, oil-and-gas and rare-earth minerals. The Committee will receive reports and updates from companies engaged in energy and mineral development, the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, the Wyoming Business Council, and the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Priority #: 2 Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration.

The Committee will study issues concerning carbon dioxide and carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration technology, including unitization issues, fees and revenue from the sequestration of carbon dioxide, and carbon capture technology use at electric-generation facilities.

Priority #: 3 Department of Environmental Quality.

The Committee will receive reports and updates from the Department of Environmental Quality, including status updates on the progress on obtaining agreement-state status for source materials. The Committee will consider industrial siting issues and regulations involving blasting at non-coal mines.

Priority #: 4 Oil and Gas Refinery and Capacity Issues.

The Committee will study issues associated with the capacity of oil-and-gas refineries in Wyoming and ways to increase or improve refinery capacity in Wyoming.

Priority #: 5 Committee Reports.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies as required by law and take legislative action to address the reports if necessary or required.

### **Labor, Health & Social Services**

Standard Budget: \$52,000.00

Priority #: 1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Firefighters.

The Governor's Health Task Force-EMS Subcommittee has been working to stabilize Wyoming's EMS system. In response to a request from the Governor's Office, the Committee will study Wyoming's EMS system to better understand its complexity. The Committee will then consider drafting legislation to address EMS infrastructure, funding and workforce development.

In 2021, Utah created a licensing program for behavioral emergency services technicians. These technicians help individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. The Committee will consider creating a similar licensing program in Wyoming.

The Committee will also consider ways to address volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.

Priority #: 2 Long-Term Care/Nursing Homes.

The Committee will consider and discuss issues related to long-term care/nursing homes, including costs to treat an aging population and potential solutions to long-term care/nursing home needs; licensing and statutory requirements, including discharge requirements for residents in Level 2/dementia care facilities and the certificate of need requirement for construction/expansion of nursing homes; statutory fixes proposed by the Wyoming Board of Nursing Home Administrators; recruitment and retention of long-term care nurses and nursing assistants; funding and staffing to meet Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services mandates; and studying the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), as required by 2023 House Bill 0001.

Priority #: 3 Prior Authorization/White Bagging/Insurance Issues.

The Committee will study and discuss issues related to prior authorization for treatment, including denial of coverage after authorization, transparency about the reason for denial of coverage after authorization and variations in the prior authorization submission process.

The Committee will examine white bagging—the requirement for a third-party specialty pharmacy to distribute patient-specific medication to the physician’s office, hospital, or clinic—and the impact white bagging has on safety, access to timely care and costs.

The Committee will consider shortening the recoupment of payment look-back period for insurance companies.

In 2023, House Bill 0165 was enacted to prohibit specified insurance providers from discriminating against living organ donors. The Committee will consider adding similar protections for organ recipients.

Priority #: 4 Agency Reports and Reviews.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports, including but not limited to continued reporting on 2021 House Bill 0038, which focuses on the prioritization of community mental health funding.

### **Management Council**

Standard Budget: \$35,000.00

### **Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology**

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

Priority #: 1 Artificial Intelligence Governance.

The Select Committee will receive information and consider best practices in the use and governance of artificial intelligence, how artificial intelligence may impact Wyoming residents, emerging issues in artificial intelligence, regulatory constructs, and data provenance.

Priority #: 2 Personal Data Privacy & Ownership.

The Select Committee will consider emerging issues in data privacy, current regulatory frameworks, and potential legislation relating to data privacy and digital identity with respect to both private and governmental entities.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Stable Tokens.



The Select Committee will hear updates on the status of the Wyoming Stable Token Act and consider any legislation that may be necessary to improve the Wyoming stable token program.

Priority #: 4 Previous Legislation.

The Select Committee will receive information and consider legislation relating to previously passed legislation to update and improve on existing laws, including decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs), digital assets, special purpose depository institutions (SPDIs), and open banking.

The Select Committee will consider expanding the types of corporations that can register as a DAO, examine what other states are doing, and consider updates to the existing DAO supplement. The Select Committee will continue working to identify areas to improve existing digital asset laws, including in the areas of tokenization of property, non-fungible tokens, intellectual property, insurance, digital asset lien registries, cleansing of digital assets, and digital asset registration. The Select Committee will receive updates and may consider legislation relating to SPDIs and how Wyoming's state law interacts with federal law. The Select Committee will receive updates on open banking and consider any additional legislation that may be necessary to improve upon 2023 House Bill 62-Open banking.

### **Select Committee on Tribal Relations**

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

Priority #: 1 Collection of State Sales Tax for Online Purchases.

The Select Committee will consider sales tax exemptions for tribal members and sales tax collection on the Wind River Reservation by vendors and online merchants. The Select Committee will also study other states' approaches to collecting and distributing tax revenues and discuss issues with licensing vendors located on the Wind River Reservation with the Department of Revenue. If needed, the Select Committee may sponsor legislation on this topic to address these issues.

Priority #: 2 Education.

The Select Committee will consider higher education and K-12 education issues on the Wind River Reservation. For higher education, the Select Committee will look at tribal colleges and investigate the degree/credit transfer process and cooperation with the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. In addition, the Select Committee will receive updates from the UW Native American Education, Research, & Cultural Center. For K-12 education, the Select Committee will review funding for St. Stephens Indian School and Fremont County School Districts #14, 21, and 38, and receive voluntary updates on student achievement measures and graduation rates to identify how the Select Committee may support educational efforts on the Wind River Reservation.

Priority #: 3 Public Safety.

The Select Committee will consider public safety issues on the Wind River Reservation, including, but not limited to, (1) access to victim services and domestic violence shelters and services, utilization by and cooperation with law enforcement agencies; (2) investigation of "cold" missing and murdered Indigenous persons (MMIP) cases on the Wind River Reservation; and (3) the impact of the June 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in *Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta* on criminal jurisdiction on the Wind River Reservation. If needed, the Select Committee may sponsor legislation on this topic to address these issues.

Priority #: 4 Update from the ICWA Task Force.

The Select Committee will receive updates from the State Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force, created by 2023 House Bill 19, tasked with studying the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Priority #: 5 Review of Tribal Liaison Program.

The Select Committee will review the tribal liaison program, created pursuant to W.S. 9-1-221, to ascertain whether the program is still working as intended and if it is still necessary.

### **Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments**

Standard Budget: \$65,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Obligations.

The Select Committee will develop knowledge and expertise regarding issues related to the investment of public funds and capital financing. As part of this topic, the Select Committee will: review the most recent statewide Statement of Activities (of revenues and expenses) that is published by the State Auditor; consider an update of the structure and procedures of the State Treasurer's Office; review the impact of recently enacted legislation on investment strategies and outcomes; review current law on the flow of investment earnings and spending policies; and consider any changes to Wyoming's investment structure in light of recent legislation (including 2023 House Bill 89). The Committee will also receive reports and updates regarding its statutory duties to monitor state investment activities and spending policies and to make an annual spending policy report to the Legislature.

Priority #: 2 Performance Compensation for Investment Staff.

The Select Committee will review the benchmarks, measures of risk, and methodology for determining performance compensation for investment staff of the State Treasurer's Office and the Wyoming Retirement System. The Select Committee will consider the appropriate persons to whom performance compensation should be offered, including both investment professionals and other employees within the State Treasurer's Office and Wyoming Retirement System. The Select Committee will also evaluate ways to improve transparency in the payment of performance compensation and to validate the performance measures and other elements that determine the amount of compensation paid. In conducting this study, the Select Committee will examine how performance compensation is handled by other comparator states and investment organizations. This topic is a continuation of a topic first approved for the Select Committee during the 2022 interim. The Select Committee is approved to conduct a one-day, joint meeting with the Joint Appropriations Committee for the purpose of collaborating on this study topic.

Priority #: 3 Investment of Non-permanent Funds.

The Select Committee will study and consider ways to improve methodologies and returns for invested non-permanent state funds. The Select Committee will consider investment policies and structures for the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Fund, the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, and the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund. The Select Committee will also explore ways for funds in Pool A and the State Agency Pool to be safely and soundly invested in longer-term investments

to sustainably increase the investment returns of the two pools while preserving the corpus of each fund participating in the two pools.

### **Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee**

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities.

The Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee is required by statute to review federal policies or actions that may impact the management, development, or use of the state's natural resources. The Committee is also authorized to develop and introduce legislative responses to federal policies and actions that are necessary to protect the state's interests including issues related to the structure of ownership of federal lands within the state.

### **Select Water Committee**

Standard Budget: \$73,000.00

Priority #: 1 Colorado River Basin and Consideration of Additional Beneficial Uses of Water.

The Select Water Committee will receive information about and consider issues relating to water use within Wyoming's portion of the Colorado River Basin. The Select Committee will consider specifying additional beneficial uses of water as considered in 2023 SF 0170, which would specify that heat extraction or storing water for drought contingency or interstate water compact compliance are beneficial uses subject to prior water rights. The Select Water Committee will review the impact federal forest management practices have on water yield, water supplies and water users in Wyoming.

Priority #: 2 Title Transfer of Federal Board of Reclamation Facilities.

The Select Water Committee will receive information about and discuss potential legislation relating to the transfer of federal board of reclamation facilities and infrastructure to the State of Wyoming or water user groups.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming One-Fill Rule and Free River Administration.

The Select Water Committee will evaluate disparities in how the one-fill rule is implemented within different water divisions and how the Board of Control administers water allocation under the free river administration in river basin compact restriction or curtailments.

Priority #: 4 Statutory Responsibilities and Agency Concerns.

The Select Water Committee is required by statute to monitor the water development program, review project contracts, prepare annual legislation and review water related statutory revisions. 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. The Select Committee will consider any water related concerns brought forward by state agencies within the scope of the committee's statutory duties.

### **Select Committee on School Facilities**

Standard Budget: \$38,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities.

The Select Committee is charged by W.S. 28-11-301 with the following obligations: (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 (Commission) and State Construction Department (Department); (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to school facilities and Commission and Department programs and procedures to maintain statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review and provide recommendations on proposed commission rules. This work will result in a budget request made to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2023, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

Priority #: 2 Facility Planning and Budgeting Process.

The Select Committee will study the facility planning and budgeting processes outlined in statute and in the School Facilities Commission's rules. The Select Committee will explore mechanisms to expedite the process for school facility planning, design, and construction and the interrelation between the various mechanisms for funding, including but not limited to major maintenance, component projects, major building or facility renovations and new construction. This topic will include examining the mechanisms to facilitate long-term and large-scale projects and how community funding may assist school districts in completing projects. This will include examination of unique facility needs in communities with population growth and those with existing square footage that exceeds the statewide adequacy standards.

Priority #: 3 Facility Implications of Charter Schools.

The Select Committee will study the facility implications of charter schools, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with new construction, major maintenance, and leasing expenses for existing charter schools, including those approved by the State Loan and Investment Board in 2022 and transferred to the Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board pursuant to 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 179.

### **Management Audit Committee**

Standard Budget: \$25,000.00

Priority #: 1 Program Audit and Evaluation Study.

In December 2022, Management Council authorized LSO to issue an RFP for a consultant to study best options for restructuring a Legislative Audit and Evaluation Program. The Management Audit Committee proposes to release the RFP and make recommendations to Management Council on selection of a consultant and moving forward with the program evaluation study.

Priority #: 2 Receive Reports.

The Management Audit Committee will serve as the home committee and receive reports from the Department of Audit - Public Funds Division.

Priority #: 3 Senate Confirmation Process.

The Management Audit Committee will study the Senate confirmation process of gubernatorial appointments and report to Management Council on historical practices, the qualification requirements for appointments, and the need for statutory changes.

Priority #: 4 State Lands.

The Management Audit Committee will study and propose solutions to maximize returns from valuable state land parcels.

### **Select Natural Resource Funding Committee**

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 Large Project Funding Legislation.

The Committee will review grant applications for large projects recommended by the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Account Board and sponsor legislation to fund projects based on available funds. This topic represents the Committee's responsibilities under W.S. 28-11-401(b) to review and sponsor legislation for Board-recommended large projects.

Priority #: 2 Review of Ongoing Projects.

The Committee will tour ongoing large projects funded in previous years to ensure funds are being expended properly and to monitor project progress. The Committee will also receive updates from stakeholders and the public on the impact of these projects.

### **Air Transportation Liaison Committee**

Standard Budget: \$10,000.00

### **Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology and Process**

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Technology.

The Select Committee will review the Wyoming Legislature's use of technology, including but not limited to reviewing and updating, as necessary, the Legislature's current information strategy to guide technology development for the legislative branch.

Priority #: 2 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 #: 3 Website Enhancements.

The Select Committee wishes to continue development of the Legislature's Website, including additional features and enhancements to improve the public's access to the legislative process.

Priority #: 4 Legislative Service Office Bill Drafting Software.

The Committee will review and evaluate bill drafting software used by the Legislative Service Office and explore solutions for the development and use of software to allow for real-time updates to bills during session as amendments are adopted.

**Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force**

Standard Budget:       \$40,000.00