



Fact Sheet

PAST BILLS RELATED TO LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION IN WYOMING

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Between 2001-2022, 20 bills were either numbered or introduced to modify legislator compensation, per diem, constituent service allowance, or other benefits. Of the 20 bills, only five became law. In 2002, the Legislature increased legislator salary from \$125 per day to \$150 per day and legislator per diem from \$80 per day to \$85 per day, effective January 2005, and provided legislators with a constituent service allowance. In 2005, the Legislature provided legislators with additional monthly salary amounts during the interim, as well as salary for interim committee preparation and travel, effective January 2009. The 2005 legislation also provided each member with mileage reimbursement during session for one round-trip per week from Cheyenne to the legislator’s home. In 2008, the Legislature increased legislator per diem from \$85/per day to \$109/per day, or actual expenses in lieu of per diem, if authorized by Management Council policy. In 2009, the Legislature enacted a bill allowing unexpended constituent service allowances to be paid in subsequent quarters and limiting the yearly constituent service stipend. Finally, in 2020, the Legislature included legislators under Wyoming’s workers’ compensation laws. The following **Table 1** provides a brief description and disposition of the 20 bills numbered or introduced since 2001.

Table 1: Past Bills: 2001-2022.

Year	Bill Number	Catch Title	Description	Action Taken
2001	HB 0109	Legislative Pay	A bill to increase the salary and per diem paid to legislators.	House indefinitely postponed
2002	HB 0055	Legislative Pay	A bill to provide a constituent allowance and increase the salary and per diem paid to legislators.	House enrolled act 0050
2002	HB 0150	Legislator Expenses	A bill to increase the amount received by legislators for expenses.	Received for introduction
2004	HB 0192	Legislative Compensation	A bill to modify compensation provisions for legislators.	Indefinitely postponed

2005	HB 0281	Legislative Compensation	A bill to modify compensation for legislators related to mileage and salary.	House enrolled act 0117
2007	HB 0194	Legislator Elect Compensation	A bill to allow legislators elect to receive mileage, salary and per diem.	Died in committee
2008	HB 0075	Legislative Per Diem	A bill to increase the legislative per diem and allow reimbursement for actual expenses in lieu of per diem.	House enrolled act 0034
2009	HB 0160	Constituent Service Allowance	A bill to authorize payment of unexpended constituent service allowances in subsequent quarters and limiting the annual amount of the allowance.	House enrolled act 0124
2014	HB 0089	Constituent Allowance- Large Legislative Districts	A bill to allow a mileage expense for legislators in large districts engaging in constituent activities.	Died in committee
2015	HB 0098	State Per Diem	A bill to increase the legislative per diem.	House: Do pass failed in accordance with House rule 5-4
2015	SF 0116	Legislature Compensation	A bill to increase the salary for legislators.	House 3 rd reading: Bill reconsideration motion failed by roll call
2017	SF 0144	Legislator Per Diem-Local Residents	A bill to reduce per diem payments for legislators whose home is within twenty-five miles of the Wyoming capitol building.	Senate 3 rd reading failed
2019	HB 0038	Per Diem Rates	A bill to increase the per diem rates for legislators and allow for rates to be adjusted based on the federal per diem amount.	Governor vetoed house enrolled act 0021
2019	HB 0059	Constituent Service Allowance	A bill to modify the legislative constituent service allowance to allow legislators to receive reimbursement for mileage and lodging in lieu of receiving their constituent service allowance.	House postponed indefinitely

2020	HB 0227	Per Diem Rates-2	A bill to increase statutory per diem rates for specified legislative activities.	Senate 3 rd reading failed
2020	HB 0137	Worker's Compensation-Legislators	A bill providing worker's compensation coverage for legislators.	House enrolled act 0054
2020	SF 0049	Per Diem Rates	A bill to increase statutory per diem rate for legislative activities.	Senate failed introduction
2020	SF 0068	Legislator Salary Restrictions	A bill prohibiting payments of wages to members of the legislature who are public employees.	Senate did not consider for introduction vote
2020	SF 0084	Life Insurance Plan-Legislators	A bill providing for enrollment of legislators in the life insurance plan within state employees' and officials' group insurance plan; authorizing rulemaking.	Senate failed introduction
2021	HB 0123	Legislator Conference Travel	A bill providing reimbursement of legislators to attend out of state conferences.	Died in committee

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