



March 22, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Gray, Secretary of State
Secretary of State's Office
Herschler Building East, 122 W. 25th Street, Suites 100
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Re: Line-Item Veto of HB0001/House Enrolled Act No. 50 General government appropriations

Dear Secretary Gray,

During my State of the State address to the 67th Legislature, I emphasized the importance of setting a budget for the next two years. I mentioned several times the importance of a yes vote on the budget: to fight federal overreach; to continue our advances on mental health; to provide practical relief for property owners experiencing rising valuations; to assure adequate funding for our schools, counties, and communities; to allow our employees to earn a fair and competitive wage; and to invest in our industries, and in the families that live and work in this great state. At its core, after thousands of man hours of preparation and analysis, I submitted a balanced budget that addressed Wyoming's needs and invested and saved for our future.

Last year in my budget line-item veto letter of the supplemental budget, I congratulated both chambers on passing a budget in record time – all while increasing transparency. It is unfortunate this session did not follow suit. Over 300 amendments to this one bill, some of which were introduced to save legislation that failed earlier in the session, almost caused the budget bill to share the same fate. In the end the Legislature fulfilled its constitutional obligation to pass a budget, such as it is. Accordingly, I have reciprocated with my signature of House Bill 001, House Enrolled Act No. 50, with some line-item vetoes outlined below.

First, I will explain the overarching and structural vetoes which are driven by the desire to move House Enrolled Act No. 50 toward being a true biennial, constitutionally sound budget. Then I will list those vetoes that are more specific and narrow.

OVERARCHING VETOES

Section 307 Personal Services Transfers

This section limits the executive branch from transferring 100 series for personal services to 900 services contract services. The legislative branch does not have this limitation and actually allows the Management Council to transfer funds from one expense category to another as the activities of the legislature require.

During this legislative session, and in previous sessions, the Joint Appropriations Committee has recognized this restriction and has allowed some agencies more flexibility. The Department of Corrections and the Department of Health have enjoyed what is referred to as “superflex” for some time. This session the Department of Environmental Quality was also granted this authority. As you will see in agency budgets there will be one-off exceptions to this restriction. This authority needs to be allowed across the enterprise. This is not only a separation of powers issue, but one that allows greater efficiency and effectiveness by agencies to execute the law and fulfill the duties charged by the legislature. I can also take, and will take executive action to control agencies from abusing this executive discretion and limiting bureaucratic waste and excess.

This provision interferes with the executive branch's authority to allocate staff and resources as needed in day-to-day operations of the state. I have listed below the agencies and footnotes that will be vetoed in order to allow agencies the flexibility to transfer between the 100 series and 900 series as they deem appropriate.

- Section 001 Governor’s Office Footnote 7 (b)
- Section 008 Office of the Public Defender Footnote 1
- Section 024 State Parks and Cultural Resources Footnote 5
- Section 045 Wyoming Department of Transportation Footnote 1
- Section 096 State Budget Department Footnote 1
- Section 038 Wyoming Gaming Commission Footnote 3
- Section 303(a) Infrastructure Grants Administration
- Section 307 Personal Services Transfers
- Section 310 Limitation of Salary Increase

“As a condition of”

There are several instances within this budget bill where the language “as a condition of this appropriation” appears. I believe this oft-repeated restriction to be inappropriate, and that the remaining language in these footnotes provides sufficient guidance as to legislative intent regarding the applicable appropriation. With very few exceptions, I have removed this conditional language within the budget bill.

SECTION-SPECIFIC VETOES

Section 001 Governor’s Office

- **Footnote 10**
The section requires the agency to conduct a feasibility study for the expansion of the lifesaver program which is unrelated to ordinary expenses of the state. The program currently exists and is being utilized in some counties. The issue is a sustainable funding

source and the resources and supplies needed to run the program. The agency will continue to work with the local law enforcement and the Alzheimer Association on identifying needs.

- **Footnote 11**

I greatly appreciate the intent of this footnote and I will note the requests received by my office to assist with the border crisis are ever changing. To best meet these needs as they are expressed I have sought some flexibility in the way these funds are spent. The request may not always be for personnel, but may be for equipment or other resources. We need to ensure that equipment is functioning properly before it is deployed.

Section 10 Department of Agriculture

- **Footnote 2**

In my 2022 and 2020 budget veto letters, I noted that there were a few items that I did not veto, but would not support in future budgets. Again, I still believe programs like Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom, “We The People”, humanities initiatives, and Centennial Farm and Ranch programs all have value but should start to consider how to stand on their own merits. These programs are important but do not necessarily need to be included in the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. Once again, I urge others to donate to these programs, enabling them to carry on independently in the future. This veto language also pertains to Section 024 Footnotes 2, 3, and 4.

- **Footnote 4(b)**

While I support special projects to assist with prioritization for preventing endangered species listings and that directly involve predator control, I feel that it is an overreach of the legislature to recommend appropriation of funds that are under the control of the Game and Fish Commission. If the Commission wishes to contribute to these projects, they can make this determination.

Section 015 Attorney General

- **Footnote 3**

While I appreciate the support of the legislature in funding the grants for the child advocacy centers, the distribution method for the grants needs to be a decision made by the executive branch. The agency's distribution method will likely take into consideration the vetoed language, but will allow other relevant factors to be considered as well.

Section 048 Department of Health

- **Footnote 16**

The demolition of the state hospital has been a topic of conversation during several budget sessions. The Department of Health and the State Construction Department have offered to reissue a bid package for the first step of demolition to be more accommodating to the legislative request to delay for one year and work on demolishing other structures that are of lesser concern to the repurposing advocates. Reissuing the demolition bid package would take some time to complete, therefore there is no reason to charge the town of Evanston for incurred costs.

However, the Legislature has given direction and the means to start the years-long work of mitigating the safety and environmental risks to the state of letting the abandoned buildings at the state hospital continue to deteriorate. I urge all involved to keep in mind that waiting even one more year results in significantly increased costs to repurpose or demolish. Inflation, particularly in construction, has resisted any downward market pressures. I note that anyone who was paying attention for the last six years knew that the demolition of these old buildings was coming. I have worked to encourage several to take advantage of the opportunities this property could provide. I have not found takers and, therefore, will not support further delay or additional liability unless an acceptable plan to repurpose the designated structures can be proffered by the local advocates within the next twelve months.

Section 049 Department of Family Services

- **Footnote 5**

The Department of Family Services and the Wyoming Community College Commission have both been working endlessly on an early childhood integrated data system. We all agree that there is still more work to be done, but it is time these systems start producing the results for which we have eagerly been awaiting. Presently, I am not convinced that transferring all licenses, data, and functions from the Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) into the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS) will result in expeditious completion of the tasks contemplated. While I appreciate the intent to incorporate these systems, since the budget was passed we have received additional information that has caused concerns with regards to the architecture of the current SLEDS system. We are in the process of accessing how to improve the system to ensure it meets the state's needs. The functionality and integration of the systems needs to be evaluated to ensure the integrity of the data. I am not sure that we have yet decided the foundational issue of whether the data system will be a federated system or a centralized system. This veto language also pertains to Section 057 Footnote 1.

- **Footnote 8**

I view this veto as a technical correction. I recommended 75% of the increase requested by the agency for rate increases for group homes, residential treatment centers, and BOCES as well as the rate increase for crisis stabilization services. The legislature approved the additional 25% for both of these requests (Group homes, RTCs, and BOCES in Unit 5915 \$1.470M and crisis beds in Unit 5903 \$930K). The footnote only mentions those items funded under unit 5915. I am vetoing the language that says this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose, in order to allow the agency to spend the funds appropriated to Unit 5903, which I believe is consistent with the intent of the legislature.

Section 067 University of Wyoming

- **Footnote 12**

Diversity, equity and inclusion have emerged as critical topics being discussed during this legislative session, highlighting their importance. I recognize the will of the Legislature on this topic and do not seek to undermine it. Nevertheless, I also believe that without this targeted veto, the legislature will have inadvertently put millions of dollars of federal grants that regularly flow to the University at risk. These grants are vital to research and other core purposes of the University, but with the condition that the recipients extend opportunities to participate to underrepresented and underserved populations, including veterans, people with disabilities, Native Americans, and others. These grant-required inclusion efforts are much broader than LGBTQ+ or others that our Legislature may believe are the only populations for which inclusion efforts are intended. Clearly Wyoming need not pursue any “woke” agenda and I have encouraged the University to drop such nonsense.

- I am also removing footnote 12 from the Endowment and Matching Funds section to provide the Board of Trustees with flexibility in utilizing donor and matching funds for research.

Section 091 Stable Token Commission

- **Footnote 3**

There was a lot of back-and-forth this session regarding the stable token commission and at times I was not sure it would survive. I commend the legislature for coming to an agreement and allowing this commission to at least have a chance to prove itself. I am removing the word “only” from this footnote. The commission shall endeavor to work with Wyoming domiciled entities, but we do not want to cause undue hardship on the commission as it has no control over the location of the qualified entities. I also have a conforming veto in Section 300 (n).

Section 303(g) Chancery Court

- Similar to the Executive Branch, I am giving flexibility to the Supreme Court to fulfill its mission across the entire court system. The judiciary has less ability to flex budgets because of the limited funds and the high ratio of fixed costs in the branch (almost 90% of the total appropriations are for personnel). The chancery court is high in its priority list, but in the event that some lesser portion of the reversion is needed to fully fund the chancery court, this line-item veto will provide a modicum of flexibility to meet unanticipated needs that may arise over the entire biennium.

Section 303 (h) University of Wyoming Matching Funds for Research

- I have vetoed language that would prohibit any excess funding of this specific research to be used in other porous media research that may be valuable to Wyoming and the University. The full appropriation is likely needed for the research intended, however, any excess could also be used to fund the research that is only partially funded under Section 318, which has a known obligation to the state of \$75,000,000 over three years.

Section 310 - Limitation on Salary Increase - Separation of Powers

- My long-held concerns with the constitutionality and functionality of this budget language are only increasing. The fiscal control intended by this section is something that already exists in rule. My designees to review proposed salary increases are the Director of the Budget Department, the Director of the Departments of Administration & Information, and the Human Resource Division Administrator. They review any proposed salary increases for compliance with personnel rules, to make sure these increases do not create systemic inequities, and to ensure that an agency has adequate funds in its budgets. Any increase above what the Legislature has authorized would result in an exception request to the Legislature under executive rules and Chapter 2 of Title 9 of the Wyoming Statutes. This provision infringes on the separation of powers and encroaches upon the inherent prerogative of the executive branch. This is contrary to my budget recommendation authority as it removes my discretionary power relating to the next biennial budget. Accordingly, I have stricken the offending language.
- In preparation for the veto of Section 310, my administration will actively engage with the relevant enterprise or control agencies to implement measures that prevent unchecked growth in positions or budgets, but allow them the flexibility within the already allocated 100 or 900 series funds. These efforts will be guided by existing policies under the Department of Administration and Information, Human Resources Division, and creation of policies by the State Budget Department. To ensure responsible management, agencies will be held accountable to these policies.

- By taking proactive steps within the bounds of executive authority, we can effectively address the concerns outlined in Section 310 without necessitating legislative intervention. This approach will uphold our commitment to prudent governance and fiscal responsibility while respecting the separation of powers.
- I am confident that through continued collaboration and cooperation, we can achieve our shared goals while maintaining the integrity of our governmental processes.

Section 313 School Capital Construction

- (b) This line gives the appearance that my office added nearly \$10,000,000 for the Sweetwater High School design. The additional funds in the Governor’s budget recommendation was an acknowledgment of a recommendation made to my office in a November 1, 2023 memorandum from the Select Committee on School Facilities. That memorandum provided that, “In lieu of the component project for Sweetwater #1, the Select Committee recommends \$9,937,422, as calculated by the Department, for the design of Rock Springs High School to be completed at the satellite high school site. The Select Committee further recommends these design funds not be expended until July 1, 2025.”
- I recognize that the cost of the potential need for new high schools in the near future in Rock Springs and Campbell County have the potential to swamp school construction budgets for years. I recognize the need for longer term planning to stage, finance, and build these large projects. I support that rational approach. However, to my knowledge, neither the Campbell County nor the Sweetwater County high school projects have qualified for design and construction under the standard facility prioritization processes for construction of school facilities. I am not vetoing the project, I am only vetoing any implication that I support the Legislature deviating from the standard prioritization process for the construction of school facilities. I do recognize that the statutes allow for long range planning, and this would seem to be important to do with these two extraordinarily large and potentially very expensive high school remedies looming on the horizon.
- (h) I am also vetoing “ as approved by the commission” from this section. While it says the state construction department shall report monthly, which is doable, it mentions that the report must be approved by the school facilities commission which does not meet every month, therefore I am removing their approval of the report.

Section 323 Large Project Energy Matching Funds

- (e) While I understand the legislative intent for these funds to be used for large projects of at least \$50 million, I don’t believe it was the intent of the legislature to limit the utilization of all the funds appropriated. This language severely restricts the ability to do more than one

project. The way the language is currently written, if we funded a project for \$55 million, we would be restricted from using the leftover \$45 million. Therefore, I am removing the language “the state’s participation”. I believe in the current known grants that we are following, that the state’s match would likely be a minimum of \$25 million, with a project total of over \$50 million. This was, I believe, the intent of the Legislature.

Section 324 Board of Land Commissioners - Sale Authorization and Disposition of Proceeds

- I am removing “shall” from each instance in this footnote, while maintaining the remainder of the language. In this situation, shall is superfluous, particularly when paired with perpetuity. This fulfills the intent of the legislature, avoids ambiguity and redundancies.

Section 329 Employee Compensation

- (a) and (b) When the executive branch started working on employee compensation, I made it very clear that this would be a three-step process. Had my budget recommendation been approved it would have positioned the state and the legislature to finish dealing with the days of large increases and be able to plan for minimal adjustments every two years to keep up with changes in pay tables. My profile ask for the executive branch was \$21 million, University of Wyoming \$9.2 million, Community College \$4.9 million and the Judicial Branch \$1.3 million. The legislature only chose to fund 25% of my recommendation. Therefore, I am removing all sections that prescribe how these funds shall be allocated. Given the limited amount of funds, it is imperative that the executive branch develop a distribution method to optimize this allocation in a fair manner.
- (c) - I have made conforming changes to reflect my line-item vetoes in subsections (a) and (b).
- (d) - Since I vetoed Section 310, I am removing its reference in this section.

Section 330 Executive Branch Position Savings and Funds Deposits

- As I noted in the beginning of this letter, I believe the legislature has a practice of encroaching upon the inherit prerogatives of the executive branch. Requiring the executive branch to eliminate positions is just another example of this encroachment.

Section 331 - K-12 School District Mental Health Service Grants

- I feel that it is important that all children have access to mental health services. Therefore, I am removing the word “district” in this section, so that all public schools – including charter schools – have the ability to participate.

Section 332 Charter School In Western Wyoming

- The section permits the Charter Authorizing Board to approve a charter school in western Wyoming. My veto provides that this school will be considered the fourth under current law.

Section 340 Recreation Center Capital Construction Grant

- (a) The principal sponsor of this provision did not support the final budget and, therefore, I must assume his enthusiasm for it had waned. I have removed it. This section was unrelated to ordinary expenses of the state government anyway and therefore should have been brought in separate legislation.

Section 341 American Rescue Plan Act - Reappropriation and Appropriation

- (c) While this entire section should technically be vetoed as it does not pertain to ordinary expenses of the state government; this has been a very strange year where often the regular order of sessions has been overlooked. This section, like Section 3, Capital Construction, is another example of the legislature not passing the standalone legislation and responding by adding a section to the budget. As we all know, the ARPA funding has provided much-needed relief for local communities and its timeliness is running out. Wheatland has applied for and received mineral royalty grant (MRG) emergency funds to address critical concerns with their water supply. While these were insufficient to effect complete repairs, they have provided something of a bridge for the town. The State Loan and Investment Board is aware of Wheatland's circumstances and is anxious to help the town using MRG funds as is customary for situations such as this. Wheatland has applied for regular grant funding to complete the project. Following the lead of local legislators who voted against the budget thereby indicating their regard for the inclusion of this project in the budget, I have removed this provision.

Section 342 Wyoming Spanish-American War Monument

- This statue was unveiled in January 1905 by Governor B.B Brooks. At the time he is quoted as saying " This monument will stand for all time, not only as a memorial of our late soldiers, but also as a testimonial of the noble work of Wyoming's brave hearted women." During the Capitol renovation this monument was removed. I do not have an issue with resources being used for repair and installation of this monument. However, I am removing the language that these funds cannot be transferred nor included in the standard budget in the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. These funds are being given to State Parks while the State Building Commissions is working on the Capitol Area Master Plan as well as wayfinding and exhibits so that this monument and others can be placed in proper context with the Capitol and be assured of some permanence. By removing this language, I have provided the

flexibility for these agencies to work together as they determine the appropriate placement for this monument.

While I acknowledge the efforts put forth in crafting this legislation, I believe that certain line items were necessary to ensure the responsible allocation of resources. I remain committed to working collaboratively with the legislature to address our state's fiscal priorities in a manner that best serves the interests of our citizens. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mark Gordon
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Ogden Driskill, President of the Senate w/copy of line item pages
The Honorable Albert Sommers, Speaker of the House of Representatives w/copy of line item pages
Chief Clerk, Wyoming Senate w/copy of line item pages
Chief Clerk, Wyoming House of Representatives w/copy of line item pages

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~~(b) The appropriation in subsection (a) of this footnote shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~ *Ma*

8. Of this general fund appropriation, four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is appropriated to the office of homeland security within the governor's office for the state support fund unit for equipment needs associated with responses to hazardous materials. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the governor's office, office of homeland security's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

9. Of this general fund appropriation, one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is appropriated to the office of homeland security within the governor's office for the state support fund unit for equipment needs associated with responses to weapons of mass destruction by emergency response teams. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the governor's office, office of homeland security's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

10. Of this general fund appropriation, twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) is appropriated for ~~a feasibility study to assess expansion of the lifesaver program under W.S. 19-13-117 and to assess requirements for dementia training for law enforcement, first responders and other search personnel. The office of homeland security shall report the results of the study to the joint judiciary interim committee not later than October 1, 2024. This~~ *Ma*
~~appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.~~ *Ma*

11. Of this general fund appropriation, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) is appropriated for reimbursing Wyoming ~~law enforcement agencies for expenses associated with lawful volunteer agreements that local law enforcement agencies may enter into~~ *Ma*
~~to assist border state law enforcement efforts. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the office of the governor's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.~~ *Ma*

12. Of this other funds appropriation, there is appropriated eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00) from the federal natural resource policy account to the office of the governor for the purposes of funding the costs of two (2) full-time positions within a statewide association representing

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1. Of this general fund appropriation, twenty-four million seven hundred seventy thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$24,770,550.00) and of this other funds appropriation, four million three hundred seventy-one thousand two hundred seventy-three dollars (\$4,371,273.00) SR may be expended for contract trial attorneys, contract legal support or compensation of full-time and part-time employee positions authorized for the office of the public defender to address caseload work requirements and geographic distribution in the most effective and efficient manner as determined by the public defender. ~~This appropriation shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~

Section 010. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Administration Div.	2,344,379		5,209 SR	2,349,588
Ag. Education and Info.	16,000		20,834 SR	36,834
Consumer Prot. Div. ^{1.}	12,363,687	1,364,439	1,706,485 SR	15,434,611
Natural Resources Div. ^{2.}	4,062,402	8,244	683,365 S1	
			258,000 S5	5,012,011
Pesticide Registration	773,671			773,671
State Fair	2,677,929		1,683,088 SR	4,361,017
Weed & Pest Control			1,035,587 SR	1,035,587
Predator Management ^{3., 4.}	10,000,000		1,000,000 SR	11,000,000
Wyoming Beef Council			2,521,428 SR	2,521,428
Wyo Wheat Mktg. Comm.			186,152 SR	186,152
Dry Bean Commission			312,511 SR	312,511
Leaf Cutter Bee			11,663 SR	11,663
TOTALS	32,238,068	1,372,683	9,424,322	43,035,073

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	74
Part Time	6
TOTAL	80

1. It is the intent of the legislature that of this general fund appropriation, fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$14,800.00) not be included in the department of agriculture's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

2. Of this general fund appropriation, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) is appropriated for Wyoming agriculture in the classroom. ~~It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of agriculture's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

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3. (a) It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of agriculture's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(b) Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) is appropriated for expenditure in accordance with chapter 2 of the Wyoming animal damage management board rules and for gray wolf depredation compensation. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

4. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00) is appropriated for:

(i) Special projects prioritized for preventing listing of a species as endangered;

(ii) Projects that directly involve predator control that will have the greatest benefit to wildlife or reduce the cost to the department for animal damage payments.

~~(b) Of this other funds appropriation, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) SR is from the game and fish fund. This other funds appropriation to the department of agriculture shall only be effective upon a majority vote of the game and fish commission and if approved, shall be expended in concurrence with the priorities of this footnote.~~

~~(c) The appropriations specified in this footnote shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.~~

Section 011. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

PROGRAM

Administration ¹ .	6,517,488			6,517,488
Revenue Division	9,919,703		943,016 SR	10,862,719
Valuation Division	27,934,359			27,934,359
Liquor Division ² .			12,245,254 EF	12,245,254
Liquor Sales & Purchases			275,000,000 EF	275,000,000
General Fund Transfers			42,000,000 EF	42,000,000
TOTALS	44,371,550	0	330,188,270	374,559,820

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	124
Part Time	0
TOTAL	124

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2. Of this general fund appropriation, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is effective immediately.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) is appropriated for grants for child advocacy centers. ~~Distribution of grants from this appropriation shall be prorated based upon the number of completed interviews conducted by each center during the prior year.~~

Section 020. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROGRAM

Administration	7,576,160			7,576,160
Air Quality	11,185,649	1,696,777	16,494,155 SR	29,376,581
Water Quality ¹ .	14,388,334	10,524,538	1,198,071 SR	26,110,943
Land Quality	5,798,325	4,538,247		10,336,572
Industrial Siting	742,898			742,898
Solid Waste Management ² .	13,391,656	3,733,018	5,070,809 SR	22,195,483
Uranium Recovery Program			2,592,581 SR	2,592,581
Abandoned Mine Reclam.		103,540,285		103,540,285
Subsidence Loss Ins.			200,678 SR	200,678
TOTALS	53,083,022	124,032,865	25,556,294	202,672,181

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time ¹ .	273
Part Time	0
TOTAL	273

1. Of this general fund appropriation, eighty thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$80,797.00) and of these authorized employees, two (2) full-time positions are effective immediately.

2. Of this general fund appropriation, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the municipal solid waste cease and transfer grant account.

Section 021. DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT PROGRAM

Administration	384,479	376,377	317,637 SR	1,078,493
Banking			7,566,216 SR	7,566,216
Public Fund ¹ .	6,321,030			6,321,030
Mineral	3,048,690	5,782,580	209,449 SR	9,040,719
Excise	4,166,160		92,387 S7	4,258,547
TOTALS	13,920,359	6,158,957	8,185,689	28,265,005

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Ms University of Wyoming for indirect cost recovery or overhead expenses for the administration of the "We the People" educational program. ~~It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of state parks and cultural resources' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Ms 3. Of this general fund appropriation, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) is appropriated and conditioned upon matching funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than two dollars (\$2.00) of matching funds from any nonstate sources for purposes of providing grants for humanities initiatives. ~~It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of state parks and cultural resources' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Ms 4. Of this general fund appropriation, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is appropriated to support the Wyoming centennial farm and ranch program. ~~It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of state parks and cultural resources' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Ms 5. Of this general fund appropriation, ninety-six thousand five hundred eleven dollars (\$96,511.00) may be expended for authorized full-time and part-time employee positions within the personal services series (100 series) or through the contractual services series (900 series) as necessary to ensure the state's archaeology work on human remains is completed in the most effective and efficient manner as determined by the director of the department of state parks and cultural resources. ~~This appropriation shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~

6. It is the intent of the legislature that of this general fund appropriation, one hundred seventy thousand five hundred forty-five dollars (\$170,545.00) not be included in the department of state parks and cultural resources' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

7. Of this general fund appropriation, three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00) is appropriated for operations, site improvements, facility stabilization, major maintenance and up to two (2) at-will employee contract positions at the high plains research station and arboretum as determined by the director of the department of state parks and cultural

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APPROPRIATION FOR	GENERAL FUND \$	FEDERAL FUNDS \$	OTHER FUNDS \$	TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$
Section 045. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM				
Administration			4,306,758 S7	4,306,758
Administrative Services		170,308	41,556,660 S7	56,550,770
Law Enforcement ¹		6,907,728	95,662,371 S7	102,830,099
WyoLink	8,600,000		260,000 SR	
			1,407,838 IS	
Aeronautics Admin.		314,282	1,976,366 S7	11,984,204
Operational Services			4,749,762 S7	5,064,044
Aeronautics		45,805,302	2,435,870 IS	2,435,870
			162,452 IS	
			<u>21,052,639 S7</u>	<u>67,020,393</u>
TOTALS	<u>8,600,000</u>	<u>53,197,620</u>	188,394,518	250,192,138

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES	
Full Time	553
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	553

1. Of this other funds appropriation, up to five hundred twenty-three thousand two hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$523,277.00) S7 may be expended for law enforcement personnel expenses within the personal services series (100 series) or through the contractual services series (900 series) as necessary to meet capitol complex security needs in the most effective and efficient manner as determined by the director of the department of transportation. ~~This appropriation shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~

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FOR	FUND	FUNDS	FUNDS	APPROPRIATION
	\$	\$	\$	\$

12. It is the intent of the legislature that, of this general fund appropriation, twelve million two hundred ninety thousand three hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$12,290,328.00) for services to preschool children with disabilities be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. Of this general fund appropriation, twelve million two hundred ninety thousand three hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$12,290,328.00) shall be reduced by one dollar (\$1.00) for every one dollar (\$1.00) up to twelve million two hundred ninety thousand three hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$12,290,328.00) appropriated from any source to the department of health in 2024 Senate File 0019, if enacted into law. It is the intent of the legislature that the total amount appropriated by any legislation enacted in the 2024 legislative session, including 2024 Senate File 0019, for the purposes specified in this footnote not exceed twelve million two hundred ninety thousand three hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$12,290,328.00).

13. It is the intent of the legislature that of this other funds appropriation, seven hundred forty-six thousand six dollars (\$746,006.00) SR for equipment, repairs and maintenance not be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

14. Of this general fund appropriation, ten million six hundred eighty-three thousand forty-eight dollars (\$10,683,048.00) is appropriated for grants to Wyoming senior centers in accordance with W.S. 9-2-1212(a)(ii).

15. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred fifty thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars (\$250,695.00) is appropriated for trauma designations and education. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Ms 16. (a) ~~As a condition of this general fund appropriation,~~ the department of health shall take the following actions related to planning and demolition at the Wyoming state hospital:

(i) The department shall not demolish the boiler house, identified as building number two (2) in the feasibility study, but may remove or remodel the internal components of the building;

Ms (ii) ~~The department shall not fill in any underground tunnels that have not been filled in as of the effective date of this act;~~

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Ms ~~(iii)~~ The department shall not demolish the following buildings identified in the feasibility study:

- (A) Staff residence, building number eight (8);
- (B) Duplex residence, building number nine (9);
- (C) Clark hall annex, staff residence apartments, building number fifteen (15);
- (D) Clark hall dormitory, building number sixteen (16).

Ms ~~(b) Before revising any design plans, requests for proposal or bid documents in accordance with this footnote, the department of health shall determine what costs will be incurred as a result of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section and shall enter into an agreement with the city of Evanston for the city to incur any costs as a result of changes to design plans, requests for proposal or bid documents as a result of subsection (a) of this section.~~

Ms ~~(c) Nothing in this footnote shall be construed to impair or alter any agreement or contract entered into before the effective date of this act.~~

Ms ~~(d)~~ As used in this footnote, "feasibility study" means appendix A.1 of the Wyoming assessment and feasibility study for the repurposing of the Wyoming state hospital campus from December 2021.

Ms ~~(e)~~ This footnote is effective immediately.

**Section 049. DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES
PROGRAM**

Energy Assistance & WX		22,953,914		22,953,914
Institutions ¹ .	23,678,637	2,783	3,609,575 S5 580,276 SR	27,871,271
Assistance & Services ² .				
3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8.	137,140,025	127,708,875	7,559,833 SR	
			5,240,510 TT	277,649,243
TOTALS	160,818,662	150,665,572	16,990,194	328,474,428

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	659
Part Time	1
TOTAL	660

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FOR	FUND	FUNDS	FUNDS	APPROPRIATION
	\$	\$	\$	\$

1. Of this other funds appropriation, one million nine hundred sixty-two thousand seventy-nine dollars (\$1,962,079.00)S5 is appropriated for educational services at the Wyoming boys' school, and one million six hundred forty-seven thousand four hundred ninety-six dollars (\$1,647,496.00)S5 is appropriated for educational services at the Wyoming girls' school. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of family services' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

2. For the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026, the department of family services shall not expend funds from this total appropriation to support the overall capacity of residential and group home beds in excess of the number of certified beds on January 1, 2022.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) is appropriated for purposes of indigent burial or cremation expenses authorized by W.S. 42-2-103(c). It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of family services' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

4. Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated for juvenile justice data reporting in accordance with 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 15. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of family services' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

5. Of this general fund appropriation, one million three hundred twenty-nine thousand seven hundred fourteen dollars (\$1,329,714.00) is appropriated for an early childhood integrated data system. ~~As a condition of this appropriation, the department of family services, in cooperation with the Wyoming community college commission, shall arrange to transfer all licenses, data, functions, any property acquired relating to the early childhood integrated data system, and any unexpended, unobligated funds from this appropriation, to the Wyoming community college commission for inclusion in the statewide longitudinal educational data system by June 30, 2026.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in either the department of family services' or community college commission's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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6. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) is appropriated to furnish offices at the Wyoming life resource center campus. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of family services' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

7. Of this general fund appropriation, eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000.00) and of this federal fund appropriation one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) is appropriated for rate increases for foster care providers. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

8. Of this general fund appropriation, two million four hundred twenty-seven thousand ninety-seven dollars (\$2,427,097.00) is appropriated to increase the room and board reimbursement rate paid by the department of family services to group homes, residential treatment centers and board of cooperative educational services facilities. ~~This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.~~

Section 051. LIVESTOCK BOARD

PROGRAM

Administration	1,794,942	24,102	314,122 SR	2,133,166
Animal Health ¹ .	2,027,380		258,388 SR	2,285,768
Brucellosis	1,182,251	486,944		1,669,195
Cooperative Agreements		25,500		25,500
Estrays	38,750			38,750
Brand Inspection	1,157,199		11,628,880 SR	12,786,079
Predator Control Fees			2,265,264 SR	2,265,264
TOTALS	6,200,522	536,546	14,466,654	21,203,722

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	17
Part Time	0
TOTAL	17

1. Of this general fund appropriation, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is appropriated to the livestock law enforcement account. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the livestock board's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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Section 053. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES				
PROGRAM				
Administration & Support	25,869,912	28,025,508	3,342,631 EF 5,444,093 SR	62,682,144
Vocational Rehab.	7,693,236	27,859,349	107,674 EF 2,764,249 SR	38,424,508
Unemployment Insurance		28,415,759	1,500,071 EF 10,636,935 SR	40,552,765
Labor Standards	2,257,440	556	3,742 EF	2,261,738
Workers' Comp. & OSHA		3,012,350	67,008,136 EF	70,020,486
Disability Determination		<u>7,802,573</u>		<u>7,802,573</u>
TOTALS	<u>35,820,588</u>	<u>95,116,095</u>	<u>90,807,531</u>	<u>221,744,214</u>

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES	
Full Time	563
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	563

Section 055. OIL AND GAS COMMISSION 1.

PROGRAM				
Administration		278,026	10,559,212 SR	10,837,238
Orphan Wells			<u>7,526,087 SR</u>	<u>7,526,087</u>
TOTALS	<u>0</u>	<u>278,026</u>	<u>18,085,299</u>	<u>18,363,325</u>

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES	
Full Time	40
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	40

1. A portion of this other funds appropriation may be expended to conduct the purposes of this footnote. ~~As a condition of this appropriation,~~ the oil and gas conservation commission shall review the state processes for planning and funding major maintenance of public facilities, including Section 308 of this act and develop a plan for funding major maintenance or creating a major maintenance reserve for oil and gas conservation commission-owned facilities. It is the intent of the legislature that an exception request for this purpose be included in the oil and gas conservation commission's next budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013.

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Section 057. COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMISSION PROGRAM				
Administration ^{1.}	7,585,940		736,498 SR	8,322,438
State Aid ^{2., 3.}	244,504,156			244,504,156
Adult Education	2,025,998	1,899,341		3,925,339
WYIN Loan & Grant Prgm ^{4., 5.}	7,521,256			7,521,256
Veterans' Tuition Waiver	481,250			481,250
Public Television	<u>3,411,976</u>		<u>110,000 SR</u>	<u>3,521,976</u>
TOTALS	265,530,576	<u>1,899,341</u>	<u>846,498</u>	268,276,415

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	12
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	12

Ma 1. ~~As a condition of this general fund appropriation for the statewide longitudinal education data system, the Wyoming community college commission shall work in good faith with the department of family services to incorporate the early childhood integrated data system into the statewide longitudinal educational data system by June 30, 2026.~~

2. Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred ninety-two million four hundred thirty-three thousand four hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$192,433,477.00) is for distribution by the commission to qualifying community colleges as provided in W.S. 21-18-205.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) is appropriated to support competitive rodeo teams at Wyoming community colleges. The appropriation shall be equally distributed to all colleges with a competitive rodeo program. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

4. Of this general fund appropriation, four hundred eight thousand dollars (\$408,000.00) is appropriated for additional student loans within the Wyoming investment in nursing program in accordance with W.S. 9-2-123. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the Wyoming community college commission's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

5. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred nineteen thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars (\$219,916.00) shall be expended for any unfunded compensation for two (2) additional faculty positions and only after all available and permissible federal funds have been exhausted. The Wyoming community college commission shall not expend more than six million one

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State Aid ^{1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 12., 13.}	401,227,647			401,227,647
School of Energy Res. ^{6., 7., 8., 9.}	23,857,808		19,000,000 S13	42,857,808
Tier 1 Engineering	18,584,703			18,584,703
NCAR MOU	1,528,316			1,528,316
Endowments & Matching ^{10., 11., 12., 14.}	39,500,000			39,500,000
TOTALS	484,698,474	0	19,000,000	503,698,474

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

1. Of this general fund appropriation, three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is to fund graduate assistantship stipends. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

2. Of this general fund appropriation, two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) is for building artificial intelligence expertise. Expenditure of this appropriation is conditioned upon a match of funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of matching funds from any person. For purposes of this footnote, "person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, joint stock company or any other association or entity, excluding all public entities. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the University of Wyoming's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is to increase the library collections' biennial budget. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

4. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is appropriated for the purpose of providing a state match

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FOR	FUND	FUNDS	FUNDS	APPROPRIATION
	\$	\$	\$	\$

(\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of matching funds from any nonstate source. This appropriation shall be retained by the state treasurer for distribution in accordance with W.S. 21-16-904 regardless of whether the match is for purposes of a permanent endowment under paragraph (a)(i) of this footnote or for expenditure by the University of Wyoming under paragraph (a)(ii) of this footnote.

11. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) is appropriated to match research grants and contracts related to flow through porous media. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the University of Wyoming's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Of this general fund appropriation, twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000.00) is effective July 1, 2025, and twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000.00) is effective April 1, 2026. Expenditure of this appropriation is conditioned upon the University:

(i) Securing a match of funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of matching funds from any other source;

(ii) Conducting all computational and practical research to the greatest extent reasonably possible with University of Wyoming students within Wyoming;

(iii) Performing research on geologic formations and energy extraction opportunities that may be found within Wyoming;

(iv) To the extent possible, developing any feasibility studies, small-scale experiments or large-scale projects associated with research funded by this appropriation within Wyoming.

12. No funds from this appropriation shall be expended on the office of diversity, equity and inclusion at the University of Wyoming ~~or on any diversity, equity and inclusion program, activity or function.~~

13. A portion of this general fund appropriation may be expended to conduct the purposes of this footnote. The University of Wyoming shall review opportunities, feasibility and costs associated with expanding medical education and training for Wyoming students, including broader use of WICHE, expanded agreements with WWAMI and new relationships with public universities in the western regional United States. The results of the review and

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4. Of this federal funds appropriation, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000.00) is for administrative costs related to the state small business credit initiative.

Section 090. WYOMING ENERGY AUTHORITY

PROGRAM

Administration	5,222,178	0	0	5,222,178
TOTALS	5,222,178	0	0	5,222,178

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

Section 091. WYOMING STABLE TOKEN COMMISSION ^{1.}

PROGRAM

Administration ^{2., 3.}	0	0	5,800,000 S0	5,800,000
TOTALS	0	0	5,800,000	5,800,000

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

1. It is the intent of the legislature that the Wyoming stable token commission's budget exception requests for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium be submitted in accordance with W.S. 9-2-1013.

2. Of this other funds appropriation, five million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$5,800,000.00)S0 is appropriated from the Wyoming stable token administration account. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the stable token commission's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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3. ~~As a condition of this appropriation,~~ the Wyoming stable token commission shall endeavor to contract with ~~only~~ Wyoming domiciled entities when conducting business funded by this appropriation.

Section 096. STATE BUDGET DEPARTMENT

PROGRAM

Administration ^{1., 2.}	3,388,759	0	0	3,388,759
TOTALS	3,388,759	0	0	3,388,759

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AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES				
Full Time	8			
Part Time	<u>0</u>			
TOTAL	8			

1. Of this general fund appropriation, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) may be expended for contract support or compensation of temporary full-time and part-time employee positions within the state budget department. ~~This appropriation shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~

2. Of this general fund appropriation, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is for upgrades to the state's budget management system and may be matched from funds from other state entities.

Section 098. OFFICE OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM

Guardian Ad Litem	4,439,027	_____	1,111,578 SR	5,550,605
TOTALS	4,439,027	0	1,111,578	5,550,605

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	10
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	10

Section 101. SUPREME COURT ^{1.}
PROGRAM

Administration ^{2.}	12,113,527	778,930	4,134,508 SR	17,026,965
Judicial Nominating Comm.	34,942			34,942
Chancery Court	1,228,228			1,228,228
Law Library	1,328,227			1,328,227
Circuit Courts ^{3.}	36,103,730			36,103,730
Court Automation	4,129,960		9,797,563 SR	13,927,523
Judicial Retirement	1,750,598			1,750,598
Treatment Court	3,129,667		1,400,000 SR	
			2,398,072 TT	6,927,739
Branchwide Resources ^{4., 5., 6., 7.}	6,456,734		185,640 SR	6,642,374
TOTALS	66,275,613	778,930	17,915,783	84,970,326

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	220
Part Time	<u>21</u>
TOTAL	241

1. (a) In accordance with W.S. 5-1-110(b) and subject to constitutional and statutory provisions concerning when salaries can become effective, there is

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Section 206. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ^{1., 5.}				
PROGRAM				
State Board of Education	204,148		424,314 S5	628,462
Leadership, Finance & IT ^{2., 3.}	10,352,430	16,050	5,446,240 S5 200,458 SR	16,015,178
Accountability & Commun.	903,811	45,909,620	10,306,414 S5 220,494 SR 1,000 T0	57,341,339
School Support ^{4., 5., 6.}	3,858,639	304,951,075	1,897,438 S5 5,738,155 SR 468,495 T0	<u>316,913,802</u>
TOTALS	<u>15,319,028</u>	<u>350,876,745</u>	<u>24,703,008</u>	<u>390,898,781</u>

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time ^{2., 6.}	113
Part Time	<u>2</u>
TOTAL	115

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1. ~~As a condition of the appropriations to this agency,~~ the department of education shall maintain the total amount of direct expenditures for and grants to local school districts in support of applied agriculture and farming programs during the 2025-2026 fiscal biennium as compared to the 2023-2024 fiscal biennium. It is the intent of the legislature that any expenditures by the department of education pursuant to this footnote be documented and included in the department of education's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

2. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000.00) is appropriated, and of these authorized employees, one (1) full-time position is authorized for increased staffing in the finance unit.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, thirty-three thousand four hundred seventy-six dollars (\$33,476.00) is appropriated for increased compensation and employer paid benefits for two (2) positions within the finance unit.

4. Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated for the advancement of civics education through support of the Wyoming boys' state and Wyoming girls' state programs in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) annually to each program. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of education's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES				
Full Time	12			
Part Time	<u>0</u>			
TOTAL	12			

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1. ~~As a condition of this other funds appropriation,~~ the office of administrative hearings shall provide hearing services to community colleges in accordance with W.S. 9-2-2202(b).

Section 012. BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

PROGRAM

Administration	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	226,494 SR	<u>226,494</u>
TOTALS	0	0	226,494	226,494

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0

Section 016. BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS

PROGRAM

Administration	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	46,327 SR	<u>46,327</u>
TOTALS	0	0	46,327	46,327

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0

Section 017. BOARD OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS EXAMINERS

PROGRAM

Administration	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	101,905 SR	<u>101,905</u>
TOTALS	0	0	101,905	101,905

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	0

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APPROPRIATION FOR	GENERAL FUND \$	FEDERAL FUNDS \$	OTHER FUNDS \$	TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$
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2. Of this other funds appropriation, three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00)SR is appropriated, and of these authorized employees, one (1) full-time position is authorized as a director and executive secretary. This appropriation shall be for the purposes of identifying, recruiting and hiring a director and executive secretary for the Wyoming gaming commission. The Wyoming gaming commission shall hire a director who has executive experience in the gaming industry, business, financial and personnel management skills, experience with industry trends and developments, experience establishing regulation and compliance and the ability to resolve disputes. Of these full-time positions, one (1) full-time position authorized as a director and executive secretary shall only be effective for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending July 1, 2025 to mitigate the loss of institutional knowledge and disruption to the Wyoming gaming commission and ensure the director has the opportunity to evaluate the Wyoming gaming commission and its operations.

3. Of this other funds appropriation, three hundred forty-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$343,200.00)SR is appropriated for up to five (5) at-will employee contract positions within the personal services series (100 series) or through the contractual services series (900 series) as necessary for the purposes of race day staffing and operations at pari-mutuel events to include veterinarians, racing stewards, license clerks and drug testing staff to enhance the ability of the Wyoming gaming commission to respond to additional and overlapping race days. ~~This appropriation shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. This appropriation is effective immediately.

Section 043. DIETETICS LICENSING BOARD

PROGRAM

Administration			48,408 SR	48,408
TOTALS	0	0	48,408	48,408

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

Section 046. WYOMING COMBAT SPORTS COMMISSION

PROGRAM


Administration			62,293 SR	62,293
TOTALS	0	0	62,293	62,293

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investment earnings from the account shall be credited to the general fund. The Wyoming state museum construction account is specifically empowered to accept matching charitable contributions including grants, gifts, transfers, bequests and donations that are separately accounted for and expended exclusively for the limited purposes specified by the grantor. Matching contributions accepted to the Wyoming state museum construction account shall be in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of matching contributions to one dollar (\$1.00) of funds transferred under this subsection.

(m) The state auditor shall transfer two million three hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,340,000.00) from the general fund to the capitol square preservation account for purposes of security bollards, acquisition of maquettes and acoustical remedies and improvements. This subsection is effective immediately.

(n) The state auditor shall transfer five million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$5,800,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming stable token administration account. This transfer shall be reduced in an amount equal to the amount of the unobligated, unencumbered fund balance in the Wyoming stable token administration account on June 30, 2024. The Wyoming stable token commission shall endeavor to contract with ~~only~~ Wyoming  domiciled entities when conducting business funded by the transfer required by this subsection.

(o) The state auditor shall transfer ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the general fund to the 988 system trust fund account created by W.S. 35-25-506(a).

[BORROWING AUTHORITY - CASH FLOW AND EXECUTIVE PROGRAMS]

Section 301.

(a) The state auditor is authorized to borrow from the legislative stabilization reserve account amounts necessary to assist the state's general fund cash flow. The amounts borrowed shall be repaid when sufficient general fund revenue is available. The auditor shall borrow funds under this subsection only to assist the month-to-month cash flow of the general fund and shall not borrow funds under this subsection when total appropriations together with outstanding encumbrances and obligations for the biennium exceed projected revenues, including transfers from the budget reserve account as authorized by the legislature, for the biennium.

(b) The governor is authorized to borrow from the legislative stabilization reserve account up to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) as necessary to meet funding requirements to fight wildland fires in the event reserves in the office of state lands and investments' forestry division, homeland security disaster contingency budget and the governor's office special contingency budget have been exhausted. The governor shall report to the joint appropriations committee, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives immediately upon exercise of this authority.

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[RESERVED]

Section 302. [Reserved.]

[CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS]

Section 303.

[INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS ADMINISTRATION]

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, of unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the general fund to the governor's office under 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 2, Section 001, subject to footnote 1 of that section, one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2024 and are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for one (1) or more at-will employee contract positions within the personal services series (100 series) or through the contractual services series (900 series) as necessary to enhance the state's opportunities to secure infrastructure grants. ~~As a condition of this reappropriation,~~ the governor's office shall regularly inform the legislature through the joint appropriations committee on the results of expenditures and grants secured. This reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. ~~This reappropriation shall not be subject to Section 307 of this act.~~ 


[DISASTER CONTINGENCY]

(b) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, of unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated or reappropriated from the general fund to the governor's office under 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134, Section 2, Section 001, 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 2, Section 001, as amended by 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 69, Section 2, Section 001, and 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 2, Section 001 for disaster contingency, up to one million three hundred forty-eight thousand seven hundred seventy-three dollars (\$1,348,773.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2024 and are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for disaster contingency.

[CAPITAL CASES - GENERAL FUNDS]

(c) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, of unexpended, unobligated monies reappropriated from the general fund to the office of the public defender for court ordered capital case funding under 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 303(c), up to one million sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,062,500.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2024 and are hereby reappropriated to the office of the public defender for purposes of court ordered capital case funding.

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(v) One hundred fifty thousand two hundred forty dollars (\$150,240.00) for information technology licensing and storage capacity;

(vi) Eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) for a statewide longitudinal education data system development server;

(vii) Six thousand two hundred eighty-five dollars (\$6,285.00) for computer hardware and technology replacement.

[CHANCERY COURT]

(g) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, of unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the general fund to the supreme court under 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 2, Section 101, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, Section 2, Section 101, for the chancery court, up to nine hundred forty-seven thousand forty-eight dollars (\$947,048.00) or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2024 and are hereby reappropriated to the supreme court ~~for the chancery court.~~

[UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING MATCHING FUNDS FOR RESEARCH]

(h) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, of unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the general fund to the University of Wyoming under 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 2, Section 067 as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, Section 2, Section 067 for matching funds subject to footnote 8 for research grants and contracts related to flow through porous media, up to twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2024 and are hereby reappropriated to the University of Wyoming to match research grants and contracts related to flow through porous media. ~~This reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and shall revert on June 30, 2025.~~ Expenditure of this reappropriation is conditioned upon:

(i) Securing a match of funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of matching funds from any other source;

(ii) Conducting all computational and practical research to the extent reasonably possible with University of Wyoming students within Wyoming;

(iii) Performing research on geologic formations and energy extraction opportunities that may be found within Wyoming;

(iv) Developing any feasibility studies, small-scale experiments or large-scale projects associated with research funded by this appropriation within the state of Wyoming to the extent possible.

[SECTION EFFECTIVE DATE]

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appropriation to each district court may be transferred to one (1) or more other district courts. Authority pursuant to this section includes transfers of associated legislatively authorized full-time or part-time positions and shall be effective for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026. Any transfers pursuant to this section shall be reported annually by the supreme court to the joint appropriations committee. The report shall specify the appropriations and authorized positions transferred including transfers between expenditure series, programs and courts.

(b) Any provision of this act or any other legislation enacted that specifies that an appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose, or containing language of like effect, shall prevail over this section and no such funds so appropriated or positions so specified shall be subject to subsection (a) of this section.

~~[PERSONAL SERVICES TRANSFERS]~~

~~Section 307.~~

~~(a) Unless otherwise specifically provided, nonfederal fund appropriations for personal services (100 series) contained in this act shall not be transferred to any other series or expended for any purpose other than personal services. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1005(b)(ii) or any other provision of this act, nonfederal fund appropriations for contractual services (900 series) contained in this act shall not be transferred to the personal services (100 series).~~

~~(b) The following appropriations and agencies are exempt from this section:~~

~~(i) Section 2, Section 020 of this act to the department of environmental quality;~~

~~(ii) Section 2, Section 048 of this act to the department of health;~~

~~(iii) Section 2, Section 080 of this act to the department of corrections;~~

~~(iv) Any other appropriation in this act that specifies that the appropriation shall not be subject to this section.~~

~~(c) The judicial branch is exempt from this section for transfers in a total amount not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00):~~

[MAJOR MAINTENANCE FUNDING FOR STATE FACILITIES, STATE PARKS AND CULTURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES]

Section 308.

(a) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2024, there is appropriated

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subsection, from the Wyoming state hospital demolition account to the department of health, to be administered by the state construction department, for demolition and abatement of unused or abandoned facilities on the campus of the Wyoming state hospital. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds from this appropriation shall not revert until June 30, 2028.

(c) The transfer or expenditure of funds under this section shall be approved by the governor and reported to the joint appropriations committee through the B-11 process as authorized by W.S. 9-2-1005(b)(ii) and reported pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1013(b).

(d) No funds from the reappropriations in this section shall be expended by the department of health if the expenditure would result in an increase to maintenance of effort, maintenance of financial support or a similar federal requirement to expend additional state funds in future budget periods.

(e) It is the intent of the legislature that the carryover appropriations in this section not be included in the department of health's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(f) This section is effective immediately.

~~[LIMITATION ON SALARY INCREASE]~~

~~Section 310.~~

~~(a) The 2027-2028 biennial general fund standard budget for personal services (100 series) for each agency shall be less than or equal to the 2025-2026 biennial appropriations for personal services (100 series) for each agency in all enacted laws including any calculated amount to continue legislatively approved compensation increases throughout the 2025-2026 biennium and excluding benefit adjustments and allowable personal services transfers pursuant to Section 307 of this act and documented through the report required by W.S. 9-2-1011(c).~~

~~(b) Any salary increase for an executive branch state position including those of the game and fish department, department of transportation and boards and commissions and excluding positions of the University of Wyoming or community colleges during the 2025-2026 biennium for which the compensation increase has not been approved by the legislature shall be reviewed and approved by the governor or his designee.~~

~~(c) Any salary increase for a judicial branch position during the 2025-2026 biennium for which the compensation increase has not been approved by the legislature shall be reviewed and approved by either the district court judge, chief justice or the board of judicial policy and administration.~~

[CONCURRENCE WITH GOVERNOR'S BIENNIAL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS]

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thirty-five thousand four hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$1,335,478.00) into a ninth, separate account. If a community college district fully matches all of its allocation provided in subsection (a) of this section, the community college district may submit and the state treasurer shall pay matching requests in accordance with subsection (b) of this section from the funds allocated in this subsection.

(d) Beginning April 1, 2026, any amounts remaining in any of the eight (8) community college district matching accounts created by subsection (a) of this section or funds remaining in the separate account created in subsection (c) of this section that have not been paid to or obligated to any community college district may be paid to any community college district that meets the matching requirements under subsection (b) of this section.

(e) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated under this section shall revert on June 30, 2027.

(f) It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriations in this section not be included in the Wyoming community college commission's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(g) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, this section is effective immediately.

(h) This section shall only be effective if Section 337 of this act is enacted into law.

[SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION]

Section 313.

(a) This section shall consist of funds appropriated for K-12 school building and facility needs.

(b) As used in subsection (j) of this section, a "priority" identified by an Arabic numeral means the project ranking as submitted by the school facilities commission within its budget recommendations provided under W.S. 21-15-119. ~~A "priority" identified by "Governor" means the project is recommended by the governor's office and is not included in the budget recommendations of the school facilities commission.~~ A "priority" identified by "Legislature" means the project is recommended by the legislature and is not included in the budget recommendations of the school facilities commission.

(c) The amounts appropriated from the school foundation program account under paragraphs (j)(i), (ii), (ix) and (x) of this section are for the period commencing on the effective date of the appropriation and ending June 30, 2026, and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from any of these appropriations shall revert to the school foundation program account on June 30, 2026.

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(d) Each amount appropriated from the school foundation program account for a school facility project under paragraphs (j)(iii) through (viii), (xi) and (xii) of this section shall remain in effect from the effective date of the appropriation until that project is completed, unless otherwise provided by law. Upon completion of a project under this subsection, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from the appropriation for the project shall revert to the school foundation program account.

(e) As authorized under W.S. 21-15-119(a)(iii), the school facilities commission may submit a supplemental budget request for the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for any emergency or unanticipated need, or for any refinement or modification of a project funded under this section, subject to any constraints or other requirements imposed by the governor under W.S. 9-2-1013.

(f) An estimated schedule for deploying projects funded by amounts appropriated under subsection (j) of this section, as adopted by the school facilities commission and as contained within the 2025-2026 biennial budget submitted by the commission under W.S. 21-15-119, and further refined by the budget submitted by the governor's office, shall be used by the state construction department to the extent practicable to guide expenditure of appropriated funds, subject to restrictions contained in W.S. 21-15-119(c). The estimated schedule shall be based upon information, processes, events and expenditures and shall not be binding upon the state construction department or the school facilities commission.

(g) Amounts appropriated under subsection (j) of this section or included in the budget requests submitted by the school facilities commission or the governor's office shall not be construed to be an entitlement or guaranteed amount and shall be expended by the school facilities commission to ensure adequate, efficient and the most cost effective school buildings and facilities in accordance with W.S. 21-15-114(a)(vii) and 21-15-117(b) that are contained in school district facility plans as required by W.S. 21-15-116.

(h) In addition to accounting and reporting requirements imposed under W.S. 28-11-301(c)(iv), the state construction department shall report monthly on the deployment of amounts to fund projects under this section in accordance with the deployment schedule, information on project progression and, if applicable, the rationale for any deviation from the estimated schedule. The reports, ~~as approved by the commission,~~ shall be submitted by the department to the select committee on school facilities, the joint appropriations committee and the governor.

(j) The following amounts are appropriated from the school foundation program account to the school facilities commission for the following purposes:

(i) For charter school leases, four million one hundred sixty-

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six thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$4,166,292.00), for an elementary charter school in Natrona county school district #1, two (2) elementary charter schools and a secondary charter school in Laramie county school district #1 and an elementary charter school in Albany county school district #1. The funds appropriated under this paragraph shall be distributed for charter school lease expenses, subject to requirements of W.S. 21-3-110(a)(x), for school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026;

(ii) For modular buildings and leases, fifty-two thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$52,125.00), for three (3) modular buildings in Laramie county school district #1;

(iii) For design of the following school building and facility projects, twenty million five hundred fifty thousand one hundred seventy-six dollars (\$20,550,176.00):

Priority	School District	Project
07-01	Campbell #1	High School
07-02	Laramie #1	Elementary School #2
Governor	Sweetwater #1	High School

(iv) For construction of the following school building and facility projects, two hundred forty-one million three hundred seventy-four thousand thirteen dollars (\$241,374,013.00):

Priority	School District	Project
09-01	Laramie #1	Elementary School #2
09-02	Niobrara #1	High School Voc. Ag./ Transportation Facility
09-03	Goshen #1	Elementary/Middle/High School Renovation
09-04	Campbell #1	Elementary School
Legislature	Teton #1	High School
Legislature	Sweetwater #1	High School


(A) For the Sweetwater county school district #1 high school project, the legislature authorizes expenditures from the appropriation in this paragraph for the construction and demolition or disposition of a Sweetwater county school district #1 high school.

(v) For the following component level major maintenance projects, twenty-five million one hundred fifty-six thousand five hundred one dollars (\$25,156,501.00):

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~~to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of nonstate matching funds.~~

 (e) ~~As a condition of expending this the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section,~~ all proposed expenditures from this appropriation and the purposes and goals of each expenditure shall be reported to the management council of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee prior to the expenditure being made.

(f) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds from the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall not revert until June 30, 2027.

[APPROPRIATION TO MATCH FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS]

Section 325.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, there is appropriated seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the governor for the purpose of providing state matching funds to qualify for or match federal infrastructure funds awarded to Wyoming or its political subdivisions under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58. This appropriation shall not be expended for any other purpose. Expenditure of this appropriation is conditioned upon a match of funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than four dollars (\$4.00) of federal funds.

~~(b) All proposed expenditures under this section shall be reported to the joint appropriations committee with a description of the desired actions and outcomes ten (10) days before use of the funds are approved by the governor through the B-11 process as authorized by W.S. 9-2-1005(b)(ii).~~

(e) Of the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section, seventeen million three hundred fifty-nine thousand thirty dollars (\$17,359,030.00) is appropriated to the state drinking water revolving loan account and seven million two hundred one thousand nine hundred seventy-three dollars (\$7,201,973.00) is appropriated to the state water pollution control revolving loan account for purposes of providing state matching funds.

(f) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds from the appropriation under this section shall not revert until June 30, 2026.

[COMMUNITY FACILITY PROGRAM AND REHABILITATION]

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production, transportation, storage, hydrogen hub development, critical minerals, biomass, biochar, hydropower, lithium, processing and separation, battery storage or wind and solar energy. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

(b) Expenditure of funds under this section shall be conditioned upon receipt of matching funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated funds under this subsection to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of matching funds from any nonstate source.

(c) The Wyoming energy authority shall administer the application process, review grant submissions and opportunities and recommend qualified funding applications under this section. The governor shall approve all final awards of funds appropriated under this section.

(d) No award shall be granted that would obligate the state to any future financial commitment beyond the amount of the initial award.

Ms (e) For purposes of this section, "large project" means any qualifying energy project ~~for which the state's participation is at least fifty million~~ dollars (\$50,000,000.00). *Ms*

Ms (f) ~~As a condition of expending this appropriation,~~ all proposed expenditures from this appropriation and the purposes and goals of each expenditure shall be reported to the management council of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee prior to the expenditure being made.

[BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS - SALE AUTHORIZATION
AND DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS]

Section 324.

(a) There is appropriated to the common school account within the permanent land fund any proceeds resulting from the sale of the Kelly parcel for purposes of the public schools. Proceeds of the sale may be used to acquire private or federal lands in the area commonly called the checkerboard area in southwest Wyoming.

(b) To effectuate the appropriation under subsection (a) of this section, the board of land commissioners shall sell the Kelly parcel to the United States in accordance with the following:

(i) Any conveyance of the Kelly parcel shall be by direct sale for cash for not less than one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00);

(ii) The board shall, pursuant to a sale under this subsection, deliver to the department of the interior, in a form reasonably acceptable to the department, a document or form of deed conveying title to the Kelly parcel upon receipt of required funds provided by the federal government as consideration for the parcel being sold to the federal government;

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(iii) The sale of the Kelly parcel may be divided into multiple transactions, provided that the sale is completed entirely before transfer of title to the Kelly parcel is made;

(iv) The board is authorized to accept funds from another entity on behalf of the United States, provided that the sale and conveyance of the Kelly parcel is only to the United States;

(v) The conditions of the sale ~~shall~~ require that the Kelly parcel ~~shall~~ be leased for livestock grazing and ~~shall~~ be available for public hunting in perpetuity. *Ma*

(c) For purposes of this section, "Kelly parcel" means the Kelly parcel on Gros Ventre Road containing six hundred forty (640) acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as: Section 36, Township 43 North, Range 115 West, 6th P.M., Teton County, Wyoming.

(d) As a condition of the sale authorized in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the governor shall first make a determination that the United States Bureau of Land Management's record of decision for the Rock Springs planning area does not select Alternative B with respect to rights of way proposed Bureau of Land Management actions 6201, 6206, 6209 or 6210 as depicted on Map 2-22 and does not select Alternative B with respect to fluid mineral leasing Bureau of Land Management action 2207, as depicted on Map 2-6.

[RESERVED]

Section 325. [Reserved.]

[ENTERPRISE INFLATION]

Section 326.

(a) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026, there is appropriated thirty-three million two hundred ninety-three thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$33,293,115.00) to the state auditor to be distributed as directed by the governor as specified in this section to executive branch agencies and the University of Wyoming for enterprise inflation from the funds specified in this section. The total appropriation in this section is comprised of:

(i) Twenty-eight million six hundred fifty-four thousand seven hundred fifty-one dollars (\$28,654,751.00) from the general fund;

(ii) Two million five hundred sixty-two thousand sixty-eight dollars (\$2,562,068.00) from federal funds;

(iii) Twelve thousand nine hundred fifty-six dollars (\$12,956.00)A4 from the department of health account within the agency fund;

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Ms the state auditor for salary adjustments of generally funded employees whose salary is not prescribed by law ~~for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 as specified in this section. From this appropriation, the state auditor shall distribute the following amounts:~~ *Ms*

Ms ~~(i) Five million three hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars (\$5,326,555.00) for distribution among the executive branch agencies, including statewide elected officials, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of the executive branch, including the Wyoming business council, Wyoming energy authority, Wyoming community college commission, and commission on judicial conduct and ethics but not including any agency or entity specified in paragraphs (ii) through (iv) of this subsection;~~

Ms ~~(ii) Two million three hundred thousand five hundred two dollars (\$2,300,502.00) to the University of Wyoming pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of the University of Wyoming, the University of Wyoming medical education program, enhanced oil recovery commission and school of energy resources;~~

Ms ~~(iii) One million two hundred eighteen thousand two hundred seventy-one dollars (\$1,218,271.00) to the community college commission to be allocated among the community colleges in proportion to the state funded payroll of each college relative to the total state funded payroll as submitted by the colleges to the state budget department and further distributed within each college pursuant to subsection (b) of this section among the community colleges for employees of the community colleges and Wyoming public television;~~

Ms ~~(iv) Three hundred fourteen thousand forty-seven dollars (\$314,047.00) to the supreme court to be further distributed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section among the employees of the supreme court, district courts and circuit courts and related subdivisions.~~

Ms ~~(b) Funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section shall be distributed to employees of entities specified in paragraphs (a)(i) through (iv) of this section with the highest priority to alleviate wage compression for employees with more than five (5) years of employment service with the state by increasing the salary of these employees to one hundred percent (100%) of comparable market pay in accordance with occupational market analysis conducted by the department of administration and information. Any remaining funds may be distributed as determined by the specified recipient entities.~~

Ms ~~(c) For state executive and judicial branch employees whose compensation is paid from nongeneral fund sources, to the extent funds are available, there is appropriated from those accounts and funds amounts necessary to provide payment of comparable salary increases and employer paid benefits as that which is distributed to employees of entities specified in paragraphs (a)(i) through (iv) of this section and subject to the same distribution methodology that is applied by the entities specified in~~ *Ms Ms Ms*

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~~Ma~~ paragraphs (a)(i) through (iv) of this section, respectively. For state executive and judicial branch employees whose compensation is partially funded by general funds, general funds shall be expended for compensation increases in the same proportion as the employee's budgeted salary is paid by state general funds. ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ (d) In accordance with Section 310 of this act, it is the intent of the legislature that the total appropriation in subsection (a) of this section to each recipient agency be doubled and included as a cumulative total of the sum of the amounts within each of the recipient agencies' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ [EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITION SAVINGS AND FUNDS DEPOSIT] ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ ~~Section 330.~~

~~Ma~~ (a) Of the unfilled full-time positions for the executive branch authorized in this act and of executive branch vacant positions as of June 30, 2024, the governor shall identify twenty-four (24) full-time positions that, if eliminated or unfilled, would generate not less than two million one hundred eight thousand one hundred twelve dollars (\$2,108,112.00) of annual savings, using the ratio of one (1) full-time position to eighty-seven thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$87,838.00) of annual savings. ~~Ma~~

(b) Not later than October 1, 2024, the governor shall report to the joint appropriations committee on the positions identified in subsection (a) of this section as positions for which associated general funds and other funds will be deposited in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. ~~Ma~~

(c) Not later than November 1, 2024, all general fund savings identified under this section shall be deposited by the state auditor in the general fund, and all other fund savings generated from this section shall be deposited by the state auditor into the account from which the funds would have been expended for the position. ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ (d) This section is effective immediately. ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ [K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE GRANTS] ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ Section 331.

~~Ma~~ (a) There is appropriated ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the school foundation program account to the department of education to establish a grant program, based upon a school district's average daily membership (ADM) for school year 2024-2025 and school year 2025-2026, to augment amounts within the education resource block grant model available to ~~Ma~~ districts to address the mental health needs of the K-12 student population as provided in this section. ~~Ma~~

~~Ma~~ (b) Each district receiving a grant under this section shall report to the department of education the expenditure of amounts awarded under this

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section, the number of students that received services as a result of the grant and the impact of the services offered as provided by the department.

(c) The department of education shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out this section.

(d) It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriation in this section not be included in the department of education's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(e) This section is effective immediately.

[CHARTER SCHOOL IN WESTERN WYOMING]

 **Section 332.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or after the effective date of this act, one (1) charter school may be authorized in the western half of Wyoming by the Wyoming charter school authorizing board. This charter school shall be in ~~addition to~~ the four (4) charter schools authorized pursuant to 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 179, Section 4.

[BUDGET BALANCERS - TRANSFERS II]

Section 333.

(a) 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 300(b) is amended to read:

(b) Any unappropriated funds in the budget reserve account on June 30, 2024 in excess of ~~one hundred fifteen million two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$115,270,000.00)~~ three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the legislative stabilization reserve account.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

[BUDGET BALANCERS - TRANSFERS III]

Section 334. The state auditor shall transfer one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the budget reserve account to ensure the unobligated, unencumbered fund balance of the budget reserve account on June 30, 2026 is not less than one hundred fifty-two million five hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$152,555,000.00).

[WYOMING STATE HOSPITAL DEMOLITION ACCOUNT - AUTHORIZATION]

Section 335. From any unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the Wyoming state hospital demolition account for purposes of the demolition and abatement of unused or abandoned facilities on the campus of the Wyoming state hospital under 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 187, Section 5(a)(i), Section 027, footnote 3, up to three million four hundred twenty-nine

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~~[RECREATION CENTER CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION GRANT]~~

~~Section 340.~~

~~(a) There is appropriated two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from the strategic investments and projects account to the office of state lands and investments for purposes of providing a grant to the city of Riverton for a recreation center for sports activities that shall serve all of Fremont county, subject to the following conditions:~~

~~(i) The city of Riverton shall secure matching funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of grant funds to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) from any other source;~~

~~(ii) No grant funds shall be awarded unless the city of Riverton has secured matching funds for the entire cost of the project;~~

~~(iii) This appropriation shall lapse and revert if matching funds are not secured within twenty four (24) months after the effective date of this section;~~

~~(iv) The city of Riverton shall provide oversight and management of the expenditure of grant funds and shall hold ownership of the recreation center.~~

[AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - REAPPROPRIATION AND APPROPRIATION]

Section 341.

(a) On and after April 1, 2024, the governor may identify and revert any unexpended, unobligated funds appropriated in 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 50, Section 2, Section 400, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 188, Section 2, and 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 188, Section 3, Section 401 and any other ARPD funds that are not fully committed or obligated in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, and any applicable rules, regulations or guidance. Funds identified by the governor under this subsection shall revert to the office of the governor and are appropriated to the governor for purposes of this section.

(b) On and after April 1, 2024, funds reverted under this section and any unappropriated ARPD funds are hereby reappropriated and appropriated to the office of the governor and shall be expended for purposes of programs and projects eligible for expenditure with ARPD funds, subject to subsection (c) of this section.

~~(c) Of the funds reappropriated under this section, two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) ARPD shall first be allocated to the town of Wheatland for the Wheatland tank replacement project under W.S. 99-3-2904(o), as created by 2024 Senate File 0075 if enacted into law, to the extent that this project is eligible for ARPD funds. Funding under this subsection shall be~~

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Ma ~~given priority over other eligible projects and programs, to the extent the project provided under this subsection is eligible for ARPD funds.~~

(d) There is appropriated such amounts as may be necessary from section 602(c)(1)(C) of Title VI of the federal Social Security Act, as created by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, specifically expended for the provision of generally funded government services in this act to the extent of the reduction in revenue under section 602(c)(1)(C). Expenditures authorized under this subsection shall be approved by the governor and reported to the joint appropriations committee through the B-11 process as authorized by W.S. 9-2-1005(b)(ii) and reported pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1013(b).

(e) It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriations and reappropriations in this section not be included in any standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium, unless otherwise specifically provided.

(f) No expenditure of funds shall be made under this section except in accordance with state and federal law, regulations and orders.

(g) The governor shall implement reporting requirements on the recipient of any grant, distribution or aid authorized under this section sufficient to comply with all federal reporting requirements.

(h) The governor is authorized to establish by order or rule emergency programs for which funds are appropriated in this section that are consistent with the terms of the American Rescue Plan Act and that do not obligate the state to make any expenditures of state funds not appropriated by the legislature. Any emergency program created under the authority granted in this subsection shall expire on December 31, 2026 unless expressly continued by action of the legislature.

(j) Funds reappropriated and appropriated under this section shall be obligated not later than December 31, 2024 in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act and any applicable rules or guidance, unless a later date is specified by federal law, rule or guidance.

(k) The governor shall report to the joint appropriations committee on a monthly basis on all of the following:

(i) The aggregate allocation of funds appropriated in this section, by program;

(ii) Program expenditures;

(iii) Grant awards;

(iv) Grant expenditures.


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(m) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify or impair any existing contract or obligation of the state that is executed or incurred on or before the effective date of this section.

(n) It is the intent of the legislature that this section be given precedence and prevail over 2024 Senate File 0132, if enacted into law.

[WYOMING SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR MONUMENT]

 **Section 342.** There is appropriated seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) from the general fund to the department of state parks and cultural resources for repair and installation of the Wyoming Spanish-American War monument. ~~This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the standard budget of the department of state parks and cultural resources for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.~~ Of this appropriation, thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00) is effective immediately.

[STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT LANDS - FIRE SUPPRESSION]

Section 343.

(a) The governor is hereby authorized to reimburse the costs of suppressing fires burning on or that burned on, or originating on or that originated on, any state lands managed by the military department in accordance with this section.

(b) No reimbursement shall be made under this section except upon the written approval of the state forester. The governor and the state forester may consult with the adjutant general as necessary to implement this section.

(c) The governor shall, for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026, reimburse fire suppression costs under this section in accordance with all of the following:

(i) The governor shall reimburse costs from the fire protection revolving account created by W.S. 36-2-109;

(ii) If insufficient funds are available in the fire protection revolving account for reimbursement, the governor may reimburse costs from the amount appropriated to the governor for public welfare emergencies under W.S. 9-2-1014.3;

(iii) If insufficient funds are available in the fire protection revolving account and from the appropriation for public welfare emergencies under W.S. 9-2-1014.3 for reimbursement, the governor may borrow funds from the legislative stabilization reserve account in an amount not to exceed twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00);