



March 5, 2026

The Honorable Bo Biteman,
Senate President
Wyoming State Legislature
State Capitol
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Re: Line-Item Veto of SF0001/Senate Enrolled Act No. 27 General government appropriations

Dear President Biteman,

First, thank you for the legislature's efforts in producing a budget that will provide adequate funding for the state government for the next biennium. Delivering a sound budget was the essential objective of this session, and to have the Senate, the House, and the Chief Executive all sharing the credit is, in itself, a remarkable achievement all things considered.

During my State of the State address to the 68th Legislature, I emphasized the importance of passing a budget that covered The Essentials. I mentioned that, without essentials, families falter, communities fade, and opportunity withers. The budget proposal I put forward in November substantially met those essentials. Accordingly, at this session's end, I commend the legislature for the actions they took recognizing families, communities, and preserving opportunity.

Furthermore, on behalf of all state employees, thank you for moving state employees to the 2024 pay table. This action ensures that the State of Wyoming stays efficient and competitive with our neighboring states. Trying to catch up to 2028 when you are working from 2022 pay tables would have tested the loyalty of even our most ardent Wyoming employees. Thank you for recognizing the importance of staying current.

I compliment you too, for supporting young families by providing an external cost adjustment for developmental preschools – these provide essential services and education for our children. Thank you for funding Wyoming's future.

The budget you received was built on providing essential needs for Wyoming citizens and enabling the fundamental obligations of government. While I understand there are areas of discussion, I appreciate, greatly, that the majority of my recommendations made it to the finish

line. Nevertheless, I am saddened by some of the reductions. Eliminating SUNBucks, the summer food program for children, makes life more difficult for already struggling families. As I asked in my state of the state, “what kind of people are we if we won’t feed our kids?” I grew up in a state where we always found a way to do that. Feeding our children is essential, and using state dollars to match federal dollars administered by the Department of Family Services (DFS) with a proven track record of running efficient and effective programs would be a great benefit to Wyoming communities as they struggle to cope with rising demand.

I was disheartened by the message broadcast across the country that Wyoming was closed for business when the legislature drastically cut the Wyoming Business Council (WBC). A far more constructive approach would have been to engage in the hard work of reform. Fortunately, you have left a path on which the legislature, the WBC, and I can work together to fundamentally address the future of statewide economic development. Through precise line-item vetoes, detailed below, I have widened that path to allow for a more complete and comprehensive review while still meeting past and current commitments.

It has been a difficult session at times, and Wyoming should appreciate your hard work this budget session. Still, you have kept on task to provide Wyoming with a true biennial, constitutionally sound budget. As you know, it is now time for me to do my constitutional duty under Article IV, Section 1 and review the budget as passed by the legislature. Under that authority, I may recommend changes to the final budget. Correspondingly, for each of the vetoes I have put forth, I have included brief comments explaining my rationale.

Again, I thank you for your diligence and your effort.

VETOS

Since taking office in 2019, and consistent with Article 3, Section 34 of the Wyoming Constitution, I have encouraged the legislature to refrain from using the budget as a bypass for the regular legislative process. The budget is to provide funding for state government and other ancillary activities. It is not a vehicle in which to legislate. While I have exercised discretion, I have selected numerous instances where it was more appropriate to handle a subject and its related appropriation through the regular legislative process outlined in our Constitution. (See single subject requirement of Article 3, Section 24.)

Section 2

The Wyoming Constitution sets forth duties and responsibilities of our respective branches of government. In its simplest form, the legislature passes legislation and the executive branch

enforces that legislation. Likewise, the legislature appropriates funds for the running of state government. The executive branch sees that those funds are used expeditiously and efficiently. It is not the role (though it may be an understandable temptation) of the legislature to attempt to assume the extent of executive functions such as deciding how many positions, the level of individual pay, or the classification of specific employees of the executive branch. Yet, firmly implanted in our Constitution is the principle that the legislature's management tool is appropriation. It is the executive branch, which must execute under the law. It is a distinction and a discussion as old as our nation.

This section breaches the separation of powers outlined in Article 2, Section 1 of the Wyoming Constitution. The legislature holds the power of the purse, however, the executive branch has the authority to determine the number of employees and manage those employees as deemed necessary by the executive branch to execute the statutorily required programs and purposes established by the legislature.

Instead of vetoing every employee table for every agency and every designation of specific positions, classification, full or part-time status and other related executive personnel management overreach contained in the bill, of which there are many, this concise veto extends to each and every overreach contained in the bill. As a gesture of respect, and to conserve your valuable time in considering the other important matters that follow, I offer this singular veto to make that point.

It is my intent that the executive agencies, subject to my approval, will be able to determine the number and duties of their employees within the confines of the amount of funds appropriated by the legislature. The legislature's categorical appropriations into series 100 provides sufficient restriction to ensure that the expenditures are limited to personnel costs and that there is no increase in cost to Wyoming.

Now to address the remainder of the budget.

Section 004 State Treasurer

- **Footnote 1**

I appreciate the flexibility given to the treasurer for reclassification and compensation adjustments. However, I do not believe the investment funds committee needs to nor finds it in their charter to provide a recommendation. Their area of expertise is in investments and markets, not over the administration of personnel.

Section 010 Department of Agriculture

- **Footnote 4**

All agencies, boards, and commissions pay their share of the statewide cost allocation for shared services provided by the state. These services include access to the Attorney General's Office, email, archives, human resources, central mail, and more. The consequence of these exceptions is the Wyoming taxpayers needlessly have to fund additional general fund dollars to realize the same benefits. I have vetoed this footnote because it allows the entities listed not to pay their fair share, and might encourage other agencies to seek relief defeating the value of the statewide cost allocation. As drafted, exempting agencies from paying a fair share is inherently counterproductive and wasteful. Nevertheless, I have also directed the State Budget Department to work closely with the designated boards and commissions to affirm allocations are proportionate, fair, and based upon the allowable administrative costs available. This effort is better done in the executive branch where the exigencies of commissions, boards, and agencies can be best understood.

Section 015 Attorney General

- **Footnote 4**

The legislature put unnecessary burdens on the Office of the Attorney General in their efforts to protect Wyoming's water rights. I support the reporting requirement, but the additional requirements may interfere with the ability of the attorney general to conduct litigation related activities they deem necessary. Reporting "proposed" expenditures with a description of the desired actions and outcomes of the expenditure "not less than 10 days before the expenditure" is unrealistic and impedes the authority of the attorney general in the management of his duty. It also creates an implied expectation that use of the funds requires additional legislative approval or action, which violates the separation of powers. I have left the reporting provisions that provide the legislature with the ability to discharge its oversight responsibilities.

Section 042 Geological Survey

- **Footnote 1**

I deleted, "to the greatest extent possible", in footnote 1, because it is unnecessary and even potentially confusing. The footnote outlines the agency making the good faith effort to secure matching funds. In addition, this term is highly subjective and would be difficult to prove.

Section 045 Department of Transportation

- **Footnote 4**

While respecting the appropriation, the appropriateness of the legislature dictating the use or sale of specific equipment purchased by another branch of government is an over-step. I have therefore removed the language that either grounds or sells one state jet. Costs will be handled within the appropriation provided by the legislature.

Section 057 Community College Commission

- **Footnote 1**

Dual enrollment opportunities for youth in Wyoming are important, and I commend the legislature for appropriating funds for a program to support this effort. However, Wyoming ought to be about providing this opportunity to *all* students. Additionally, these funds cannot be appropriated for a new “grant” program, as there is no capacity to establish rules to administer the “grant” program associated with the appropriation.

- **Footnote 7**

I am deleting footnote 7 since it unnecessarily hampers options available to the community colleges, which may well help forestall the use of state funds over time. While the community colleges’ current intent is not to use any state dollars for this purpose, nevertheless, other states are using their state funds for Name, Image and Likeness as well as revenue sharing. The community colleges need flexibility to craft a program that meets the dual objective of education and intercollegiate activities.

Section 067 University of Wyoming

- **Footnote 2**

Dr. Piri and the Center are extremely valuable to University of Wyoming (UW) and Wyoming. The Center’s research at High Bay is unmatched anywhere and is necessary to keep Wyoming and its core industries at the leading edge of innovation. This footnote expresses the legislature’s desire to provide oversight to Wyoming’s investment in the High Bay facility and the use of these assets. However, the footnote’s instructions regarding the audit and review are too broad and will likely result in unnecessary effort, time, and expense.

The financial and administrative audit should confirm that the center is adhering to the specific terms of its governing, operational, and intellectual property agreements with

UW, the use of public funds is as intended, and that any royalty or commercialization revenue is distributed as required.

The operational review should evaluate if the:

- intellectual property is being protected and its value being maximized,
- stewardship over UW's assets are being used and maintained in accordance with the agreements and applicable standards,
- university is managing the unavoidable conflicts of interest that arise in these types of shared higher education enterprises,
- and activities are in alignment with the legislative intent behind the creation of the High Bay facility.

It is my hope that the university takes this veto language as advice on how to get the information needed by the legislature to provide this oversight function, but to do so in a pragmatic and cost effective manner.

This is part of the block grant and to the extent that this effort does not cost the amount provided, UW should not be prevented from using any unused balance of this amount for other purposes.

- **Footnote 6**

It is the legislature's option to appropriate funds for a matching program for the School of Energy Resources. However, the 10-day reporting requirement to the Management Council reaches too far into the functions of the executive branch. Similarly, for the reasons set forth for Agency 015, Footnote 4 as noted above. Also, I point out that the legislature already has two legislators as ex officio members of the energy resources council and thus are cognizant and involved in the selection of projects.

- **Footnote 8**

The world of college athletics is rapidly changing and more competitive than any time in our history. I am deleting footnote 8 since it unnecessarily hampers options available to the University, which may well help forestall the use of state funds over time. While UW's current intent is not to use any state dollars for this purpose, nevertheless, other states are using their state funds for Name, Image and Likeness as well as revenue sharing. The University needs flexibility to craft a program that meets the dual objective of obviating the use of state funds and meeting the requirements set out by the conference.

- **Footnote 9(b)**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees is required to submit an operational plan to the Governor and the Joint Appropriations Committee. The legislature, in requiring a predetermined outcome, lessens the value of a study potentially stepping over dollars to pick up nickels and dimes.

Section 077 Enterprise Technology Services

- **Footnote 2**

It is unnecessary to dictate to the agency to seek grants to the “greatest extent possible”, such a term following the phrase, “in good faith” is subjective and would be difficult to prove. My veto does not remove the requirement to seek grants.

Section 085 Wyoming Business Council

- **Footnote 1**

The legislature has made it clear that revisions to the Wyoming Business Council are necessary. There is little doubt that any meaningful reform will take time and participation from the public, my office, and the legislature, especially during an election year when all of the House and one-half the Senate are up for election during the interim. My veto does not increase funding for the Wyoming Business Council, but it does lengthen the time to expend those funds for necessary projects while working to revamp the agency. It does allow us to measure twice and cut once

Section 206 Department of Education

- **Footnote 1**

I have vetoed this language because it violates the separation of powers. The stricken language leaves the position, classification, and compensation in the hands of the Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board preserving the Board’s independence. The executive director is accountable to the Board and it should have the responsibility and authority to determine these matters for this position.

Section 303(a) Wild Horse and Burro Management

Over the years, Wyoming has invested resources and time in the proper management of wild horses and burros. The land pattern of federal and state lands within Wyoming makes meaningful management of feral horses and burros nearly impossible. That might change under

the current administration in Washington D.C. Since this appropriation has not been used for two years, my veto re-appropriates the funds to the office of the governor for use anywhere in the state, including the Wind River Reservation. My veto leaves the legislature's requirement for a dollar-to-dollar match for projects on the Wind River Reservation in place. This gives me the flexibility to partner with our Wyoming Tribes with whom I have a great partnership in the management of wild horses and burros, but also ensure the money is used to continue this work where it can be most effective.

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. If it is good for the goose, it should be good for the gander.

During this legislative session, and in previous sessions, the Joint Appropriations Committee recognized this restriction and allowed some agencies more flexibility. The Department of Corrections, Department of Health, and Department of Environmental Quality have what is referred to as "superflex" for some time, representing 37% of the positions authorized in this budget. The Public Defender and the Highway Patrol Capitol Protective Service have limited flex authority. This authority needs to be allowed across the enterprise. It 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. For the last two years I have taken, and with this veto, will continue to take executive action to control agencies from abusing this executive discretion and limiting bureaucratic waste and excess.

I signed Executive Order 2024-07 Budget Funds For Personal Services two years ago to ensure the executive branch followed a protocol for these transfers. This action implemented measures to prevent unchecked growth in positions and budgets, and to administer Wyoming's funds in a fiscally responsible manner. I only approved these adjustments when necessary during the current biennium. To date, agencies made ten separate requests, of which only four were granted, totaling \$1,012,393.00. The majority of these were funded with special revenues.

Section 310 Limitation of Salary Increase

I still question the constitutionality and functionality of this re-occurring budget language. The fiscal control intended by this section is something that already exists in executive order. My designees to review proposed salary increases are the Director of the Budget Department, the Director of the Departments of Administration and 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. As written, this provision infringes on the separation of powers and encroaches upon the inherent prerogative of the executive branch. Accordingly, I have stricken the offending language.

As mentioned in my response above to Section 307, two years ago, I signed Executive Order 2024-07, which implemented measures that prevent unchecked growth in positions or budgets. This Executive Order does allow flexibility within the already allocated 100 or 900 series funds when necessary to allow for the efficient operation of government. This approach will uphold our commitment to prudent governance and fiscal responsibility while respecting the separation of powers.

Section 312(b) Energy Matching Fund Grant

In keeping with other provisions in this letter, reporting “proposed grants ... not less than 10 days prior to the execution of the grant” is unrealistic and impedes the authority of the agency. It also fosters an expectation that awards require additional legislative approval or action, which violates the separation of powers. The reporting provisions remain that provide the legislature with the ability to discharge its oversight responsibilities.

Section 317 Deappropriation - Business Ready Community Account

As mentioned earlier, the legislature has directed that the Wyoming Business Council be reviewed and revamped. Such a review and eventual recommendations will take time. I vetoed subparagraph (a) which will leave the existing BRC funds intact, which do not revert under prior law. There are projects already approved and are important to communities in the state, and pending final approval by the SLIB in April 2026. One is an application for a workforce housing project in Laramie County. This veto will not only allow that application, if approved by the SLIB to move forward, but will allow other pending projects throughout the state to continue their work, and avoid an abrupt end to state support for economic development in Wyoming. All other unexpended and unencumbered funds or funds that are not continuously appropriated under existing law will revert on June 30, 2026.

I have also vetoed subparagraph (c) so that the effective date of the contraction of the Wyoming Business Council will not occur on June 30, 2026. This is consistent with my line item veto in Section 85 to give the program more time to finish existing projects and more time to determine the future of this program.

Section 318 Revisions to Prior Appropriations

- **Section 321 Energy Matching Funds**

This veto makes the reporting requirement to the Management Council and Joint Appropriations consistent with current law and process. Once more, the reporting requirement is acceptable. The 10-day reporting requirement and the B-11 process is unnecessary and reaches too far. The reasoning set forth for Agency 015, Footnote 4 noted above applies here as well. In the several years of the Energy Matching Fund program, every project has been reported to the Management Council and the Joint Appropriations Committee well before any funds were expended. I have not received any request to curtail a project from either the Council or the Committee. No money will remain in the Energy Matching Funds program by June 30, 2026.

- **Section 325 Appropriation to Match Federal Infrastructure Grants**

This veto conforms the notification process of the Infrastructure Grants with current law and practice.

Section 324 Modification of Authorization to Expend Wyoming State Penitentiary Capital Construction Account

While I appreciate the authority and guidance provided in this section, the appropriation and recapture in this section is no longer necessary. The Department of Corrections has fully encumbered the funds from the capital construction account within the strategic investments and project account and the project will be completed in the next few months. If not vetoed, this footnote will result in a short fall of funds to complete the replacement of the department's security system of approximately \$1.3 million, with no ability to cover the deficit from reversions or other departmental funds. I anticipate that I will B-11 those excess funds (approximately \$43.7 million) back to the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account within the strategic investments and project account before the end of this fiscal year.

Section 328 Governor's Biennial Budget Development Recommendations - Restoration

- **Footnote 7**

I have deleted this footnote. As explained earlier in this letter, University of Wyoming athletics are a source of pride and joy for the citizens of Wyoming. However, recent court decisions and changes with intercollegiate rules are rapidly changing and our university and community colleges must be given the flexibility to adjust to those rapid changes. Other states have or are contemplating the use of state funds to be available for Name

Image and Likeness payments and revenue sharing. This is not the time to unnecessarily tie the hands of our community college and university officials in meeting the challenges facing our athletic programs.

Section 334(a) Wyoming Business Council - Forensic Audit

I bring this recommended veto with the purpose of clarity. A general definition of a forensic audit is: A forensic audit is a detailed, specialized examination of financial records designed to detect fraud, embezzlement, or misconduct, often for use as evidence in legal or regulatory proceedings. Unlike standard audits, these investigations trace funds, analyze internal controls, and can be used for expert testimony in court.

There have not been any allegations for fraud, embezzlement or misconduct, so a better description would be a programmatic audit like those audits conducted in the past by the Management Audit Committee. However, I am unable to add language as part of the veto process, so I recommend the deletion of the word "forensic."

Again, thank you for the hard work that went into producing this budget. Your work and the appropriations in it will serve Wyoming well in the coming biennium. My actions are offered with respect for the legislature's authority and with equal regard for the constitutional duties given to the executive branch. Our founders wisely established well-reasoned separate branches of government so that each could perform its responsibilities effectively while maintaining the proper balance of power. Our Constitutions do not give us rights. Those are given by God. The Constitution keeps government in check so that it does not usurp our rights. Preserving that balance of power ensures Wyoming's government remains accountable, efficient, and faithful to the Constitution we are sworn to uphold. I appreciate your favorable consideration of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Gordon", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mark Gordon
Governor

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(n) "S1" means water development account I created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i);

(o) "S2" means water development account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii);

(p) "S4" means the local government capital construction account funded by W.S. 9-4-601(a)(vi) and (b)(i)(A) and 39-14-801(e)(ix);

(q) "S5" means the "school foundation program account" or "public school foundation program account" created by W.S. 21-13-306(a);

(r) "S7" means the highway fund;

(s) "S10" means the legislative stabilization reserve account;

(t) "S13" means the strategic investments and projects account;

(u) "S14" means the Wyoming tourism account;

(w) "S0" means other funds identified by footnote;

(y) "T2" means the miners' hospital permanent land income fund;

(z) "T3" means the state hospital account within the permanent land fund;

(aa) "T4" means the poor farm account within the permanent land fund as established by W.S. 9-4-310(a)(v);

(bb) "T0" means other expendable trust funds administered by an agency for specific functions within the agency's authority;

(cc) "TT" means the tobacco settlement trust income account;

(dd) "This appropriation," when used in a footnote, shall be construed as a reference to that portion of the appropriated funds identified in the footnote.

Section 2. The sums of money, or so much thereof as is necessary, appropriated in this act are to be expended during the two (2) years beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028, or as otherwise specified, for the purposes, programs ~~and number of employees~~ specified in this act and the approved budget of each agency. Unless otherwise specifically provided,

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FOR	\$	\$	\$	\$

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 to the general fund on December 31, 2026.

Section 003. STATE AUDITOR

PROGRAM

Administration	14,809,975			14,809,975
TOTALS	14,809,975	0	0	14,809,975

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	23
Part Time	0
TOTAL	23

Section 004. STATE TREASURER

PROGRAM

Treasurer's Operations	3,356,610		142,945 SR	3,499,555
Veterans' Tax Exemption	11,545,839			11,545,839
WyoSTAR			1,524,971 SR	1,524,971
Unclaimed Property			2,419,549 SR	2,419,549
Investments ^{1., 2.}			49,735,616 SR	49,735,616
Native American Exemption ^{3.}	918,975			918,975
TOTALS	15,821,424	0	53,823,081	69,644,505

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	51
Part Time	0
TOTAL	51

1. (a) The state treasurer's office, with the ~~recommendation of the investment funds committee and~~ approval of the human resources division of the department of administration and information, may:

(i) Approve reclassifications from investment analyst to senior investment analyst and senior investment analyst to investment officer;

(ii) Adjust compensation within the classifications specified in paragraph (i) of this footnote based on an assessment of an employee's education, certification, demonstrated performance and potential for increased responsibility.

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FOR	\$	\$	\$	\$
Section 010. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE				
PROGRAM				
Administration Div.	2,307,803		5,260 SR	2,313,063
Ag. Education and Info.	16,000		21,038 SR	37,038
<i>ML</i> Consumer Prot. Div. <i>+</i>	12,725,303	1,402,937	1,772,971 SR	15,901,211
Natural Resources Div. ¹	4,151,760	8,306	690,051 S1	
			258,000 S5	5,108,117
Pesticide Registration	773,671			773,671
State Fair	2,724,287		1,697,188 SR	4,421,475
<i>ML</i> Weed & Pest Control <i>+</i>			1,048,558 SR	1,048,558
Predator Management ^{2, 3}	10,012,400		1,000,000 SR	11,012,400
<i>ML</i> Wyoming Beef Council <i>+</i>			2,517,929 SR	2,517,929
<i>ML</i> Wyo Wheat Mktg. Comm. <i>+</i>			188,095 SR	188,095
<i>ML</i> Dry Bean Commission <i>+</i>			316,302 SR	316,302
<i>ML</i> Leaf Cutter Bee <i>+</i>			11,779 SR	11,779
TOTALS	32,711,224	1,411,243	9,527,171	43,649,638
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES				
Full Time	74			
Part Time	6			
TOTAL	80			

1. 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.

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

3. (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 under the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq., as amended;

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

(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 appropriated 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 consistent with the priorities specified in subsection (a) of this footnote.

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

~~4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the period beginning on the effective date of this footnote and ending June 30, 2028, no funds shall be expended from the animal damage management program (unit 0317), weed and pest control division, Wyoming beef council division, Wyoming wheat marketing commission division, dry bean commission division or leaf cutter bee division for the purposes of cost allocation (300 series).~~

Section 011. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

PROGRAM

Administration	6,767,770			6,767,770
Revenue Division	10,326,157		975,760 SR	11,301,917
Valuation Division ¹ .	20,661,261			20,661,261
Liquor Division ² .			12,492,176 EF	12,492,176
TOTALS	37,755,188	0	13,467,936	51,223,124

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	124
Part Time	0
TOTAL	124

1. Of this general fund appropriation, twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000.00) is appropriated for the property tax refund program pursuant to W.S. 39-13-109(c)(v) for refunds to qualified applicants during the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026.

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FOR	\$	\$	\$	\$

3. Of this general fund appropriation, one million six hundred thousand dollars (\$1,600,000.00) is appropriated for the internet crimes against children team (unit 0329). This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. This appropriation shall not be effective if 2026 Senate File 0085 is enacted into law.

4. Of this general fund appropriation, five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is appropriated for avoiding, preparing for or participating in water litigation within the law office unit (unit 0101) and shall be expended only for the purpose of resolving legal issues pertaining to protecting Wyoming interstate water rights and obligations, Wyoming water rights associated with the Colorado river compact of 1922 and the upper Colorado river compact of 1948. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. All ~~proposed~~ expenditures under this footnote shall be reported to the management council of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee ~~with a description of the desired actions and outcomes of the expenditure not less than ten (10) days before the expenditure.~~

Section 020. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PROGRAM

Administration	8,810,240			8,810,240
Air Quality	9,633,870	1,846,395	16,117,500 SR	27,597,765
Water Quality	14,432,422	10,248,574	1,198,071 SR	25,879,067
Land Quality	6,196,521	4,510,334		10,706,855
Industrial Siting	769,802			769,802
Solid Waste Management	3,471,212	3,989,311	4,828,710 SR	12,289,233
Uranium Recovery Program			2,698,200 SR	2,698,200
Source Material Program	1,110,000			1,110,000
Abandoned Mine Reclam.		73,607,733		73,607,733
Subsidence Loss Ins.			231,104 SR	231,104
TOTALS	44,424,067	94,202,347	25,073,585	163,699,999

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	276
Part Time	0
TOTAL	276

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Section 041. FIRE PREVENTION & ELEC SAFETY				
PROGRAM				
Administration	995,325			995,325
Fire Prevention Admin.	2,181,462			2,181,462
Electrical Safety Admin.	1,039,152		2,009,353 SR	3,048,505
Training	1,844,142			1,844,142
Fire Academy	569,284			569,284
TOTALS	6,629,365	0	2,009,353	8,638,718

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	32
Part Time	0
TOTAL	32

Section 042. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PROGRAM				
Geologic Program	5,020,368			5,020,368
WY Min. Resource ¹ .	2,000,000			2,000,000
USGS Grants		218,611		218,611
TOTALS	7,020,368	218,611	0	7,238,979

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	20
Part Time	0
TOTAL	20

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1. Of this general fund appropriation, two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is appropriated for aerial geophysical surveys to analyze Wyoming's mineral resources. Funds from this general fund appropriation shall be expended by the geological survey only upon the agency's good-faith effort to secure matching 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 nonstate source ~~to the greatest extent possible~~. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the geological survey'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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transportation's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium for global positioning system mapping maintenance contracts.

3. 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.

4. (a) Of this other funds appropriation, one million seven hundred nineteen thousand seven hundred sixteen dollars (\$1,719,716.00)IS is appropriated for the operation and maintenance of ~~one (1) state-owned Cessna citation encore jet and for costs incurred by the division of operational services within the department to either:~~ *MS*

~~(i) Ground one (1) state-owned cessna citation encore jet airplane with the sole purpose of either using the airplane for parts or selling parts from the airplane; or~~ *MS*

~~(ii) Sell one (1) state-owned cessna citation encore jet airplane.~~ *MS*

~~(b) Proceeds from the sale of the airplane or airplane parts under this footnote shall be deposited into the general fund.~~ *MS*

5. Of this other funds appropriation, one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)S0 is appropriated from the transportation enterprise fund.

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dollars (\$316,935.00) SR not be included in the oil and gas conservation commission's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium and that any request for appropriations for major maintenance be included as an exception request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Section 057. COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMISSION

PROGRAM

Administration	7,922,961		781,351 SR	8,704,312
State Aid 1., 2., 3., 6., 7.	260,319,957			260,319,957
WY Works Program 4., 5.	5,584,486			5,584,486
Adult Education	2,025,877	1,903,127		3,929,004
WYIN Loan & Grant Prgm	7,521,256			7,521,256
Veterans' Tuition Waiver	481,250			481,250
Public Television	3,420,181		400,000 SR	3,820,181
TOTALS	287,275,968	1,903,127	1,181,351	290,360,446

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	12
Part Time	0
TOTAL	12

1. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, seven hundred fifty thousand four hundred fifty dollars (\$750,450.00) is appropriated ~~for a competitive grant program~~ to provide enhanced state funding to community colleges for purposes of dual enrollment education, subject to the following:

(i) ~~Preference for grant~~ funding shall be provided to community colleges offering dual enrollment programs to students who are not eligible to participate under a school district agreement entered into pursuant to W.S. 21-20-201;

(ii) The community college commission and any community college receiving ~~grant~~ funding shall advertise the program and track expenditures, student participation and outcomes. Recommendations for continued funding or modifications to law shall be included in the community college commission's budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium;

(iii) This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose;

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

2. Of this general fund appropriation, seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000.00) is appropriated for career and technical education programs, degrees and certifications requiring two (2) years of instruction or less for completion. 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. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) is appropriated to support competitive rodeo teams at Wyoming community colleges. This 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, five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is appropriated to the Wyoming works program account and all funds within the Wyoming works program account are appropriated and available for expenditure by the Wyoming community college commission as provided by the Wyoming works program.

5. Of this general fund appropriation, five hundred eighty-four thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$584,486.00) is appropriated to the Wyoming works student grant account and all funds within the Wyoming works student grant account are appropriated for distribution by the Wyoming community college commission as provided by the Wyoming works program.

6. Of this general fund appropriation, five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is appropriated for distribution by the commission to qualifying community colleges as provided in W.S. 21-18-205.

~~7. Of this general fund appropriation, no funds shall be expended to pay student athletes salaries or endorsement compensation for participation in athletic activities sponsored by a community college.~~ 

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Section 066. WYOMING TOURISM BOARD				
PROGRAM				
Wyoming Tourism Board			40,102,837 S14	
			23,600 SR	40,126,437
TOTALS	0	0	40,126,437	40,126,437
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES				
Full Time	0			
Part Time	0			
TOTAL	0			
Section 067. UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING ¹.				
PROGRAM				
State Aid 2., 3., 4., 8. , 9.	369,785,349			369,785,349
School of Energy Res. 5., 6.	33,197,808			33,197,808
Tier 1 Engineering	18,584,703			18,584,703
NCAR MOU	1,528,316			1,528,316
Endowments & Matching 7., 10.	2,750,000			2,750,000
TOTALS	425,846,176	0	0	425,846,176
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES				
Full Time	0			
Part Time	0			
TOTAL	0			

1. (a) For the period beginning on the effective date of this footnote and ending June 30, 2028, and in addition to the requirements of W.S. 21-16-1801(a), the University of Wyoming shall not expend any funds under its control for any of the following:

(i) Elective abortions for students;

(ii) Group health insurance that provides coverage of elective abortions for students.

2. Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated for an external financial and administrative audit and operational review by a qualified management consultant of expenditures of the center of innovation for flow through porous media and expenditures at the high bay research facility at the University of Wyoming. ~~The qualified management consultant shall conduct the external financial and administrative audit and operational review required under this footnote in~~

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Me ~~consultation with the management council. The University of Wyoming shall include a condensed summary of findings and recommendations from the audit and review in any budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013. 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.~~ *Me*

3. Of this general fund appropriation, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) is appropriated to support the University of Wyoming rodeo team.

4. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is appropriated to provide a state match for funds received by the University of Wyoming from athletic booster organizations and from persons donating funds to be used solely for athletic programs, subject to all of the following:

(i) The state treasurer shall retain this appropriation for distribution in accordance with the provisions of this footnote;

(ii) This appropriation shall be expended for the purposes of:

(A) Authorized recruitment of prospective student athletes to the University of Wyoming and expenses associated with participation in intercollegiate athletics including summer school attendance, nutrition, tutoring, team travel and costs directly related to participation in competition;

(B) Athletic training equipment.

(iii) No funds from this appropriation shall be expended for salaries or capital construction projects;

(iv) To the extent funds are available, this appropriation shall be matched on a quarterly basis by the state treasurer for each cash or cash equivalent contribution actually received by the University of Wyoming for the purposes specified in this footnote for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028 by distributing to the University of Wyoming an amount equal to the amount of qualifying contributions for the calendar

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quarter.

(b) The appropriation specified in subsection (a) of this footnote shall not be transferred or expended for any purpose not specified in this footnote and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028.

5. Of this general fund appropriation, two million ninety thousand dollars (\$2,090,000.00) is effective immediately.

6. Of this general fund appropriation, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is appropriated and conditioned upon matching funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds to not less than one dollar (\$1.00) of matching funds from any nonstate source for support for the school of energy resources' Wyoming energy-focused instruction, outreach and research programs. All proposed matches shall be reported to the management council of the legislature ~~with a description of the matching funds along with the purpose and anticipated outcomes not less than ten (10) days before acceptance of the funds.~~ *WMS*

7. Of this general fund appropriation, two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) is appropriated for the purpose of providing a state match for funds received by the University of Wyoming or donated funds to be used solely for support for excellence in research, education and extension in ranch and rangeland management, agronomy and soil science. Distribution 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 nonstate source. This appropriation shall be retained by the state treasurer for distribution in accordance with W.S. 21-16-904. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated monies from this appropriation shall not revert until June 30, 2032. 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.

~~8. Of this general fund appropriation, no funds shall be expended to pay student athletes salaries or endorsement compensation for participation in athletic activities sponsored by the University of Wyoming.~~ *WMS*

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9. (a) A portion of this general fund appropriation shall be expended by the University of Wyoming to conduct a comprehensive review of its organizational structure and staffing patterns across all divisions, colleges, administrative units, auxiliaries and support functions. The review under this footnote shall, at a minimum:

(i) Identify any positions or organizational units that are duplicative, overlapping or functionally redundant;

(ii) Assess opportunities to consolidate, streamline or otherwise restructure administrative and academic operations in order to improve efficiency;

(iii) Evaluate staffing levels relative to similarly situated postsecondary institutions and industry standards;

(iv) Develop recommendations to reduce the overall number of positions while simultaneously considering the operational needs, service levels and institutional priorities of the University of Wyoming;

(v) Identify any potential cost savings and reinvestment opportunities that result from any recommended staffing or structural changes;

(vi) Compile an inventory and recommend opportunities to eliminate degree programs with consideration of course participation and the number of recent graduates;

(vii) Compile an inventory and recommend opportunities to further restrict any diversity, equity and inclusion program, activity or function.

(b) The University of Wyoming board of trustees shall submit an operational plan to the governor and the joint appropriations committee not later than December 1, 2026. ~~If the operational plan under this subsection does not identify at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in cost savings for the University of Wyoming by December 1, 2026, of this general fund appropriation, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) shall not be effective. If at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in cost savings for the University of Wyoming is identified by December 1, 2026, of this~~

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~~general fund appropriation, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is effective March 15, 2027.~~ *Me*

10. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be for the University of Wyoming family residency program to be expended only for purposes of a rural medicine training track program in a critical access hospital. This appropriation is conditioned upon matching 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 nonstate source. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation 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.

Section 069. WICHE

PROGRAM

Administration & Grants	5,432,417			5,432,417
TOTALS	5,432,417	0	0	5,432,417

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

Section 070. ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY COMM

PROGRAM

Commission & Support	1,000,792			1,000,792
Tech. Outreach & Research	4,154,737			4,154,737
TOTALS	5,155,529	0	0	5,155,529

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

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2. Of this general fund appropriation, five million two hundred sixty-one thousand nine hundred thirty-four dollars (\$5,261,934.00) is appropriated for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, P.L. 101-336 as amended, to ensure all citizen-facing websites and web applications are accessible. The department of enterprise technology services shall seek grant funding from federal and other sources ~~to the greatest extent possible.~~ This appropriation shall be reduced in an amount equal to one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated general funds for each one dollar (\$1.00) in grant funding received for the purposes of this footnote. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. *Me*

3. Of this other funds appropriation, six hundred twenty-one thousand five hundred forty-five dollars (\$621,545.00) or as much thereof as is available is appropriated from the depreciation reserve account for procurement of cloud services. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of enterprise technology services' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Section 080. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

PROGRAM

Administration Services ^{1.,}

2., 3.	22,771,377	198,932	5,344,661 EF	
			1,552,829 SR	29,867,799
Field Services ^{4.}	36,648,353	173,482	5,004,763 TT	41,826,598
Support Services ^{5., 6., 7.}	87,541,728	100,000	1,398,146 SR	
			4,263,454 TT	93,303,328
Prison Division ^{8., 9.}	178,424,258		174,207 EF	
			1,656,765 IS	
			362,594 SR	180,617,824
TOTALS	325,385,716	472,414	19,757,419	345,615,549

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	1,048
Part Time	3
TOTAL	1,051

1. Of this general fund appropriation, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) is for recruitment and retention efforts within the department of corrections, including moving expenses, housing costs at the law

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FOR	\$	\$	\$	\$
AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES				
Full Time	6			
Part Time	0			
TOTAL	6			

Section 085. WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL

PROGRAM

Wyoming Business Council ¹ .	6,931,832		145,002 SR	7,076,834
Economic Divers. ² .	7,027,270	157,787	846,741 SR	8,031,798
TOTALS	13,959,102	157,787	991,743	15,108,632

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES	
Full Time	0
Part Time	0
TOTAL	0

~~1. Of this general fund appropriation, six million nine hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$6,931,832.00) and of this other funds appropriation one hundred forty-five thousand two dollars (\$145,002.00) SR, shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. It is the intent of the legislature that the Wyoming business council include any requested amount for the Wyoming business council and any of its programs for the period beginning July 1, 2027 and ending June 30, 2028 in any budget request submitted under W.S. 9-2-1013.~~ *Ma*

2. Of this general fund appropriation, not less than one million four hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,413,800.00) is appropriated for strategic partnership with manufacturing works, not less than one million two hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred sixty dollars (\$1,288,760.00) is appropriated for strategic partnership with the Wyoming small business development center network, and not less than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) is appropriated for strategic partnership with the Wyoming women's business center. Of the remaining general fund appropriations, three million seven hundred twenty-four thousand seven hundred ten dollars (\$3,724,710.00) shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 and any reductions to funding for strategic partners from this amount shall be proportionately applied to all strategic partners.

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entitlement payments paid in accordance with W.S. 21-13-313(c). This appropriation shall only be effective if 2026 House Bill 0045 or 2026 Senate File 0039 is enacted into law.				
Section 206. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION				
PROGRAM				
Education Boards ^{1.}	205,261		719,112 S5 507,043 SR	1,431,416
Leadership, Finance & IT	11,041,428	17,179	5,703,651 S5 400,000 SR	17,162,258
Accountability & Commun.	901,271	32,799,740	9,587,551 S5 210,894 SR	
			1,000 T0	43,500,456
School Support ^{2., 3.}	5,123,514	317,025,857	2,280,086 S5 5,692,747 SR	
			468,495 T0	330,590,699
TOTALS	17,271,474	349,842,776	25,570,579	392,684,829

AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEES

Full Time	116
Part Time	2
TOTAL	118

1. Of this other funds appropriation, four hundred seven thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$407,115.00)SR is provided for compensation for the position of executive director for the Wyoming charter school authorizing board. ~~Upon the next vacancy of the position of executive director for the Wyoming charter school authorizing board, the Wyoming charter school authorizing board shall request a reclassification of the position by the human resources division of the department of administration and information to align the compensation and pay bands commensurate with the duties of the position and comparable executive level positions within the department of education with similar roles and responsibilities.~~ This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. *MG*

2. Of this general fund appropriation, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) is appropriated for state-funded farm to school grants to increase local food procurement. 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. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

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[CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS]

Section 303.

[WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT]

 (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 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 2, Section 001 for wild horse and burro management (unit 0128), up to seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2026 and are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for wild horse and burro management ~~on the Wind River Indian Reservation~~. Of this general fund reappropriation, any funds expended for wild horse or burro management on the Wind River Indian Reservation are conditioned upon matching 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 funds provided by the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe or the cooperative tribal governing body.

[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 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 2, Section 001, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, Section 2, Section 001 and 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 2, Section 001 for disaster contingency, up to one million two hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1,263,966.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2026 and are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for disaster contingency.

[STATE CAPITOL - WEEKENDS AND SPECIAL EVENTS]

(c) 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 department of administration and information under 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 2, Section 006 in the original amount of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00), up to two hundred seven thousand dollars (\$207,000.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert on June 30, 2026 and are hereby reappropriated to the capitol square preservation account for expenditures subject to W.S. 9-4-225. This appropriation to the capitol square preservation account is to ensure that the Wyoming capitol building is open to the public for special events and during the summer on Saturdays and for extended weekday hours. This reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

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(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).~~

[ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY COMMISSION - REAPPROPRIATION]

Section 308. 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 317(a) is amended to read:

Section 317.

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, unexpended, unobligated monies appropriated from the general fund to the enhanced oil recovery commission under 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 35, Section 2, Section 070; 2008

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(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) This section is effective immediately.

~~[LIMITATION ON SALARY INCREASE]~~

~~Section 310.~~

~~(a) The 2029-2030 biennial general fund standard budget for personal services (100 series) for each agency shall be less than or equal to the 2027-2028 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 2027-2028 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 2027-2028 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 2027-2028 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]

Section 311.

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this act, it is the intent of the legislature to concur with the recommendations contained in the governor's 2027-2028 biennial budget for one-time funding, sustained funding or expenditures anticipated to increase or decrease and be included in the standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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(iv) The Wyoming energy authority and the state treasurer shall recommend other terms and conditions for grants awarded under this section. The governor shall determine all terms and conditions for grants under this section;

(v) No grant shall be made without the written opinion of the attorney general certifying the legality of the transaction and all documents connected therewith;

(vi) The governor shall approve an applicant's proposed construction or operation of commercial deployment projects related to the processing or separation of rare earth resources located in Wyoming only upon a determination that the proposed construction or operation will result in substantial benefit to the public.

Me
Me (b) All ~~proposed~~ grants under this section, including the terms, conditions and the purposes and goals of each grant shall be reported to the management council of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee ~~not less than ten (10) days prior to execution of the grant.~~

[RESERVED]

Section 313. [Reserved.]

[RESERVED]

Section 314. [Reserved.]

[RESERVED]

Section 315. [Reserved.]

[RESERVED]

Section 316. [Reserved.]

[DEAPPROPRIATION - BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY ACCOUNT]

Section 317.

~~(a) The Wyoming business council shall revert all unexpended, unobligated funds held in the business ready community account to the general fund.~~ *Me*

Me ~~(b)~~ Any amounts reverted to the general fund under this section prior to June 30, 2026 shall be subtracted from the calculation of the transfer of funds from the budget reserve account to the legislative stabilization

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reserve account as required by 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 300(b).

MS ~~(c) This section is effective immediately.~~

[REVISIONS TO PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS]

Section 318.

(a) 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 321, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, and as further amended by 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 318, by creating a new subsection (g) and 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51, Section 325, as amended by 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, and as further amended by 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 318, by creating a new subsection (g) are amended to read:

[ENERGY MATCHING FUNDS]

Section 321.

MS ~~(g) All proposed expenditures under this section shall be reported to the management council of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee with a description of the desired actions and outcomes not less than ten (10) days before use of the funds is approved by the governor 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).~~

[APPROPRIATION TO MATCH FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS]

Section 325.

MS ~~(g) All proposed expenditures under this section shall be reported to the management council of the legislature and the joint appropriations committee with a description of the desired actions and outcomes not less than 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) and reported pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1013(b).~~

(b) This section is effective immediately.

[RESERVED]

Section 319. [Reserved.]

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Section 323.

(a) 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 187, Section 11(b) is amended to read:

Section 11.

(b) Before July 1, 2026, the state treasurer and the state auditor shall utilize advance funds in the form of interfund loans from the legislative stabilization reserve account for deposit to the University of Wyoming 2023 capital projects account as necessary to meet appropriations from that account and contract obligations of the University of Wyoming incurred for purposes of this section. No interfund loans authorized under this section shall be made after completion of the projects specified in subsection (a) of this section. On and after July 1, 2026, the legislature authorizes the discharge of up to seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in outstanding interfund loans from the legislative stabilization reserve account under this section.

(b) This section is effective immediately.

~~[MODIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND WYOMING STATE PENITENTIARY CAPITAL
CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT]~~ *MS*

MS **~~Section 324.~~**

~~(a) 2025 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 161, Section 7 is amended to read:~~ *MS*

~~**Section 7.** On the effective date of this section, the state auditor shall transfer There is appropriated nine million dollars (\$9,000,000.00) from the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account within the strategic investments and project account to the department of corrections for purposes of the department's security system. These funds shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Any funds in excess of nine million dollars (\$9,000,000.00) transferred to the department of corrections from the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account within the strategic investments and project account prior to April 1, 2026 for these purposes shall be restored by the department of corrections to the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account within the strategic investments and projects account not later than April 15, 2026.~~ *MS*

MS ~~(b) This section is effective immediately.~~

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042 Geological Survey	48,517			48,517
045 Department of Transportation			161,740 S7	161,740
048 Department of Health ^{4.}	38,836,481	30,094,123		68,930,604
049 Department of Family Services ^{5.}	3,185,487	562,145		3,747,632
051 Livestock Board	15,344		36,622 SR	51,966
052 Board of Medicine			6,185 SR	6,185
053 Department of Workforce Services	114,212	161,326	84,610 EF	360,148
054 Board of Nursing			5,237 SR	5,237
055 Oil and Gas Commission			16,289 SR	16,289
<i>WLS</i> 057 Community College Commission ^{6., 7.}	3,019,517			3,019,517
060 State Lands and Investments	475,500			475,500
066 Wyoming Tourism Board			11,310 S14	11,310
<i>WLS</i> 067 University of Wyoming ^{7., 8.}	60,933,867			60,933,867
070 Enhanced Oil Recovery Comm.	152,802			152,802
072 Retirement System			735,823 PF	735,823
075 Board of Outfitters and Guides			18,552 SR	18,552
077 Enterprise Technology Services ^{9.}	4,105,392		1,926,261 IS	
			3,770 S5	6,035,423
080 Department of Corrections	461,930			461,930
096 State Budget Department	12,161			12,161
098 Office of Guardian ad Litem	4,472		1,118 SR	5,590
102 Board of Law Examiners			23,000 SR	23,000
103 Comm. on Judicial Conduct & Ethics	1,259			1,259
151 District Attorney/Jud Dist #1	54,500			54,500
157 District Attorney/Jud Dist #7	17,735			17,735
206 Department of Education	47,450			47,450
220 Environmental Quality Council	36,135			36,135
270 Office of Administrative Hearings			11,799 SR	11,799
	131,262,717	30,852,055	10,106,582	172,221,354

1. Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred eight thousand one hundred ninety dollars (\$108,190.00) is appropriated for local cybersecurity grant program matching. 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.

2. Of this general fund appropriation, eighteen thousand two hundred sixty-two dollars (\$18,262.00) is appropriated for stormwater fees in Cheyenne. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of administration and information's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. This appropriation is effective immediately.

3. Of this general fund appropriation, nine million dollars (\$9,000,000.00) is continuously appropriated from the general fund for deposit into the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account and continuously appropriated from the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account to the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account

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board to provide grants for preventing the introduction and spread of invasive plants and grasses with a focus on private and state lands across Wyoming, wildfire prevention measures, or to Wyoming conservation districts, weed and pest districts and the game and fish commission for purposes of restoring grass, hay and other vegetation destroyed by wildfires on private and state lands, preventing the establishment of nonnative, invasive terrestrial vegetation on private and state lands affected by wildfires and replacing and restoring habitats on private and state lands destroyed by wildfires. This appropriation shall not be subject to the requirements of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Funding Act.

4. Of this general fund appropriation, six hundred seven thousand two hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$607,227.00) is appropriated for public laboratory services and operations. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not 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.

5. Of this general fund appropriation, three million one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$3,145,000.00) and of this federal funds appropriation, five hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$555,000.00), is appropriated for information technology system modernization, licenses and product support.

6. Of this general fund appropriation, three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is appropriated for Wyoming public television operations and nineteen thousand five hundred seventeen dollars (\$19,517.00) is appropriated for expenditures under the technology replacement program.

~~7. Of this general fund appropriation, no funds shall be expended to pay student athletes salaries or endorsement compensation for participation in athletic activities sponsored by a community college or the University of Wyoming.~~ 

8. (a) Of this general fund appropriation, twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000.00) is appropriated to provide a state match for funds received by the University of Wyoming or donated funds in accordance with all of the following:

(i) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is conditioned upon a match for a permanent endowment under W.S. 21-16-901 through 21-16-904. All state matching distributions from the challenge account created in W.S. 21-16-903 are appropriated solely to support endowments for priorities identified and approved by the University of Wyoming board of trustees;

(ii) Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) is conditioned upon a match for purposes of expenditures for the college of agriculture governor's agriculture initiative.

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shall remain in effect and not lapse at the end of the fiscal period except upon further legislative action.

(f) Any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining in the state shooting complex account from appropriations under 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 146, Section 3(a) and not otherwise authorized for expenditure under this section shall revert to the accounts from which they were appropriated.

(g) This section is effective immediately.

(h) It is the intent of the legislature that no general funds, legislative stabilization reserve account funds or strategic investments and projects account funds be appropriated, expended or obligated for the construction of the Wyoming state shooting complex in excess of any of those funds already appropriated, expended or obligated for that purpose.

[1893 YELLOWSTONE FOREST RESERVE SURVEY PARTY TREE]

Section 333. Notwithstanding W.S. 39-15-111(p)(i)(A), thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00)S14 is appropriated to the department of state parks and cultural resources from the Wyoming tourism account for the purpose of retrieving, developing and curating a display for the 1893 Yellowstone Forest Reserve Survey Party Tree Inscription from the Shoshone national forest. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation shall not be included in the standard budget of the department of state parks and cultural resources for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

[WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL-~~FORENSIC~~ AUDIT]

Section 334.

(a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the department of audit to complete or cause to be completed a ~~forensic~~ audit of the Wyoming business council. The ~~forensic~~ audit shall commence and be completed as soon as possible after the effective date of this section. Upon the completion of the audit, the department shall publicly disseminate and distribute any findings, recommendations and outcomes to the joint appropriations committee, the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the governor. If the audit cannot be completed by July 1, 2026, the department of audit shall advise the joint appropriations committee, the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the governor not later than May 29, 2026 of that fact and the reasons the audit cannot be completed by the date specified. The ~~forensic~~ audit shall include, at a minimum:

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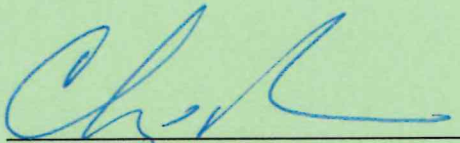
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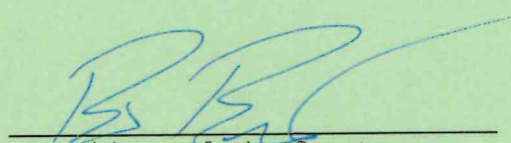
(a) As used in this act, "effective immediately" means effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. Any appropriation contained in this act that is effective immediately shall not lapse until June 30, 2028, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

(END)



Speaker of the House



President of the Senate

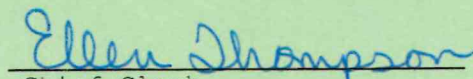


Governor

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I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.



Chief Clerk