



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 9, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Cale Case, Co-chairman
Representative Steve Harshman, Co-chairman

SUBJECT Joint Revenue Committee - 2021 Interim Topics Request

The Committee held an organizational meeting on April 1, 2021 and identified numerous important issues. Refinement and narrowing of the topics was undertaken by the Co-chairmen. The Committee requests to study these topics in three two-day meetings and introduce related legislation in the 2021 Special Session(s) and the 2022 budget session.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The following topics, as prioritized by the Committee's co-chairmen, are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration during the 2021 interim.

Priority #1. Medicaid Expansion: The Committee will consider issues related to Medicaid expansion in Wyoming. The review will include potential costs and benefits to Wyoming if Medicaid expansion were adopted. The committee will have this topic ready for the July special session.

Priority #2. Distribution of Existing Revenue Streams: Following statutory directives, the Committee will review all existing state revenue streams and the distribution of that revenue including revenue from taxes and revenue dedicated for highway funding. This topic will include a report as required under W.S. 28-1-118 on the distribution formulae for federal mineral royalties, severance taxes and inheritance taxes.

Priority #3. Review of Tax Exemptions: The Committee will review tax exemptions on sales and use taxes and other taxes in Wyoming. This topic could include the removal of specified exemptions or the implementation of sunset dates on exemptions to require further legislative action to retain certain exemptions. This topic could also include consideration of extending the sales tax to items that are not currently taxed including taxation of sales of services and purchases of digital streaming subscriptions.

Priority #4. Energy and Public Utilities Taxes: This topic will review how utility and other electrical energy facilities are taxed in Wyoming and other states. The Committee may consider changes and additions to Wyoming's taxes. The Committee will consider issues related to taxes on Wind and Solar facilities. This topic will include a review of property taxes assessed on Wind and Solar Facilities and Department of Revenue practices. This topic will include consideration of 2021 Senate File 0069 and other bills which were not enacted.

Priority #5 Industrial Revenue Bonds: The Committee will consider how industrial revenue bonds could be implemented in Wyoming. This topic will include a review of how industrial revenue bonds are implemented in other states along with tax incentives and their role in recruitment of new businesses to Wyoming.

Priority # 6. Corporate Income Tax/Gross Receipts Tax: The committee will consider how a new tax could be structured to fairly recover taxes from undertaxed entities. The Committee will review issues related to the imposition of income taxes including a tax on unearned income. This topic will include a review of other states that impose income taxes. This topic will also include a review of issues related to a corporate income tax and taxes on activities conducted in Wyoming that are paid to other states.

Priority #7. Revenue Recovery Through Workforce Protection: The Committee will consider the elimination of certain sales tax exemptions and other state provided benefits to companies that do not hire Wyoming workers.

Priority #8 Property Taxes and Taxes on Agricultural Land and Business Personal Property: The Committee will undertake a review of property taxation including how property taxes are assessed and appealed. This topic will include educational and other consideration of implementing a cap on property tax increases. This topic will also include a review of how property tax revenues are distributed. The Committee will review 2009 SF0144 related to information provided to the taxpayer on the property assessment. The Committee will review issues related to personal property taxation and issues with qualification of property as agricultural land.

Educational topics with possible action items TBD:

Local Government Revenue: This topic will include a review of the municipal optional sales tax as enacted in 2020 HB0047 including the potential for expanding the area where the tax could be implemented. The Committee will also review the amount of revenue that is allocated to local governments through the sales tax and other tax allocations.

Usage Tax Proposed by Senator James: Restructuring of taxes on exported energy to include users outside of Wyoming.

Tobacco Tax Equivalence: The Committee will consider issues related to the taxation of tobacco products delivered to the Wind River Reservation and how to ensure tobacco products are taxed equivalently at the wholesale level regardless of their destination.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.

Meeting Schedule:

May 10-11, 2021 (Lander)
June 29-30, 2021 (Saratoga)
October 13-14, 2021 (Casper)
November 17-18, 2021 (Cheyenne)



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 5, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Cale Case, Co-Chairman & Representative Dan Zwonitzer, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT 2021 Interim Topics for Consideration by the Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology & Process

In response to the March 23, 2021 letter from Management Council Chairman Dan Dockstader and Vice-Chairman Eric Barlow, this memorandum represents the “letter of support” for the Select Committee's 2021 interim topics. The following topics, as prioritized by the Select Committee’s Co-Chairmen, are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration at two (2) meetings during the 2021 interim:

Priority #1: General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Technology

The Select Committee will review the Wyoming Legislature’s use of technology, including but not limited to the Legislature’s use of video conferencing and remote public testimony. The Select Committee will review and update, as necessary, the Legislature’s current information strategy to guide technology development for the legislative branch.

Priority #2: General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Process

Review and recommend rule and process changes and other innovations to enhance the efficient, open and transparent operations of the Legislature.

Priority #3: Website Enhancements

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

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 8, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman
Representative Donald Burkhart, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2021 Interim Topics for the Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

The Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2021 interim. The Committee has scheduled three two-day meetings to accomplish its work: May 18-19, August 17-18, and November 2-3.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

PRIORITY #1—MILITARY AFFAIRS

Several military related topics have been brought to the Committee's attention that it would like to study and discuss, including:

- Providing a buffer area surrounding the Oregon Trail Veteran's Cemetery to protect the location from encroachment.
- Assessing options for providing state support for recruitment and retention programs for Wyoming National Guard members.
- Examining necessary changes or additions to law to allow for the temporary delegation of parental authority for military parents that must relocate due to military orders, often on short notice. Several other states allow for a temporary delegation of parental authority, which may provide a basis to start review.

PRIORITY #2—TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS

Several transportation and highway-related topics have been brought to the Committee's attention that it would like to study and discuss, including:

- Reviewing issues related to I-80, including maintenance, repair and closures, and determining means of funding I-80 and other highways, bridges, and all transportation infrastructure. The Committee intends to receive testimony and presentations from Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) regarding its budget and finances, general needs, maintenance and improvements and intends to receive testimony from users. The Committee also plans to conduct a comprehensive review of WYDOT fees.
- Assessing necessary statutory changes to regulate non-traditional vehicles such as autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, and alternative fuel vehicles.
- Providing clarity to county road construction and maintenance funds, including W.S. 24-2-110.
- Considering WYDOT's relationships, contracting and coordination with construction and other companies.

PRIORITY #3—SAFETY

Several safety related topics have been brought to the Committee's attention that it would like to study and discuss, including:

- Evaluating options for road maintenance and alternate routes and reviewing aquifers and other structures near interstates related to transportation of hazardous materials by interstate and rail.
- Considering options for long term funding for WyoLink. The Committee anticipates working with the Wyoming County Commissioner's Association, as they volunteered to work with stakeholders to bring solutions to the Committee.
- Receiving testimony and assessing necessary statutory changes to allow for telecommunicator CPR or other health emergencies.

PRIORITY #4—REPORTS FROM AGENCIES, STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES AND STATUTE REVIEW

The Committee receives reports from agencies, including WYDOT and the Military Department, and reports may include review and updating of statutes relevant to their topic area. The Committee expects WYDOT reporting topics will include a maintenance study, highway safety and crashes and the replacement of the statewide computer information system (Transportation Information System—TIS). The Committee anticipates that Military Department reporting topics will include troop deployments and readiness, grazing updates, updates on sexual harassment claims and lawsuits, and the status of veterans' care facilities planning and construction.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 6, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Charles Scott, Co-chairman, Joint Education Interim Committee
Representative Jerry Paxton, Co-chairman, Joint Education Interim Committee

SUBJECT 2021 Interim Topics for Consideration for the Joint Education Interim Committee

The Joint Education Interim Committee (Committee) met on April 2, 2021, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2021 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in one two-day meeting prior to an anticipated 2021 Special Session and two two-day meetings in September and December and introduce related legislation during any 2021 Special Session and the 2022 Budget Session.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Early Childhood Literacy and Kindergarten Readiness and Retention The Committee will study the reading assessment and intervention program under W.S. 21-3-401, the impacts and results of the program, and the long-term impacts of students obtaining reading proficiency by grade three (3). The Committee also intends to develop an understanding of how well students are prepared for kindergarten. The topic is likely to result in legislation.

Priority #2 – K-12 Education Program and School Finance The Committee will continue its comprehensive review of the K-12 education program from the 2020 interim, including the common core of knowledge and skills, student content and performance standards, graduation standards, district assessment systems, and the State Board of Education's continued work on the "profile of a graduate." The Committee will explore the meaning of a "thorough and efficient system of public schools" and review potential efficiencies that may be achieved. The Committee will also review the process used during the most recent recalibration of the education resource block grant model and potential alternative approaches and improvements for future recalibration efforts. The Committee will review information on how school finance operations and capital construction are funded and identify potential solutions to the estimated structural funding gap, including monitoring potential uses of funding from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The Committee will make its recommendation to the Joint Appropriations Committee on an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309(u). The topic is likely to result in legislation.

Priority #3 – Charter Schools The Committee will comprehensively review charter school laws in Wyoming and consider and develop necessary legislation. The topic would also consider a review of any laws amended and created under **2021 Senate File 130 Charter Schools**. The topic is likely to result in legislation.

Priority #4 – Performance of Minority and At-Risk Students The Committee will also focus on the disparities between minority and at-risk populations in a variety of ways in the K-12 education system and identify potential barriers and solutions to improve the performance of minority students. The Committee will the review K-12 absenteeism and truancy laws of Wyoming. This topic would continue to build upon the work of **2021 Senate File 68 – Absenteeism in public schools** to review current responsibilities for enforcing attendance requirements among school districts, district attorneys, parents and others, including the Wind River Tribal Court system when appropriate. The topic is likely to result in legislation.

Priority #5 – Higher Education The Committee will continue its study regarding the governance of the University of Wyoming authorized by 2020 Senate File 1, Section 337 (Budget Bill). No funding was authorized for the study, so it is the intent of the Committee to continue to review best practices of other institutions of higher education to see where improvement may be made. The Committee will also study the higher education scholarship programs. The Committee would also request to study and review community college funding options. The Committee will examine the work of the Select Committee on Community College Funding. The topic may result in legislation.

Meeting Schedule and Locations:

Meeting 1: July 19-20, 2021 (Saratoga)

Meeting 2: September 8-9, 2021 (Casper)

Meeting 1: November 15-16, 2021 (Cheyenne)

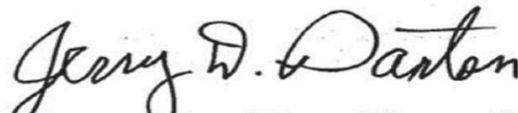
Budget:

The Committee requests \$50,000 to hold three two-day meetings to accomplish its work.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.



Senator Charles Scott, Co-chairman



Representative Jerry Paxton, Co-chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 8, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Members, Select Committee on School Facilities

SUBJECT Select Committee on School Facilities 2021 Interim Topics

The Select Committee on School Facilities (Select Committee) met on March 31, 2021 to discuss interim topics. This memorandum identifies the statutory responsibilities of the Select Committee.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 Statutory Responsibilities The Select Committee is charged by statute to: (1) monitor the assessment of statewide school facility needs, the prioritization of those needs and remediation of identified needs as undertaken by the school facilities commission and state construction department; (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to school facilities and commission and department programs and procedures to maintain statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review and provide recommendations on proposed commission rules.

Meeting Schedule and Budget

Historically, the Select Committee has received approval for three (3), one-day meetings and \$15,500 to accomplish work. Three (3), one-day meetings.

We look forward to discussing the proposed topic with the members of Management Council on April 16, 2021.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 6, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Drew Perkins, Co-Chairman
Representative Bob Nicholas, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Joint Appropriations Committee - 2021 Interim Topics Request

The Joint Appropriations Committee (Committee) met on March 30, 2021 to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2021 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three days of meetings prior to an anticipated 2021 Special Session and one two-day meeting in October and introduce related legislation during any 2021 Special Session and the 2022 General Session.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funds The Committee will consider and develop legislation appropriating (a) unexpended, unobligated funds from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and (b) unexpended, unobligated funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. With respect to federal funds under the ARP Act, the Committee will develop legislation appropriating state fiscal relief funds anticipated in the amount of \$1.075 billion and capital construction funding in the anticipated amount of \$109.6 million. In developing these recommendations, the Committee will prioritize 2021 HB 10, COVID-19 large business relief program; SF 50, COVID-19 business relief programs agriculture; HB 197, Connect Wyoming program-federal funding; SF 58, Wyoming investment in nursing funding; and HB 121, State funded capital construction, if enacted into law. The Committee anticipates reviewing qualifying expenditures of funds including, but not limited to, responses to the public health emergency, assistance to businesses, assistance to essential workers, provision of government services, investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure and capital construction. The Committee will also monitor ARP funds distributed to local governments, K-12 school districts and higher education institutions. Finally, the Committee may consider opportunities for investment and appropriation of state funds as may be appropriate for a future Special Session.

Priority #2 – Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) The Committee will continue its systematic and comprehensive review of the structure, delivery of specialized applications and support services by ETS, cost, and prioritization of information technology (IT) budget requests to provide solutions to state agencies' IT needs. The Committee will also review the processes and decisions of ETS and state agencies that lead to the evaluation and justification for proposed IT projects, expenses, funding options, and prioritization and has initiated a series of questions with ETS to follow up on the 2020 contract IT evaluation and implementation of identified recommendations.

To the extent possible, the Committee will encourage and provide legislative support for ETS to produce solutions meeting the demands of various state agencies in addition to implementing large, integrated and complex IT projects efficiently (e.g., Revenue Information System (RIS) for the Wyoming Department of Transportation, EPICS for the Department of Family Services (DFS); WyCAPs for DFS; and Offender Case Management System for the Department of Corrections (DOC)). Finally, the Committee intends to examine the need for, and efficient implementation of, the RIS system from multiple perspectives. This topic may result in legislation or revisions to appropriations. The Committee will send any legislation developed on this topic to the Management Audit Committee for review.

Priority #3 – Public Works Contracting In light of the failure of 2021 SF 6, Public works contracting requirements-amendments, the Committee will study pre-qualification of contractors on public works projects, consider federal acquisition regulations regarding unbalanced bids and schedules of values. The Committee will consider uniform prequalification requirements prohibiting unbalanced bidding and schedule of values examining sole source supplier clauses. This topic builds upon the work of the Committee during the 2019 interim, i.e., 2020 HB 51, Professional services procurement-amendments and 2020 HB 52, Public works and contracts. The Committee intends to develop a small working group of members who have expertise in this area to review the relevant information and develop recommendations for the Committee's consideration. The topic is likely to result in legislation.

Priority #4 – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder As an extension of the work during the 2020 interim, including HB 38, Community behavioral health-priority populations, adopted in the 2021 General Session, the Committee will, with a like subcommittee / working group from the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Committee, continue to examine mental health and substance use disorder issues to identify improvements in health outcomes and savings to the State, especially in light of recent budget reductions to social services. Topic to be monitored and reviewed include: 1) provider reimbursement rates; 2) streamlining reimbursement and delivery systems to ensure priority patients are receiving appropriate services; and 3) follow up on DOC mental health and substance use disorder issues in relation to reducing recidivism rates and improving the successful transitions for incarcerated individuals to community service providers upon release. The topic may result in legislation.

Priority #5 – Unfunded State Employee Leave Liabilities and Vacancy Savings The Committee will review (i) unfunded leave liabilities and, separately, (ii) the expenditure of vacancy savings, or unexpended personnel appropriations. Specific items of study will include an overview of the state's approach to addressing unfunded state employee vacation and sick leave liabilities. The Committee will consider various funding strategies and advantages and barriers of those strategies. The Committee will also consider the uses of vacancy savings. In completing this review, the Committee will request information from the Department of Administration and Information, Human Resources Division, and the State Budget Department on (a) unfunded leave liabilities; (b) expenditure of vacancy savings; and (c) a short tutorial on cost allocation. This topic may result in legislation.

Priority #6 – Fiscal Data Book The Committee will continue its review of the Legislative Service Office (LSO) Data Book and updated website to further improve the presentation of state fiscal conditions and user interaction with state fiscal data through a working group.

Priority #7 – Statutory Responsibilities and Receipt of Reports The Committee will receive dozens of reports required by legislation from state agencies, as provided by law. In particular, the Committee will receive and provide a recommendation on the K-12 external cost adjustment (ECA) in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o).

Special Funding Requests:

(1) The Committee requests funding for all of its members to be allowed to attend the State Treasurer's Investment Conference in 2021. Recall 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 81, Section 10 appropriated \$20,000 for registration, mileage and per diem for legislators attending the State Treasurer's Investment Conference in the 2020 or 2021 interim. No conference was held in 2020.

(2) The Committee requests up to 32 member days to include salary, per diem, and mileage for members of the House and Senate to attend Joint Appropriations Committee budget hearings or budget mark-up in December 2021 and January 2022. Estimated cost for this is \$517 per member per day, based upon an estimated two-day participation, or a total of \$16,600.

Meeting Schedule:

Meeting 1: TBD

Meeting 2: TBD

Meeting 3: TBD

Meeting 4: October 27-28, 2021, Location?

December Agency Hearings: December 6-17, 2021

January Agency Hearings: January 10-21, 2022

Budget:

Committee meetings of 3, one-day meetings and 1, two-day meetings: **\$50,400.**

Working Groups: Three (3) Working Groups of four (4) members with a total meeting days of two (2) per Working Group = **\$14,200**

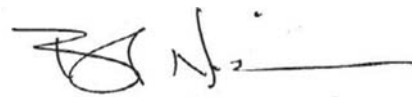
Legislator participation in JAC budget hearings and mark-up: **\$16,600.**

Total requested budget: **\$81,200**, not including State Treasurer's Investment Conference, which is separately budgeted.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



Senator Drew Perkins, Co-Chairman



Representative Bob Nicholas, Co-Chairman

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE *Memorandum*



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 7, 2021

TO Management Council

FROM Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments

SUBJECT Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments
2021 Interim Topics Request

This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments for the 2021 interim. The Committee intends to study these topics during four one-day meetings and introduce related legislation during the 2022 general session.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Study and legislation required by SF 121

2021 Senate File 121, if enacted, requires that the Select Committee conduct a comprehensive, one or two year study of the inviolate nature and appropriate allocation of permanent and non-permanent state funds and their investment earnings in light of constitutional law, federal law, state law and applicable fiduciary duties. Among other specific topics of study, the Select Committee must consider the ability of the Legislature to establish a fixed amount to be distributed from each permanent fund. The study must be conducted in coordination with the State Loan and Investment Board, the State Treasurer's Office and the Investment Funds Committee. The Select Committee is directed to introduce any appropriate legislation in either the 2022 or 2023 legislative sessions.

Priority #2 – Study and legislation required by HB 244

2021 HB 244, if enacted, requires that the Investment Funds Committee (IFC) conduct a study to assess options for improving the state's investment management structure for its sovereign wealth funds and other permanent and nonpermanent funds. The Select Committee is required to collaborate with the IFC and monitor preparation of a study report that is due to the Select Committee on or before November 1, 2021. Pursuant to HB 244, the IFC may request assistance from the Legislative Service Office at the discretion of Management Council. The Select Committee may prepare appropriate legislation indicated by the study.

Priority #3 – Statutory responsibilities

The Select Committee has statutory responsibilities to monitor the state's investment and capital financing policies and receive related reports. The Select Committee will receive updates including:

1. Implementation of changes to the IFC composition resulting from 2021 House Bill 219, if enacted;

2. Status of implementing a reference portfolio resulting from Senate File 119/Senate Enrolled Act 18 and 2021 Senate File 120/Senate Enrolled Act 41, if either or both are enacted;
3. Update on operational improvements to the State Treasurer's Office front, middle and back office systems and capacity;
4. Investment performance, risk assessment, and fees for fiscal year 2021;
5. Treatment of capital gains and losses under current laws and alternative scenarios for consideration;
6. Spending policy results for fiscal year 2021;
7. Performance compensation from the State Treasurer's Office and Wyoming Retirement System;
8. Public Purpose Investments.

Meeting Schedule:

Meeting 1: May 12 to initiate work on priorities #1 and #2 and define requests of LSO - preferably in May.

Meeting 2: August or September to receive mid-point assessments, receive reports from working groups and provide guidance

Meeting 3: November to receive reports and develop legislation, as well as address priority #3

Meeting 4: December or January to finalize legislation.

Last year Management Council approved the Select Committee for 2 one-day meetings and \$17,000. There are special circumstances requiring significantly more work of the Select Committee this interim, particularly if the related legislation is enacted.

The Committee requests permission for 3 one-day, in-person or hybrid meetings and 1 virtual meeting. The Committee is requesting a budget of \$35,000. The dates for the last three meetings will be established after the Select Committee has selected a chairman and vice chairman.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE April 7, 2021

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Jim Anderson, Co-Chairman
Representative Mike Greear, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2021 Interim Topics for the Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

This memorandum is the letter of support for interim topics for the 2021 interim. The Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee (Committee) met on March 31, 2021 to discuss proposed interim topics for the 2021 interim. The topics have been grouped into the following topics: (1) Wyoming Business Council review; (2) bonding issues; (3) electric utilities—reliability and coal generation; (4) carbon offset program; and (5) agency reports and updates.

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings to accomplish its work this interim. This memo further describes each topic and the proposed tentative meeting schedule.

2021 Interim Topics

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2021 interim. The topics are listed in order as prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority No. 1: Wyoming Business Council Review

The Committee will comprehensively review the Wyoming Business Council and its purposes, programs, functions, and operations. The Committee may develop and consider legislation to streamline, bolster, and improve the Council's programs and functions.

Discussion: The Committee had this topic selected as Priority Number 2 for the 2020 interim, but with the COVID-19 pandemic and the priorities that emerged as a result of the public health emergency, the Committee could not fully address this priority. The Committee would like to revisit this topic this year and conduct a comprehensive review of the Wyoming Business Council to ensure that the Business Council is effectively contributing to developing and diversifying Wyoming's economy with the resources afforded to it. The Committee would like to review the efficacy of the programs under the Business Council's purview and work to improve communications and outcomes.

Priority No. 2: Bonding Issues

The Committee will review and consider legislation pertaining to bonding issues associated with reclamation bonds for mines and with bonds for the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Discussion: The Committee would like to review provisions related to bonding for reclamation projects and consider whether revisions or additional programs are necessary for reclamation bonds. The Committee will also receive information pertaining to bonds and the bonding authority of the Wyoming Energy Authority to consider whether legislative changes are necessary to improve the process and the use of bonds.

Priority No. 3: Reliability and Coal Generation Issues

The Committee will review issues pertaining to the reliability of electricity generation in Wyoming, including the need for the continued use of coal in electricity generation.

Discussion: With the drastic changes in energy policy in the federal government and in other states, and with the issue of power blackouts due to a lack of reliable electricity, the Committee will study ways that coal can continue to provide reliability and stability to the electric grid in Wyoming and throughout the country. The Committee anticipates reviewing relevant legislation considered or enacted in the 2021 General Session as part of this review.

Priority No. 4: Carbon Offset System

The Committee will receive information concerning carbon offsets and explore the feasibility of implementing a carbon offset system in Wyoming.

Discussion: The Committee would like to learn more about carbon offsets and the role that they may potentially play in Wyoming's energy industry. The Committee will

explore whether it is advantageous to establish a carbon-offset system for use in Wyoming and its coal industry.

Priority No. 5: Agency Reports

The Committee will receive reports from state agencies as required by legislation and will consider and sponsor necessary legislation identified after reviewing the reports.

Discussion: The Committee receives various reports from agencies, including the Wyoming Business Council, the Aeronautics Commission, the Wyoming Education Attainment Executive Council, and the Department of Environmental Quality. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the received reports.

2021 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings during the interim to complete its work and requests the standard budget.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 6, 2021

TO Management Council

FROM Representative Eric Barlow, Chairman
Senator Brian Boner, Vice Chairman

SUBJECT 2021 Proposed Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Management Audit Committee for the 2021 interim. The Committee intends to study these topics over four days of meetings and introduce related legislation during the 2022 general session. The proposed budget for the Committee is \$22,000, which is the same as the 2020 approved budget.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Statutory Responsibilities. The Management Audit Committee will scope topics and conduct evaluations in accordance with W.S. 28-8-107.

Priority #2 – Agency Updates. The Management Audit Committee serves as the home committee for the Department of Administration and Information, Department of Enterprise Technology Services, and the Department of Audit - Public Funds Division. The Committee will receive agency updates and study related issues.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE: April 7, 2021
TO: Members, Management Council
FROM: Senator Brian Boner, Co-chairman
Representative John Eklund, Co-chairman
SUBJECT: **Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee - 2021 Interim Topics Requests**

The Committee held an organizational meeting on April 2, 2021 and identified numerous issues, which are described below. The Committee requests approval to study these topics in three two-day meetings.

PROPOSED 2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The Committee proposes the following areas as interim topics for the 2021 interim:

Priority #1—Agriculture Authority

The Committee would like to review 2021 SF0122, Wyoming Agriculture Authority, and further consider reorganization of agricultural related state agencies and roles. The Committee plans to discuss an agriculture authority as a means for diversification and expansion of the Wyoming economy and its agriculture industry and to coordinate strategies with the Department of Agriculture to improve agricultural processing facilities and capabilities. The Committee would like to receive testimony regarding powers, duties and budget and spending authorization of a proposed agriculture authority.

Priority #2- Predator Management

The Committee would like to receive testimony from involved stakeholders, including the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, county predator boards, and the USDA. The Committee could consider information related to:

- Examining the current predator management program in Wyoming and states' rights with regard to predator management control and determining whether changes may be necessary for a comprehensive approach.
- Developing a comprehensive predator control program led by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture in cooperation with local predator boards.
- Placing the state in a strong leadership role in predator control and to guide the state-federal-local partnership by providing proactive state level management of decisions.

Priority #3—Trespassing

The Committee would like to discuss trespassing as it relates to hunting and recreational trespass as well as wild, feral and stray horse trespass. The Committee plans to consider reviewing and updating W.S. 6-3-303, and review 2021 HB0237 (Trespassing statutes-fines increase) and 2020 SF0067 (Criminal trespass). The Committee would like to review pertinent existing statutes concerning wild, feral and stray horses and to consider defining the authority of private landowners, grazing lessees and the Office of State Lands and Investments regarding horses trespassing on private and state lands.

Priority #4—State Rights-Water Rights and Federal Lands

The Committee would like to study the history of federal lands in Wyoming and consider state rights and federal lands with an emphasis on water rights on federal lands. The Committee will also consider livestock water rights on federal lands and review 2021 SF0135, Water rights-livestock on federal land. The Committee could also review 2015 HB 0209, Transfer of federal lands, and discuss the process and state's authority to prompt a federal transfer of federally owned lands.

Priority #5—Agriculture Land Valuations

The Committee would like to consider and review land designated as agriculture land and the valuations and threshold requirement for agriculture exemption status with respect to property taxes. Study of the topic may include evaluating 2020 HB0033.

Priority #6—Reports from Agencies, State and Local Entities

The Committee would like to receive and consider reports from agencies under Committee jurisdiction, including:

- Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- Wyoming State Fair
- Office of State Lands and Investments
- Wyoming Livestock Board
- Congressional multiple use tours

Meeting Schedule:

May 24-25, 2021 (location TBD)

September 9-10, 2021 (location TBD)

October 21-22, 2021 (Cheyenne)

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 8, 2021

TO Management Council

FROM Representative Evan Simpson, Chairman

SUBJECT 2021 Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Select Water Committee for the 2021 interim. The Committee intends to study these topics at meetings held jointly with the Wyoming Water Development Commission and introduce related legislation during the 2022 budget session. The Committee generally completes its business, including preparation of the Omnibus Water bills, over four two-day meetings each interim. The approved budget for the 2020 Select Water Committee interim was \$41,000.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The following topics, as prioritized by the Committee, are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration during the 2021 interim:

Priority #1 – Statutory Responsibilities. The Select Water Committee is required by statute to monitor the water development program, review project contracts and prepare annual legislation. The Committee is also required by statute to review and make recommendations regarding the project funding list under the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund program. Specifically, the Committee will examine other funding sources for the water development program to help address the issue of aging infrastructure within the State.

Priority #2 – WWDC Commissioner Appointment – Party Split Requirement. The Committee will review the statutory party-split for appointments by the Governor to the Wyoming Water Development Commission and whether the requirement should be repealed.

Priority #3 – Orphan Water Rights. The Select Water Committee will review the issue of "orphan water rights," meaning those water rights, which due to urban growth, are no longer being used but are still attached to the underlying land. This topic is a continuation from last year.



SELECT FEDERAL NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE April 8, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Brian Boner, Co-Chairman pro tempore
Representative Donald Burkhart, Co-Chairman
Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

SUBJECT 2021 Interim Topics

This memorandum represents Committee's "letter of support" for its interim topics request for the 2021 interim.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS:

The following topics, as prioritized by the Committee's co-chairmen, are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration during the 2021 interim.

Priority #1 Statutory Responsibilities – The Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee is required by statute to review federal policies or actions that may impact the management, development, or use of the state's natural resources. The Committee is also authorized to develop and introduce legislative responses to federal policies and actions that are necessary to protect the state's interests, including issues related to the structure of ownership of federal lands within the state.

Supporting information: The Committee has traditionally completed its business over the course of two 1-day interim meetings, operating under the standard budget of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00). Topics that are likely to be addressed by the Committee include the beneficial use of oilfield produced water, severance tax rates in light of potential increases in the federal energy royalty rates and facilitation of an annual statewide multiple-use tour for congressional staffers. The Committee also intends to receive an update on federal oil and gas leasing, fracking, and drilling actions in light of the Biden administration's actions on energy development on federal public lands. Lastly, the Committee intends to continue examining the federal government's management of public lands—particularly in the areas of grazing, timber and fire management—and exploring ways to foster better involvement by local stakeholders in land management decisions.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council



SELECT NATURAL RESOURCE FUNDING COMMITTEE

Memorandum

DATE April 5, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

SUBJECT 2021 Interim Topics Request

This memorandum outlines the topics, tentative meeting plans and budget that the Select Natural Resource Funding Committee (the Committee) requests for the 2021 Interim.

PROPOSED MEETINGS AND BUDGET REQUEST

The Committee requests approval to hold two meetings during the 2021 interim, one two-day meeting and one single-day meeting. The first meeting will likely be during August of 2021 to visit ongoing projects. The second meeting will likely be held in December to mark-up draft large project funding legislation in advance of the Budget Session. The Committee requests a budget of \$10,000 for two meetings during the 2021 interim.

PROPOSED 2021 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1—Large Project Funding Legislation

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

Priority #2—Review of Ongoing Projects

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

Priority #3—Review of Conservation Efforts

The Committee will study conservation programs, including programs by The Nature Conservancy, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE April 8, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Affie Ellis, Co-Chairwoman
Representative Jamie Flitner, Co-Chairwoman
Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Committee

SUBJECT Proposed 2021 Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Committee (Committee) for the 2021 interim study period. The Committee has tentatively scheduled three 2-day meetings to accomplish its work: May 19-20 in Cheyenne, August 20-21 in Lander, and October 26-27 in Casper.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2021 interim. The topics are prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairwomen.

Priority # 1–Wyoming Gaming Commission.

Discussion: The Committee will review state regulation of historic horse racing to ensure appropriate regulatory safeguards are in place and receive updates from the Wyoming Gaming Commission regarding the ongoing regulation of historic horse racing and skill-based games and the commission's new role in regulating online sports wagering.

Priority #2–Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources.

Discussion: The Committee will examine possible statutory changes to provide for resident preference in booking State park campsites, the feasibility of transferring state owned parks back to cities and towns, designation of the Bozeman Trail as a National

Historic Trail and property ownership and management changes relevant to federal lands currently managed by the State. The Committee will also explore expanding outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the state in the form of State parks, including the Grayrocks Reservoir Recreation Site and the Sutton Parcel. The Committee will also receive updates on the potential purchase of the Motorized Trails building in Lander, the possible expansion of the State Museum, the benefits for the State in authorizing the creation of "cultural" special districts, and will continue to explore agency funding options.

Priority #3–Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Discussion: The Committee will examine and discuss possible statutory changes to address aquatic invasive species including avenues for emergency funding and zebra mussel mitigation. and imposition of strict liability for person transporting aquatic invasive species into the state. The Committee will also receive updates on the health of state fish hatcheries, game carcass disposal efforts, trophy animal predation reimbursement and elk feedgrounds management. The Committee also plans to receive updates on the work of the Wyoming Wildlife Taskforce and will work with the task force on legislative solutions related to hunting and sportsman access, opportunity and other issues identified through the work of the task force.

Priority #4–Wyoming Office of Tourism.

Discussion: The Committee will receive updates on the Office of Tourism's efforts to promote the state of Wyoming both in-state, out-of-state and abroad, their collaborative work with other agencies, and how their expenditures support the goal of promoting Wyoming as a preeminent tourism destination.

Priority #5–Wyoming Search and Rescue.

Discussion: Wyoming search and rescue personnel conduct on average more than 300 operations annually. The Committee will review and discuss search and rescue operations throughout the state, the associated funding and explore other potential funding opportunities for this critical service.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 6, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Ellis, Co-chairwoman
Representative Larsen, Co-chairman

SUBJECT 2021 Interim Topics for Consideration for the Select Committee on Tribal Relations

This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Select Committee on Tribal Relations for the 2021 interim. The Committee intends to hold two one-and-a-half day meetings to accomplish its work. The meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held in the months of August and October in Fremont County.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The Select Committee on Tribal Relations works with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, various state agencies, local communities, and federal entities to address services and needs on and around the Wind River Reservation. The Committee's co-chairs request that the Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2021 interim.

Priority #1 Promotion of Intergovernmental Relationships

The Committee will work to facilitate and foster communication and robust working relationships among State, Tribal, Federal, and local entities. This includes encouraging cooperation among agencies, pursuing opportunities for economic growth, and facilitating discussions regarding nondiscrimination and wellbeing for citizens on the Reservation and in neighboring communities. Specific topics to be discussed include:

- Developments of the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council and information from each Tribe's Business Council and the State Tribal Liaisons;
- Missing and murdered indigenous persons – The Committee plans to receive updates on efforts to improve the tracking and recovery of missing and murdered indigenous persons, including developments from the Governor's task force and cooperation among law enforcement agencies;
- Brucellosis management – Communication among the Wyoming Livestock Board, State and Tribal Game and Fish, Governor's office, and Tribes regarding interjurisdictional brucellosis management in livestock, elk and bison and including opportunities to share resources or funding, and possible legislation;
- Off-Reservation hunting and *Herrera v. Wyoming* case developments;
- Tobacco tax – Review tax information and cooperation between Wyoming and the Tribes.

Priority #2 Infrastructure, Land and Resources

- Ownership of fossils and artifacts – The Committee will review 2021 SF0088 along with relevant court decisions regarding ownership of fossils and artifacts on private lands.
- Solid waste matters – The Committee intends to continue the effort by the Committee during previous interims to study and facilitate discussion regarding solid waste disposal and cleanup on the Reservation. The Committee would like to continue study of the illegal dumping taking place on the Reservation, and to receive updates on each Tribe's efforts and the Inter-Tribal Council solid waste committee priorities and efforts. Discussion would include updates on any memorandums of understanding between the Tribes and the United States Environmental Protection Agency or Fremont County Solid Waste Disposal District, any cleanup work, any status changes in transfer station operations, openings or closings, tipping fees and volumes, and an updated open dumps list.
- Infrastructure development and rights of way – The Committee will receive updates from previous discussions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs about the maintenance and development of Reservation infrastructure, including an update on the BIA's effort to streamline their process in obtaining easements and rights-of-way, developing roads and facilities for the provision of natural gas, broadband, electricity, water, and sewage. This subject includes understanding fractionated land, multiple heirships, and buyback programs for Tribal members.

Priority #3 Health and Education

- Reservation resident wellbeing – The Committee would like to understand the overall wellbeing of Reservation residents and to receive updates on the status of COVID-19 responses and other health concerns, mental illness, substance dependence, availability of housing and incidences of homelessness.
- Health care – The Committee will examine health care developments that affect the Tribes and access to health care, including Indian Health Services reimbursements, elder care, and updates from the Wyoming Department of Health.
- Higher education – The Committee plans to review higher education developments, including updates from the University of Wyoming regarding recruitment, retention, and inclusion of Native American students and from Central Wyoming College and other community colleges.
- K-12 and humanities – The Committee would like updates on K-12 education matters, film projects and other humanities and cultural endeavors.

Meeting Schedule

- August 19-20, 2021 (Fremont County, location TBD)
- October 7-8, 2021 (Fremont County, location TBD)

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.



Senator Affie Ellis, Co-chairwoman



Representative Lloyd Larsen, Co-chairman



JOINT LABOR, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

DATE April 8, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Fred Baldwin, Co-Chairman
Representative Sue Wilson, Co-Chairman
Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee

SUBJECT Proposed 2021 Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee for the 2021 interim topics described below. The Committee met on March 29, 2021 to discuss proposed study topics and identified six committee priorities.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The following topics, as prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen, are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration during the 2021 interim:

Priority #1–Aging.

The Committee will examine services and options to address the challenges facing the growing aging population in Wyoming. Among other issues, the Committee intends to consider long-term care costs, options for keeping seniors in their homes, availability of beds in care facilities, reimbursement rate rebasing and potential updates to the nursing home administrator practice act, W.S. 33-22-101 through -110. (*Estimated time commitment: 1.5 days*)

Priority #2–Workforce and Licensing.

The Committee will evaluate workforce needs and educational programs for the behavioral health and long-term care workforces, healthcare provider qualifications transparency, pharmacy services and providers and examine workers' compensation coverage. The Committee will also review youth labor and work-based learning opportunities and evaluate the legality of employer vaccination requirements. (*Estimated time commitment: 1.5 days*)

Priority #3–Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Committee will review 2021 HB0038 (Community behavioral health-priority populations) and the funding and structure of community behavioral health services, receive an update on the

state suicide hotline and consider pursuing mental health waiver. (*Estimated time commitment: 1.5 days*)

Priority #4—Costs of Healthcare and Insurance.

The Committee will follow up on recommendations from the Governor's health care task force and on the employee group insurance bundling study, evaluate pharmacy benefit manager payment structures and other ways to address high healthcare costs. (*Estimated time commitment: 1 day*)

Priority #5—Review of Safety Net Programs.

The Committee will review the funding changes in Department of Health, Department of Family Services, and other agencies' safety net programs to evaluate the cumulative effects of these changes, including potential impacts on maintenance of effort requirements. (*Estimated time commitment: <0.5 day*)

Priority #6—Responses to Federal Actions, COVID-19 Issues, Court Decisions, Past Legislation and Reports from State Agencies.

The Committee will consider and review relevant court decisions and state responses to federal actions specific to the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction, issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state's response and review recently adopted state legislation and receive reports required from state agencies. (*Estimated time commitment: <0.5 day*)

Meeting Schedule:

The Committee intends to study the above topics over the course of three, 2-day in-person meetings with an additional 1-day remote meeting. The Committee requests the additional remote meeting solely for the purpose of providing educational information to members of the Committee. Any educational materials produced for this additional meeting will be made available to any legislator desiring to learn more about the topics.

The Committee meetings are tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Meeting 1: May 13, 2021 (Zoom)
- Meeting 2: June 10-11, 2021 (Riverton)
- Meeting 3: September 16-17, 2021 (Casper)
- Meeting 4: November 11-12, 2021 (Cheyenne)

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE: April 8, 2021

TO: Members, Management Council

FROM: Senator Ogden Driskill, Co-Chairman
Representative Dan Zwonitzer, Co-Chairman

RE: **Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions - 2021 Interim Topics**

The Committee held an organizational meeting on April 1, 2021 and identified numerous important issues, which are described below. The Committee intends to study the topics listed below in three two-day meetings, in addition to meetings for redistricting, and introduce related legislation in the 2022 budget session.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The following topics, as prioritized by the Committee's co-chairmen, are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration during the 2021 interim.

Priority # 1 – Redistricting

The Management Council has already selected redistricting as the Committee's first priority for the interim. A description of this interim topic is published and available to review here: <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Committees/2021/J07>

Priority # 2 – Elections

The Committee may consider a variety of topics on the governance of elections, including the establishment of a primary election runoff process or other alternative election method, clarifying campaign finance rules for organizations and political action committees, modifying absentee polling place timeframes and publication requirements relating to elections. The Committee may draft and sponsor related legislation as it deems prudent.

Priority # 3 – Utilities

The Committee will continue its work to study utility regulation. The Committee will receive updates from the Public Service Commission, the Office of Consumer Advocate, public utilities and other interested parties. The Committee may draft and sponsor legislation as it deems prudent to revise statutes governing utilities.

Priority # 4 – Insurance

The Committee may consider two items on the governance of insurance: 1) modernization of producer licensing statutes and 2) revising the reinsurance statutes to allow operation of additional reinsurers. The Committee may draft and sponsor legislation as it deems prudent regarding these two items.

Priority #5 – Special Districts & Local Governments

The Committee will continue its consideration of matters relating to local governments and special districts. The committee will consider a variety of topics on special districts, including transfer of water and sewer districts to municipalities (see **2021 House Bill 72**), creation of community development districts, art districts and tourism districts, and funding of special districts. The Committee will also consider local government publication requirements. The Committee may draft and sponsor related legislation as it deems prudent.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.

Meeting Schedule:

Meeting 1: June 7-8, 2021

Meeting 2: TBD

Meeting 3: TBD

Redistricting Meeting Schedule:

Planning Meeting: Week of July 12, 2021 (Cheyenne)

Additional Meetings: TBD



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE April 7, 2021

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Tara Nethercott, Co-Chairman
Representative Jared Olsen, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2021 Interim Topics for the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee (Committee). Following a March 31 meeting, the Committee has identified and prioritized the topics described below. The Committee intends to study these topics in three two-day meetings and can be grouped in the following categories: (1) Wyoming's Juvenile Justice System; (2) Title 25 Review; (3) Agency Reports and Wyoming Supreme Court Case Review; (4) Electronic Filing and Electronic Records for Courts; (5) Review of Non-Compete Clauses; (6) Unified Court System Study; and (7) Bias Crime Reporting Requirements.

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings to accomplish this work: June 3-4, August 30-31, and October 28-29. This memo further describes each topic.

2021 INTERIM TOPICS

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2021 interim. The topics are listed in order and prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority # 1–Review of Wyoming’s Juvenile Justice System.

The Committee will review the current Juvenile Justice Act and consider legislative changes regarding state expenditures, confinement and removal of juveniles, jurisdiction, statewide data collection, and any other area that the Committee identifies.

Discussion: Wyoming has one of the highest rates of youthful confinement in the nation. Youth confinement is one of the largest expenditures for Department of Family Services. The Committee plans to comprehensively review the current Juvenile Justice Act and explore revising jurisdiction criteria and requirements for the more consistent use of evidence-based criteria and standardizing juvenile data collection.

Priority #2–Title 25 Review.

The Committee will review the provisions related to involuntary hospitalizations emergency detentions in Title 25 to explore possible efficiencies and necessary revisions to improve the detention and hospitalization process, including reducing expenditures for detentions and hospitalizations.

Discussion: The Committee explored the question of Title 25 payments and reimbursements last year, sponsoring 2021 Senate File 31. The Committee wishes to continue its work and explore ways to improve the Title 25 process for patients, state and county agencies, and healthcare providers.

Priority #3–Agency Reports and Review of Wyoming Supreme Court Opinions.

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies and will consider and sponsor necessary legislation identified after reviewing the reports. The Committee will also study and consider recent opinions where the Wyoming Supreme Court noted the absence of legislative action or called for legislative action.

The Committee receives various reports from agencies, including the Supreme Court, the Department of Corrections, and the Office of Attorney General. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the received reports. As in prior years, the Committee will also review the Wyoming Supreme Court's recent opinions where the Court interpreted statutes or noted the absence of legislative action or the need for legislative action.

Priority #4–Electronic Filing and Electronic Records in Courts.

The Committee will review and discuss electronic filing and electronic records in courts.

Discussion: The Committee wishes to review and consider legislative changes related to access to court records and electronic filing by attorneys and the public. As part of this review, the Committee plans to review the work of the Court Records Division of the Permanent Rules Advisory Committee and consider any legislation necessary to prepare for electronic filing in all of Wyoming's courts.

Priority #5–Review of Non-Compete Clauses.

The Committee will review and discuss common law contracts and non-compete clauses.

Discussion: The Committee will review and consider legislative changes related to non-compete provisions for employment to ensure that non-compete clauses do not result in an unreasonable restraint of trade.

Priority #6–Review of the Unified Court System Study.

The Committee will undertake a comprehensive review of the Unified Court System Study.

Discussion: The ever-increasing workload of various state court systems has recently generated a widespread interest in the possible mechanisms for reforming the structure of Wyoming's courts. The Committee wishes to review and consider the concept of a unified court system.

Priority #7–Biased Crime Reporting Requirements.

The Committee will review and discuss biased crime reporting requirements.

Discussion: The Committee has received a request from stakeholders to consider bias-crime reporting requirements. The Committee intends on reviewing current statutes and consider potential solutions through legislation.

We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with Management Council.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE April 08, 2021

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Chris Rothfuss, Co-Chairman
Representative Jared Olsen, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology Interim Funding

The Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology's legislative purview is statutorily prescribed under W.S. 28-11-701 and requires the Select Committee to develop and introduce legislation to promote blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation in Wyoming. The following topics may be considered by the Select Committee during the coming interim.

2021 Interim Topics

Topic #1 – Digital Identity

2021 Senate File 39, which was enacted into law this past session, provides a statutory definition of "digital identity" and lays the groundwork for further work in the realm of digital identity, including property and privacy rights. The Select Committee will continue to work with experts, stakeholders, and the public to develop additional legislation furthering innovation in Wyoming.

Topic #2 – Non-Fungible Tokens

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The Select Committee intends to review and discuss Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), consider how NFTs are currently regulated under Wyoming law, and whether any statutory changes are needed to benefit Wyoming citizens.

Topic #3 – Decentralized Autonomous Organizations

2021 Senate File 38 created a supplement to the Wyoming Limited Liability Company Act providing for the creation of decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs). The Select Committee intends to continue receiving testimony on DAOs to assist with reviewing and updating the new supplement as necessary to encourage the creation of new companies within Wyoming.

Topic #4 – University of Wyoming Blockchain

The Select Committee will hear updates from the University of Wyoming about its blockchain program, the status of the implementation of the cryptocurrency staking node program, and other topics related to the Select Committee's purview.

Topic #5 – Insurance

The Select Committee intends to take testimony from the Wyoming Department of Insurance, stakeholders, and the public to address statutory changes that may still be needed in the area of reinsurance. Specifically, the Select Committee will review and discuss the possibility of creating an insurance sandbox along the lines of, or incorporating it into, the existing Financial Technology Sandbox.

Topic #6 – Corporate Filing System Project

The Select Committee will take testimony from the Secretary of State on the status of the implementation of a distributed ledger filing system for corporate filings and consider whether additional legislation or appropriations are necessary.

Meeting Dates and Budget Request

The Select Committee intends to hold three, two-day meetings to accomplish this work, tentatively scheduled as follows:

May 27-28, 2021 (Jackson)

September 21-22, 2021 (Laramie)

November 9-10, 2021 (Cheyenne)

While funds remain of the amount previously appropriated to the Select Committee, the Legislative Service Office estimates suggest that additional funds may be needed. We would request that the Management Council provide an additional \$2,200 to the Select Committee to continue its work as outlined above.

Sincerely,



Representative Jared Olsen
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