



SF0104

Higher education-research funding.

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Scott, Biteman and Rothfuss and
Representative(s) Neiman

AN ACT relating to higher education; providing funding for specified research projects at the University of Wyoming; allocating revenue generated by research as specified; specifying conditions and permitted uses for appropriated funds; authorizing fundraising to support research projects; requiring nonstate matching funds as specified; creating an account; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

2/10/2026 Bill Number Assigned
2/11/2026 S Received for Introduction
2/12/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S04 - Education 23-8-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Love, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Case, Cooper, French, Ide, Laursen, Mckeown, Steinmetz

Ayes 23 **Nays** 8 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/16/2026 :Refer to S06 - Travel
2/17/2026 S06 - Travel:Recommend Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Boner, Hicks, Jones, Landen, Schuler

Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/17/2026 :Rerefer to S02 - Appropriations
2/19/2026 Recalled from Committee Pursuant to Senate Rule 5-5: 29-2-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

Nays: Senator(s) Case, French

Ayes 29 **Nays** 2 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/20/2026 S COW:Passed

SF0104S2001/ADOPTED

- Page 1-line 7 After "providing" delete "an".
- Page 1-line 8 Delete "appropriation" and insert "appropriations".
- Page 5-line 21 Delete "fifty-one million two".
- Page 5-line 22 Delete "hundred thousand dollars (\$51,200,000.00)" and insert "fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00)".
- Page 6-line 4 Delete "(b)" and renumber as necessary.

Page 6-line 8 After "appropriation" insert "not".

Page 6-line 10 After "biennium" insert ", provided that the University of Wyoming may include this appropriation as an exception request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium".

Page 6-after line 10 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(b) There is appropriated one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00) from the general fund to the University of Wyoming for purposes of providing research stipends for graduate students in accordance with W.S. 21-16-2001(b)(v), as created by section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the standard budget of the University of Wyoming for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 6-line 12 Delete entirely and insert "(c) The appropriations in this".

Page 6-line 17 Delete "subsection (a) of". SCOTT

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Page 2-lines 18 through 21 Delete entirely and insert:

"(i) The acquisition of enhanced research capabilities, additional research-related equipment or both;"

Page 3-line 11 Delete "miscellaneous".

Page 4-line 13 After "retain" delete "a" and insert "no percentage or a different".

Page 4-line 14 After "profits" insert "and ownership".

Page 4-line 19 Delete "Fifty percent (50%)" and insert "Fifteen percent (15%)".

Page 4-line 22 Delete "Fifty percent (50%)" and insert "Eighty-five percent (85%)". SCOTT

2/23/2026 S 2nd Reading:Passed

2/24/2026 S 3rd Reading:Passed 24-7-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Love, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott

Nays: Senator(s) Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Laursen, Mckeown, Pearson, Steinmetz

Ayes 24 **Nays** 7 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0