



DATE March 23, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman
Representative Art Washut, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2023 Interim Topics for the Joint Judiciary Committee

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Judiciary Committee for the interim topics the Committee wishes to study in the 2023 Interim. Following a February 27 meeting, the Committee has identified and prioritized the topics, which are grouped into the following categories: (1) Judicial Branch Issues; (2) Law Enforcement Issues; (3) Department of Corrections Issues; (4) Domestic Violence and Strangulation; and (5) Agency Reports and Reviews.

The Committee has scheduled three two-day meetings to accomplish this work. This memo further describes the proposed topics, which are listed in order and prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority #1–Judicial Branch Issues

The Committee will study and review issues that the Judicial Branch has identified, including court security, administrative staffing, diversion and behavioral health, and rural attorney practice.

Discussion: The Committee proposes studying issues that the Judiciary has brought to the Committee, including staffing in the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide additional support to judges and services in the state, court security, the creation of a diversion program for low-level offenders, and the creation of a rural attorney program to address the issue of fewer attorneys practicing in Wyoming's rural communities.

Estimated Time: 3-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority #2–Law Enforcement Issues

The Committee will study and review issues identified by law enforcement and the Attorney General as needing review, including internet crimes against children, sex offender registry requirements, parental abductions, controlled substances and the revision of the substance types, and unsolved murders.

Discussion: The Committee would like to receive presentations concerning internet crimes against children, behavioral health issues, parental abductions, unsolved murders, and the sex offender registry; as part of this topic, the Committee will consider issues with offenses inadvertently excluded from the sex offender registration requirements. The Committee will also review the narrow issue of how law enforcement encounters different forms of controlled substances and considering a tailored bill draft from the Attorney General to address statutory changes to the forms of controlled substances specified in the Controlled Substances Act.

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority #3–Department of Corrections Issues

The Committee will study and review Department of Corrections investigation reports and the Wyoming Public Records Act and correctional compacts.

Discussion: The Committee proposes studying issues that the Department of Corrections has identified, including Wyoming's role in regional and interstate correctional compacts. The Committee will also review sensitive Department of Corrections investigative materials and their status under the Wyoming Public Records Act.

Estimated Time: 1 hour at each meeting.

Priority #4–Domestic Violence and Strangulation

The Committee will review issues concerning domestic violence protection orders and strangulation.

Discussion: For this topic, the Committee proposes studying issues associated with domestic violence protection orders, including a review of 2021 Senate File 75. The Committee also would receive presentations on other domestic violence issues and would study 2023 Senate File 183, which would have amended the offense of strangulation of a household member.

Estimated Time: 1-2 hours at each meeting.

Priority #5—Agency Reports and Reviews

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports.

Discussion: The Committee will receive and consider reports that various agencies are required to submit to the Committee, including reports concerning treatment courts and the juvenile justice information system. The Committee will consider legislation to respond to any of the received reports if necessary.

Estimated Time: 1-2 hours total.

2023 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.



Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman



Representative Art Washut, Co-Chairman



SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL FACILITIES

DATE March 13, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Representative Landon Brown, Chairman, Select Committee on School Facilities
Senator Bill Landen, Vice-Chairman, Select Committee on School Facilities

SUBJECT 2023 Interim Topics for Consideration for the Select Committee on School Facilities

The Select Committee on School Facilities (Select Committee) met on March 2, 2023, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum identifies the statutory responsibilities and represents the proposed priorities for the Select Committee for the 2023 interim. If approved, the Select Committee will study the topics in three one-day meetings and introduce any related legislation during the 2024 Budget Session. The Select Committee also intends to tour school facilities the day prior to its meetings.

2023 Interim Topics

Priority #1 Statutory Responsibilities: The Select Committee is charged by W.S. 28-11-301 with the following obligations: (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 (Commission) and State Construction Department (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. This work will result in a budget request made to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2023, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

Priority #2 – Facility Planning and Budgeting Process: The Select Committee will study the facility planning and budgeting processes outlined in statute and in the School Facilities Commission's rules. The Select Committee will explore mechanisms to expedite the process for school facility planning, design, and construction and the interrelation between the various mechanisms for funding, including but not limited to major maintenance, component projects, major building or facility renovations and new construction. This topic will include examining the mechanisms to facilitate long-term and large-scale projects and how community funding may assist school districts in completing projects. This will include examination of unique facility needs in communities with population growth and those with existing square footage that exceeds the statewide adequacy standards.

Priority #3 – Facility Implications of Charter Schools: The Select Committee will study the facility implications of charter schools, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with new construction, major maintenance, and leasing expenses for existing charter schools, including those approved by the State Loan and Investment Board in 2022 and transferred to the Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board pursuant to 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 179.

Meeting Schedule and Locations:

Meeting 1: June 28-29, 2023 (Gillette)

Meeting 2: September 13-14, 2023 (Casper)

Meeting 3: October 23-24, 2023 (Cheyenne)

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



Representative Landon Brown, Chairman



Senator Bill Landen, Vice-Chairman

cc: Members, Select Committee on School Facilities



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 14, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Brian Boner, Co-Chairman
Representative Landon Brown, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee – Proposed 2023 Interim Topics

The Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee (Committee) met on February 27, 2023 to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2023 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three two-day meetings, and these topics may result in legislation for the 2024 Budget Session.

2023 INTERIM TOPICS

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2023 interim. The topics are listed in order as prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority #1 – Military Affairs

The Committee will study identified issues related to military affairs including restarting the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy, higher-education support, military readiness, malpractice liability, and jurisdictional issues on military bases.

Discussion: The Committee proposes studying issues that the Wyoming Military Department presented to the Committee. The Committee will explore various solutions for restarting the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy after its unexpected closure last year. The Committee will study increasing military career readiness for grades K-12 and evaluating ways to assist veterans attending the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. The Committee will consider issues associated with funding for professional malpractice liability claims involving the Military Department. The Committee will also explore the adoption of concurrent jurisdiction between the state of Wyoming and the federal government at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. Currently, the United States has exclusive jurisdiction on base because of a state law. (*Estimated time commitment: 4 to 6 hours at each meeting*).

Priority #2 – Transportation and Highways

The Committee will study transportation topics related to the Department of Transportation's processes, electric and autonomous vehicles, commercial driver's licenses, and the fuel tax administration process.

Discussion: The Committee proposes to study several transportation and highway related topics that the Wyoming Department of Transportation identified. The Committee will review and evaluate the Wyoming Department of Transportation's processes for making decisions that affect the public or the expenditure of funds including processes to assess and adopt best practices and account for new technologies. The Committee will explore technological advancements related to electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles and consider whether any statutory changes are necessary. The Committee will review regulations and procedures related to commercial driver's licenses with the aim of streamlining CDL and trucking rules. The Committee also plans to review and potentially update the fuel tax administration process, focusing on the collection of fuel taxes and alternative fuel taxes. (*Estimated time commitment: 4 to 6 hours at each meeting*).

Priority #3 – Wyoming Plane Coordinate System

The Committee will review the State Plane Coordinate System and evaluate whether statutory revisions are necessary. The Committee will consider implementing updates to provide support for emergency services.

Discussion: In light of recent updates by the National Geodetic Survey to the State Plane Coordinate System, the Committee proposes studying potential updates to state law to modernize current mapping and surveying practices associated with the State Plane Coordinate System. (*Estimated time commitment: 1 to 2 hours at each meeting*).

Priority #4 – Reports from Agencies, State and Local Entities

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies as required by law and take legislative action to address the reports if necessary or required.

Discussion: The Committee receives reports from agencies, including the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Wyoming Highway Patrol, Public Safety Communications Commission, Wyoming Military Department, and Wyoming Veterans Commission. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the received reports. (*Estimated time commitment: 1 to 2 hours at each meeting*).

Meeting Schedule and Locations:

Meeting 1: May 25-26, 2023 (Douglas)

Meeting 2: August 31-September 1, 2023 (Casper)

Meeting 3: November 2-3, 2023 (Cheyenne)

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



Senator Brian Boner, Co-Chairman



Representative Landon Brown, Co-Chairman



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 10, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Representative Scott Heiner, Co-Chairman
Senator Brian Boner, Acting Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee – Proposed 2023 Interim Topics

The Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee (Committee) met on March 2, 2023 to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2023 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in two, one-day meetings, and these topics may result in legislation for the 2024 Budget Session.

2023 INTERIM TOPICS

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 intends to explore granting the state of Wyoming the right of first refusal for real property conveyances to the United States and federal agencies. The Committee intends to receive updates on sage grouse protection and wildlife mitigation corridors. The Committee intends to continue to discuss and evaluate severance taxes in light of recent and potential additional increases in the federal mineral royalty rates. The Committee also intends to receive further updates on federal oil and gas leasing and drilling issues in relation to the federal administration's actions on energy development on federal public lands including the administration's "30 by 30 Plan."

Meeting Dates and Budget Request: The Committee plans to hold two, one-day meetings to accomplish this work and requests the standard budget.

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



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 14, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Wendy Schuler, Co-Chairman
Representative Sandy Newsome, Co-Chairman
Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Committee

SUBJECT Proposed 2023 Interim Topics

This memorandum is the letter of support from the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee for the 2023 interim. The Committee has tentatively scheduled three two-day meetings to accomplish its work: June 12-13 in Casper, August 10-11 in Evanston, and October 4-5 in Cheyenne.

2023 Interim Topics

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2023 interim. The topics are prioritized by the Committee's Chairwomen.

Priority No. 1: Commercial Fishing Outfitters and Guides

The Committee will study the regulations and permitting requirements for commercial fishing outfitters and guides.

Discussion: (2-3 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive an update from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department on current practices and other relevant information related to commercial fishing outfitters and guides, including any legislative recommendations the Department may have for this topic.

Priority No. 2: Wyoming State Museum

The Committee will study options for the Wyoming State Museum based on recommendations from the level I and II feasibility and planning studies.

Discussion: (2-3 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive an update from the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources on the progress of the level I and II feasibility and planning studies for the State Museum and consider options for the expansion and improvement of Museum facilities.

Priority No. 3: Wyoming Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund

The Committee will study ways to clarify and regulate the governance of the trust fund.

Discussion: (2-3 Hours per Meeting) The Committee requests to follow up on enacted 2023 legislation to continue their efforts to provide support to Wyoming communities as preeminent recreation and tourism destinations, including receiving input from stakeholders.

Priority No. 4: Economic Development for Film Production

The Committee will study avenues for developing and supporting film production in Wyoming.

Discussion: (2-3 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive an update from the Wyoming Office of Tourism on a broader approach to film production in the state to include development of a workforce, establishing infrastructure, and providing for educational and vocational programs related to the film industry.

Priority No. 5: Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources

The Committee will study the state parks planning process, support for arts and culture, and plans for the 250th commemoration of the founding of the United States.

Discussion: (1-2 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive an update from the Department on their state parks planning process. The Committee will receive an update on the work of the Wyoming Arts Council and consider how to support its mission of serving Wyoming communities through the promotion of arts and culture. The Committee will also consider plans for the 250th commemoration of the founding of the United States in 2026.

Priority No. 6: Wyoming Game and Fish Department

The Committee will study the management of wildlife, including wildlife migration and aquatic invasive species.

Discussion: (1-2 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive updates on the work of the Department in managing animal populations, including control strategies for elk and efforts made to support migration routes for wildlife in the state. The Committee will also receive an update on the status of aquatic invasive species (AIS) management in Wyoming and neighboring states. This update will include evaluation of the current threat to Wyoming waters and strategies to continue combatting invasive species.

Priority No. 7: Agency Updates and Reports

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies as required by law and take legislative action to address the reports if necessary or required.

Discussion: (1-2 Hours per Meeting) In addition to reports and discussion of topics with the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources and the Game and Fish Department, the Committee requests to receive and consider reports and updates from other agencies related to the committee's work, including but not limited to the Wyoming Office of Tourism, the Wyoming Wildlife Taskforce and the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust.

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

State of Wyoming Legislature Memorandum



JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE March 7, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Charles Scott, Co-chairman, Joint Education Interim Committee
Representative David Northrup, Co-chairman, Joint Education Interim Committee

SUBJECT 2023 Interim Topics for Consideration for the Joint Education Interim Committee

The Joint Education Interim Committee (Committee) met on March 1, 2023, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2023 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three, two-day meetings and one half-day meeting prior to the 2024 Budget Session.

2023 Interim Topics

Priority #1 – K-12 Mental Health: The Committee will study K-12 mental health issues, including the impacts on student academic performance and well-being, and staff recruitment, retention, and well-being. State agencies, school districts and other interested parties will be requested to identify state, community, school district, and financial resources available and utilized by school districts, students, and staff to address mental health issues.

Priority #2 – Early Childhood Programs and Literacy:

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION: The Committee will study early childhood education and childcare providers to develop an understanding of how well students are prepared to enter kindergarten. The topic will include a review of state agencies involved in early childhood programs, the governance structure, child development centers, and the current childcare infrastructure. The Committee will review prior studies and request state agencies and interested parties that have been awarded grants for this purpose to assist the Committee in identifying policy options.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN PRIMARY GRADES (K-3): The Committee will study the reading assessment and intervention program under W.S. 21-3-401 and review similar programs implemented in other states including Alaska and Mississippi that focus on a comprehensive kindergarten through grade three literacy program. The Committee will review prior work completed in the 2021 interim and enacted during the 2022 Budget Session.

Priority #3 – Content and Performance Standards: The Committee will review and monitor the State Board of Education’s work related to the student content and performance standards, including the graduation standards and the profile of a graduate initiative. This topic will also include the Wyoming Department of Education’s and State Board of Education’s implementation of aspects related to the Governor’s Reimagining and Innovating the Delivery of Education initiative. The topic will also evaluate the impact of the student content and performance standards on student and staff mental health and the reading assessment and intervention program.

Priority #4 – Community Colleges: The Committee will review community college funding, governance of the community colleges, and the responsiveness of the colleges to community needs. This topic will also include a review of 2023 Senate File 46, Community college funding-inflation adjustment.

Priority #5 – Recruiting and Retaining School District Personnel: The Committee, in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u), will review information necessary to make its recommendation on an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model for school year 2024-2025 and any impacts it may have on staff recruitment and retention. The Committee will meet jointly with the Joint Appropriations Committee to receive required reports and information under W.S. 21-13-309(u). The Committee will continue its work in studying and reviewing policy options related to K-12 school district staff recruitment and retention.

Priority #6 – School Choice: The Committee will review aspects of school choice, including a review of HB 194, Wyoming freedom scholarship act and SF 143, Wyoming freedom scholarship act-2. The Committee will also request state agencies to provide an update and review any necessary technical changes from the amended charter school laws through 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 166, K-12 school facility leasing and Chapter 179, Wyoming charter school authorizing board.

Meeting Schedule and Locations:

Meeting 1: May 23-24, 2023 (Casper)

Meeting 2: August 8-9, 2023 (Riverton)

Meeting 3: September 27, 2023 (Hybrid Attendance: Casper) This is a joint meeting to be held with the Joint Appropriations Committee to receive school finance reports required under W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u).

Meeting 4: November 14-15, 2023 (Cheyenne)

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
cc: Members, Joint Education Interim Committee



Representative David Northrup, Co-chairman



DATE March 23, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Dan Dockstader, Co-Chairman
Representative Don Burkhart, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2023 Interim Topics for the Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

This memorandum is the letter of support for interim topics for the 2023 interim. The Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee (Committee) met on February 28 to discuss proposed interim topics. The topics have been grouped into the following topics: (1) energy issues; (2) carbon dioxide and carbon capture; (3) the Department of Environmental Quality; (4) refinery issues; (5) electric generation; (6) environmental, social, and governance issues; and (7) committee reports.

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings to accomplish its work this interim and requests a budget for seven meeting days (two 2-day meetings and one three-day meeting). This memo further describes each topic and the proposed meeting schedule.

2023 Interim Topics

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2023 interim. The topics are listed in order as prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority No. 1: Energy Issues

The Committee will study energy issues that are currently affecting the state, including nuclear energy, mining, coal, oil-and-gas and rare-earth minerals. The Committee will receive reports and updates from companies engaged in energy and mineral development, the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, the Wyoming Business Council, and the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Discussion: The Committee believes it is important to remain up-to-date and address energy issues that are impacting Wyoming. As part of this topic, the Committee will receive updates regarding developments in rare-earth mining and processing in Wyoming and the development of advanced nuclear energy in Wyoming. The Committee will also receive updates concerning the coal industry, lease pooling, and other oil-and-gas issues in Wyoming.

Estimated Time: 4-6 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 2: Carbon Dioxide and Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration

The Committee will study issues concerning carbon dioxide and carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration technology, including unitization issues, fees and revenue from the sequestration of carbon dioxide, and carbon capture technology use at electric-generation facilities.

Discussion: In light of the significantly increased interest in sequestering carbon dioxide in Wyoming and using carbon dioxide and carbon-capture technology for enhanced oil recovery, the Committee proposes studying issues related to fees and revenue for carbon dioxide that is sequestered in Wyoming and reviewing the implementation of 2020 House Bill 200 and 2019 Senate File 159. The Committee will also review issues related to Class VI injection wells, previously enacted statutes on carbon dioxide sequestration liability, Wyoming's carbon-dioxide unitization statutes, and using carbon dioxide for enhanced oil recovery.

Estimated Time: 4-6 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 3: Department of Environmental Quality

The Committee will receive reports and updates from the Department of Environmental Quality, including status updates on the progress on obtaining agreement-state status for source materials. The Committee will consider industrial siting issues and regulations involving blasting at non-coal mines.

Discussion: In addition to receiving required reports from the Department of Environmental Quality, the Committee wishes to review statutes concerning requirements for non-coal blasting in light of the increased interest in large-scale non-coal mineral mining. The Committee would also like to review the Department's staffing and permitting processes to ensure that the Department is prepared to handle the expected growth in non-coal mining and other energy issues.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 4: Oil and Gas Refinery and Capacity Issues

The Committee will study issues associated with the capacity of oil-and-gas refineries in Wyoming and ways to increase or improve refinery capacity in Wyoming.

Discussion: In recent years, Wyoming's refinery capacity of more traditional oil-and-gas products has been considerably reduced, and it is possible that more refining reductions will impact the state in future years. The Committee wishes to study ways to increase and improve refinery capacity in Wyoming and possible solutions to encourage development.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 5: Electric Generation, Transmission, and Fees

The Committee will review issues concerning regional transmission organizations and equity in taxation of electricity generation.

Discussion: The Committee wishes to study issues concerning regional transmission organizations (regional groups that coordinate and monitor the operation of the electrical power system) and Wyoming's role in managing its electric utilities. The Committee would like to have a presentation on this issue from the Public Service Commission. The Committee would also like to study fees and taxation of various sources of electric generation to ensure equity among all generation types.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 6: Environmental, Social, and Governance Issues

The Committee will study environmental, social, and governance issues and ways to protect Wyoming's legacy industries in its investments and financial services.

Discussion: In light of legislation considered in the 2023 General Session, the Committee wishes to study environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues, including impacts ESG has on Wyoming's legacy industries and solutions for protecting those industries through the state's investments and consumer-protection laws.

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 7: Committee Reports

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies as required by law and take legislative action to address the reports if necessary or required.

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.

Estimated Time: 1-2 hours at each meeting.

2023 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings over seven days during the interim to complete its work. In light of the scope and importance of first two committee priorities, the Committee requests an extra meeting day to be used at the second meeting if necessary. We will determine the need for an extra meeting day after our first meeting in May. The meetings are currently scheduled for: (1) May 18-19, Kemmerer; (2) July 17-18, Rock Springs; and (3) November 9-10, Gillette.

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



Senator Dan Dockstader, Co-Chairman



Representative Don Burkhart, Co-Chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Bo Biteman, Co-chairman
Representative Steve Harshman, Co-chairman

SUBJECT **Joint Revenue Committee - 2023 Interim Topics Request**

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Revenue Committee for the 2023 interim topics request. The Committee held an organizational meeting on February 28, 2023, and identified the important issues described below. The Committee requests to study these topics in three meetings and introduce related legislation in the 2024 Budget Session.

2023 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 2023 interim.

Priority #1 Property Tax Issues

The Committee will review issues related to property taxes including a general review of the property tax code, property tax relief, the constitutional amendment related to residential property and options for lowering property taxes.

Priority #2 Severance Tax Parity

The Committee will review the severance tax rates of the different categories of minerals and review the financial impacts of making the rates equal across those categories.

Priority #3 Sales Tax Issues

The Committee will review issues related to sales taxes including a general review of the sales and use tax statutes. This topic may include a review of sales tax exemptions and the issue of broadening the sales tax and lowering the sales tax rate, excise tax licensing and an overall review of taxability and exemptions as applied to the sales tax.

Priority #4 Education Revenue

The Committee intends to solicit and investigate ideas for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for K-12 education. This is a continuation of a topic from the 2022 interim.

Priority #5 State Lands

The Committee will study and propose solutions to maximize returns from valuable state land parcels.

Priority #6 Tax Administration Issues

The Committee will review issues related to tax administration, including potential statutory changes that would assist the Department of Revenue and/or the Board of Equalization in their administration and adjudication of the Wyoming tax code.

Priority #7 Electrical Generation Tax

The committee will review the possibility of implementing a gross receipts tax on the production of electricity. This topic will include a discussion of allowing a credit against the tax for all other taxes paid.

The Committee has scheduled the following meeting dates and locations:

June 26-27 – Sheridan

October 2-3 – Casper

November 13 - Cheyenne

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



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 23, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Fred Baldwin, Co-Chairman
Representative Dan Zwonitzer, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2023 Interim Topics for the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee

The Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee met on February 27, 2023 to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee to consider during the 2023 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three two-day meetings prior to the 2024 Budget Session.

2023 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1–Unemployment/workers’ compensation.

As to unemployment, the Committee will:

- Consider conducting a study to assess worker compliance with unemployment insurance requirements and identify ways to cut program costs.
- Examine the funding model for the unemployment insurance trust fund.
- Examine the justification for benefits to last up to twenty-six weeks.
- Consider renaming unemployment insurance “reemployment insurance”.

As to workers’ compensation, the Committee will:

- Examine mechanisms to lower workers’ compensation premiums so they are fair, competitive with surrounding states and do not need to be so frequently adjusted by the legislature.
- Examine the funding necessary to keep the program solvent long-term while avoiding overfunding.

Priority #2–Emergency Medical Services (EMS)/Firefighters.

The Governor’s Health Task Force–EMS Subcommittee has been working to stabilize Wyoming’s EMS system. In response to a request from the Governor’s Office, the Committee will study Wyoming’s EMS system to better understand its complexity. The Committee will then consider drafting legislation to address EMS infrastructure, funding and workforce development.

In 2021, Utah created a licensing program for behavioral emergency services technicians. These technicians help individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. The Committee will consider creating a similar licensing program in Wyoming.

The Committee will also consider ways to address volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.

Priority #3—Long-term care/nursing homes.

The Committee will consider and discuss issues related to long-term care/nursing homes, including:

- Costs to treat an aging population and potential solutions to long-term care/nursing home needs.
- Licensing and statutory requirements, including discharge requirements for residents in Level 2/dementia care facilities and the certificate of need requirement for construction/expansion of nursing homes.
- Statutory fixes proposed by the Wyoming Board of Nursing Home Administrators.
- Recruitment and retention of long-term care nurses and nursing assistants.
- Funding and staffing to meet Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services mandates.
- Studying the Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), as required by 2023 House Bill 0001.

Priority #4—Prior authorization/white bagging/insurance issues.

The Committee will study and discuss issues related to prior authorization for treatment, including denial of coverage after authorization, transparency about the reason for denial of coverage after authorization and variations in the prior authorization submission process.

The Committee will examine white bagging—the requirement for a third-party specialty pharmacy to distribute patient-specific medication to the physician’s office, hospital, or clinic—and the impact white bagging has on safety, access to timely care and costs.

The Committee will consider shortening the recoupment of payment look-back period for insurance companies.

In 2023, House Bill 0165 was enacted to prohibit specified insurance providers from discriminating against living organ donors. The Committee will consider adding similar protections for organ recipients.

Priority #5—Agency Reports and Reviews.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports, including but not limited to continued reporting on 2021 House Bill 0038, which focuses on the prioritization of community mental health funding.

Meeting Schedule.

- Meeting 1: April 27-28, 2023 (Casper)
- Meeting 2: June 22-23, 2023 (Evanston)
- Meeting 3: September 21-22, 2023 (location TBD)

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



Senator Fred Baldwin, Co-Chairman



Representative Dan Zwonitzer, Co-Chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Cale Case, Co-chairman
Representative Jared Olsen, Co-chairman

SUBJECT **Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee -
2023 Interim Topics Request**

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee for the 2023 interim topics request. The Committee held an organizational meeting on March 1, 2023, and identified the important issues described below. The Committee requests to study these topics in three two-day meetings and introduce related legislation in the 2024 Budget Session.

2023 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 2023 interim.

Priority #1 Electric Utilities

A host of topics have developed in the electricity area with several bills introduced in the 2023 session. A considerable effort will be needed to educate the new committee and review energy and electricity issues facing Wyoming. The Committee will hear from the Public Service Commission as well as other stakeholders to learn about policy changes forced on us by changing electricity markets and choices and implications for grid reliability. The Committee will survey bills introduced in the 2023 session, including those with respect to renewable energy sources, dispatchable power, and the certificated service territories of electric utilities. This topic may take additional time and will potentially continue to the 2024 interim.

Priority #2 Elections

The Committee will receive an Elections 101 educational presentation from the Wyoming County Clerks and will receive other input on Wyoming elections in general. The topic will also include a review of other specific issues related to elections in Wyoming.

Priority #3 Regulatory Reform

The Committee will review legislation related to the concept of a regulatory sandbox. This review would be completed in coordination with the efforts of the executive branch in its review and revision of

regulations to reduce regulatory burdens on agencies, citizens and businesses. This topic may continue to the 2024 interim.

Priority #4 Special Districts

The Committee will study issues related to special districts operations in general including voter participation, requirements for indebtedness, filling of vacancies, as well as other pertinent issues. This topic will also include an overview of senior citizen districts including how those districts are formed and continued.

Priority #5 Telecommunications Act

The Committee will review and update the Wyoming Telecommunications Act. This topic is proposed as a two-year study with final legislation likely in the 2024 interim before the act is scheduled to sunset in 2025.

Priority #6 Insurance Issues

The Committee will review an update to insurance terms as recommended by the Department of Insurance and will consider other insurance issues as determined necessary by the Committee.

The Committee has scheduled the following meeting dates and locations:

May 30-31 – Lander

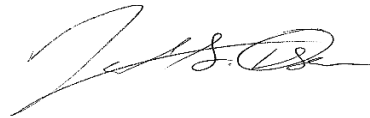
August 24-25 – Douglas

October 26-27 - Cheyenne

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



Senator Cale Case, Co-Chairman



Representative Jared Olson, Co-Chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 23, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT 2023 Interim Topics for Consideration by the Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology & Process

In response to the February 6, 2023 letter from Management Council Chairman Albert Sommers and Vice-Chairman Ogden Driskill, this memorandum represents the “letter of support” for the Select Committee's 2023 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 one (1) meeting during the 2023 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 reviewing and updating, 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 March 17, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Affie Ellis, Co-Chairman
Representative Ember Oakley, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT 2023 Interim Topics for the Select Committee on Tribal Relations

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Select Committee on Tribal Relations (Select Committee) for the 2023 interim topics described below. The Select Committee met on March 1, 2023, to discuss proposed topics for interim study and identified eight (8) priorities. This memorandum also provides an overview of the intended meeting days of the Select Committee and a budget request.

INTERIM TOPICS

As part of the Select Committee's statutory purview under W.S. 28-11-601, the Select Committee will continue to host discussions and listening sessions with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, tribal, State and federal governmental agencies, educational institutions, and communities to address the services and needs on and around the Wind River Reservation. Therefore, the Select Committee respectfully requests the Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2023 interim.

Priority #1 – Collection of State Sales Tax for Online Purchases: The Select Committee will consider sales tax exemptions for tribal members and sales tax collection on the Wind River Reservation by vendors and online merchants. The Select Committee will also study other states' approaches to collecting and distributing tax revenues and discuss issues with licensing vendors located on the Wind River Reservation with the Department of Revenue. If needed, the Select Committee may sponsor legislation on this topic to address these issues.

Priority #2 – Education: The Select Committee will consider higher education and K-12 education issues on the Wind River Reservation. For higher education, the Select Committee will look at tribal colleges and investigate the degree/credit transfer process and cooperation with the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. In addition, the Select Committee will receive updates from the UW Native American Education, Research, & Cultural Center. For K-12 education, the Select Committee will review funding for St. Stephens Indian School and Fremont County School Districts #14, 21, and 38, and receive voluntary updates on student achievement measures and graduation rates to identify how the Select Committee may support educational efforts on the Wind River Reservation.

Priority #3 – Public Safety: The Select Committee will consider public safety issues on the Wind River Reservation, including, but not limited to, (1) access to victim services and domestic violence shelters and

services, utilization by and cooperation with law enforcement agencies; (2) investigation of "cold" missing and murdered Indigenous persons (MMIP) cases on the Wind River Reservation; and (3) the impact of the June 2022 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta on criminal jurisdiction on the Wind River Reservation. If needed, the Select Committee may sponsor legislation on this topic to address these issues.

Priority #4 – Update from the ICWA Task Force: The Select Committee will receive updates from the State Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force, created by 2023 House Bill 19, tasked with studying the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978.

Priority #5 – Cultural Education and Participation: The Select Committee will participate in roundtable discussions/education sessions with the tribal governments and members of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes to facilitate and foster communication and robust working relationships among State, tribal, federal, and local entities.

Priority #6 – Review of Tribal Liaison Program: The Select Committee will review the tribal liaison program, created pursuant to W.S. 9-1-221, to ascertain whether the program is still working as intended and if it is still necessary.

Priority #7 – Workforce Issues: The Select Committee will consider workforce issues on the Wind River Reservation and surrounding communities, receive updates and presentations from TerraPower, and consider any tribal employment rights and State issues.

Priority #8 – Housing: The Select Committee will consider options to address the lack of safe and affordable housing on the Wind River Reservation and surrounding communities.

Other Considerations: The Select Committee intends to be flexible as other issues arise and may consider additional topics as needed.

MEETING DATES AND BUDGET REQUEST

The Select Committee intends to hold two (2) one-and-a-half-day meetings scheduled for June 19-20 and November 16-17, 2023. To accomplish the goals outlined in this memorandum, the Select Committee requests the standard budget for select committees.

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



Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Memorandum

DATE March 14, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

SUBJECT 2023 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 2023 Interim.

PROPOSED MEETINGS AND BUDGET REQUEST

The Committee requests approval to hold two meetings during the 2023 interim, one two-day meeting and one single-day meeting. The first meeting will likely be during August of 2023 to visit ongoing projects. The second meeting will likely be held in December of 2023 to mark-up draft large project funding legislation in advance of the 2024 Budget Session. The Committee requests a budget of \$10,000 for two meetings during the 2023 interim.

PROPOSED 2023 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 receive updates from stakeholders and the public on the impact of these projects.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Chris Rothfuss, Co-Chairman
Representative Cyrus Western, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology & Digital Innovation Technology Interim Topics

The Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology & Digital Innovation Technology's legislative purview is statutorily prescribed under W.S. 28-11-701, which requires the Select Committee to develop and introduce legislation to promote blockchain, financial technology & digital innovation in Wyoming. This memorandum is the letter of support for interim topics for the 2023 interim.

2023 INTERIM TOPICS

Topic #1 – Artificial Intelligence Governance

The Select Committee will receive information and consider best practices in the use and governance of artificial intelligence, how artificial intelligence may impact Wyoming residents, emerging issues in artificial intelligence, regulatory constructs, and data provenance.

Topic #2 – Personal Data Privacy & Ownership

The Select Committee will consider emerging issues in data privacy, current regulatory frameworks, and potential legislation relating to data privacy and digital identity with respect to both private and governmental entities.

Topic #3 – State Engagement with Technology

The Select Committee will receive information related to the State's use of technology and consider legislation in related areas, including regulatory sandboxes, remittance of sales tax, and business filings, including the use of cryptographic signatures.

Topic #4 – Previous Legislation

The Select Committee will receive information and consider legislation relating to previously passed legislation to update and improve on existing laws, including:

- Decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs) – The Select Committee will consider expanding the types of corporations that can register as a DAO, examine what other states are doing, and consider updates to the existing DAO supplement.
- Digital Assets – The Select Committee will continue working to identify areas to improve existing digital asset laws, including in the areas of tokenization of property, non-fungible tokens, intellectual property, insurance, digital asset lien registries, cleansing of digital assets, and digital asset registration.
- Special Purpose Depository Institutions (SPDIs) – The Select Committee will receive updates and may consider legislation relating to SPDIs and how Wyoming's state law interacts with federal law.
- Open Banking – The Select Committee will receive updates on open banking and consider any additional legislation that may be necessary to improve upon 2023 House Bill 62-Open banking.
- Wyoming Stable Tokens – The Select Committee will hear updates on the status of the Wyoming Stable Token Act and consider any legislation that may be necessary to improve the stable token program.

Meeting Dates and Budget Request

The Select Committee plans to hold three two-day meetings to accomplish this work and requests the standard budget. We look forward to discussing these topics with you.



MANAGEMENT AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Eric Barlow, Chairman
Representative Landon Brown, Vice Chairman

SUBJECT 2023 Proposed Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Management Audit Committee for the 2023 interim. The Committee intends to study these topics over three days of meetings and introduce related legislation during the 2024 general session. The proposed budget for the Committee is \$22,000, which is the same as the 2022 approved budget.

2023 INTERIM TOPICS

The following topics are requested to be approved by the Management Council for study and consideration during the 2023 interim.

Priority #1: Program Audit and Evaluation Study. In December 2022, Management Council authorized LSO to issue an RFP for a consultant to study best options for restructuring a Legislative Audit and Evaluation Program. The Management Audit Committee proposes to release the RFP and make recommendations to Management Council on selection of a consultant and moving forward with the program evaluation study.

Priority #2: Receive Reports. 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 reports and legislative requests from the Department of Administration and Information, the Department of Enterprise Technology Services, and the Department of Audit – Public Funds Division.

Priority #3: Senate Confirmation Process. The Management Audit Committee proposes to study the Senate confirmation process of gubernatorial appointments and report to Management Council on historical practices and the need for clarifying legislation.

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



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Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Chairman Cheri Steinmetz
Chairman John Eklund

SUBJECT **Proposed 2023 Interim Topics for the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee**

The Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Committee met on February 28, 2023 to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee to consider during the 2023 interim. The Committee intends to meet for a total of 8 days due to the joint meeting with the Select Water Committee in September.

2023 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority # 1–Water Issues.

- The Committee will meet jointly with the Select Water Committee to review the Wyoming Water Development program, basic principles of Wyoming water law, Colorado River Basin issues and receive an update on Wyoming's aging irrigation infrastructure.

Priority #2–Agriculture and Food Processing.

- The Committee will review federal cooperative extension service funding. They will evaluate how the funds are spent and areas of designation in order to ensure maximization and effectiveness of the funds.
- The Committee will examine all funding mechanisms for the University of Wyoming's College of Agriculture, including endowments.
- The Committee will discuss agricultural enhancements, including but not limited to the use of vertical farming and ways of enhancing income in agriculture through value-added programs.
- The Committee will receive a report on the use of CARES and ARPA dollars regarding their distribution and effect on the meat processing industry in Wyoming. The Committee will examine the disposal of waste products from the meat processing industry and burdensome regulations. The Committee will consider Wyoming's food labeling requirements and possible revisions.

Priority #3–State and Federal Lands.

- The Committee will study the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and discuss litigation proposed by surrounding states questioning the constitutionality of FLPMA.
- The Committee will examine the prohibition of foreign ownership of agricultural land in Wyoming, including constitutionality.
- The Committee will consider issues regarding the exchange and transfer of state lands, including streamlining the transfer process.
- The Committee will study eminent domain and its effects on private property rights regarding wind and solar projects with emphasis on projects proposed on state lands.

Priority #4–Brucellosis.

- The Committee will study brucellosis issues and consider increasing the corpus of the Animal Reimbursement Program Account under W.S. 11-19-118 as well as increasing the payout cap of \$25,000 under W.S. 11-19-118(d).

Priority #5–Wyoming State Fair.

- The Committee will receive updates on the Wyoming State Fair, its marketing endeavors and the partnership between the State Fair, the Wyoming Office of Tourism and the Converse County Tourism Promotion Board.

Priority #6–Agency Reports and Reviews.

- The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports.

Meeting Schedule.

- Meeting 1: June 5-6, 2023 (Goshen County)
- Meeting 2: September 11-12, 2023 (Pinedale-this will potentially be a 3- or 4-day meeting with the Select Water Committee on September 13-14)
- Meeting 3: October 30-31, 2023 (Laramie)

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



Senator Cheri Steinmetz, Co-Chairman



Representative John Eklund, Co-Chairman



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Memorandum

DATE March 17, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Chairman Steinmetz
Vice-Chairman Eklund

SUBJECT 2023 Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the "letter of support" for the interim topic request for the 2023 interim. Each topic is described below with information to support the topic. The Committee generally completes its business, including preparation of the Omnibus Water bills over four two-day meetings each interim, however, with the issues in the Colorado River Basin it is projected that 10 days will be needed due to the joint meeting in September in Pinedale.

2022 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 Colorado River Basin and Consideration of Additional Beneficial Uses of Water.

- The Select Water Committee will receive information about and consider issues relating to water use within Wyoming's portion of the Colorado River Basin.
- The Select Committee will consider specifying additional beneficial uses of water as considered in 2023 SF 0170, which would specify that heat extraction or storing water for drought contingency or interstate water compact compliance are beneficial uses subject to prior water rights.

Priority #2 Title Transfer of Federal Board of Reclamation Facilities.

- The Select Water Committee will receive information about and discuss potential legislation relating to the transfer of federal board of reclamation facilities and infrastructure to the State of Wyoming or water user groups. Additional funding of \$15,000 and \$20,000 will be needed to retain experts on the subject matter.

Priority #3 Wyoming One-Fill Rule and Free River Administration.

- The Select Water Committee will evaluate disparities in how the one-fill rule is implemented within different water divisions and how the Board of Control administers water allocation under the free river administration in river basin compact restriction or curtailments.

Priority #4 Impact of Federal Forest Management on Water Yield.

- The Select Water Committee will review the impact federal forest management practices have on water yield, water supplies and water users in Wyoming.

Priority #5 Groundwater Control Areas and Groundwater Interference Statutes.

- The Select Water Committee will review control areas and groundwater interference statutes to improve regulation of groundwater in groundwater control areas to protect existing agricultural producers and rural residents and improve the process by which county commissions approve urban subdivision development.

Priority #6 Statutory Responsibilities and Agency Concerns.

- The Select Water Committee is required by statute to monitor the water development program, review project contracts, prepare annual legislation and review water related statutory revisions.
- 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. The Select Committee will consider any water related concerns brought forward by state agencies within the scope of the committee's statutory duties.



SELECT COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL FINANCING & INVESTMENTS

DATE March 23, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Representative Jerry Obermueller, Chairman
Senator Tara Nethercott, Vice Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2023 Interim Topics for the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments

This memorandum details the 2023 interim study topics requested for the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments. The topics are listed below, in order of priority, as three topics. The Select Committee requests approval for three (3) two-day meetings and \$60,000 to accomplish this work. Please note that the Joint Appropriations Committee has also requested to study some of the topics listed below during this interim.

Priority #1: Statutory Obligations.

The Select Committee will develop knowledge and expertise regarding issues related to the investment of public funds and capital financing. As part of this topic, the Select Committee will: review the most recent statewide Statement of Activities (of revenues and expenses) that is published by the State Auditor; consider an update of the structure and procedures of the State Treasurer's Office; review the impact of recently enacted legislation on investment strategies and outcomes; review current law on the flow of investment earnings and spending policies; and consider any changes to Wyoming's investment structure in light of recent legislation (including 2023 House Bill 89). The Committee will also receive reports and updates regarding its statutory duties to monitor state investment activities and spending policies and to make an annual spending policy report to the Legislature.

Priority #2: Environmental, Social, and Governance Policies and Practices.

The Select Committee will study the impact of adopting Wyoming-specific policies concerning the investment of state funds in light of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) policies. The Select Committee will review ESG policies and practices from comparator investment organizations and states, including written policies, available metrics, screening procedures, and

proxy voting. The Select Committee will review previous legislation related to this topic as part of its study.

Priority #3: Performance Compensation for Investment Staff.

The Select Committee will review the benchmarks, measures of risk, and methodology for determining performance compensation for investment staff of the State Treasurer's Office and the Wyoming Retirement System. The Select Committee will consider the appropriate persons to whom performance compensation should be offered, including both investment professionals and other employees within the State Treasurer's Office and Wyoming Retirement System. The Select Committee will also evaluate ways to improve transparency in the payment of performance compensation and to validate the performance measures and other elements that determine the amount of compensation paid. In conducting this study, the Select Committee will examine how performance compensation is handled by other comparator states and investment organizations. This topic is a continuation of a topic first approved for the Select Committee during the 2022 interim.

Meeting Days and Budget

Because of the complexity of the topics the Select Committee is required to study, the Select Committee requests approval for three (3), two-day meetings and a budget of \$60,000. The budget for the Select Committee members to attend the State Treasurer's Conference is budgeted separately. The Select Committee's meetings are tentatively scheduled for June 15-16, September 7-8, and November 16-17.

We look forward to discussing these topics with Management Council.



Representative Jerry Obermueller, Chairman



Senator Tara Nethercott, Vice Chairman



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DATE March 16, 2023

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Dave Kinskey, Co-Chairman
Representative Bob Nicholas, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2023 Interim Topics for the Joint Appropriations Committee

The Joint Appropriations Committee (Committee) met on March 2, 2023, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum presents the list of proposed topics for the 2023 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three (3), two-day meetings and one (1) half-day remote meeting to be held jointly with the Joint Education Interim Committee. Below is the list of proposed topics in order of priority, as organized by the chairmen.

Priority No. 1: Pension Plans

The Committee will undertake an actuarial review of all public retirement plans, including how current contributions and benefits correlate with each plan's funding model. In particular, the Committee will review the law enforcement pension plan and its funds. As part of this study, the Committee will seek external input, assessment, and comparisons.

Estimated Time: 6-8 hours (total).

Priority No. 2: Performance Compensation

The Committee will complete an overall review of the performance compensation program for investment staff of the Wyoming Retirement System and the State Treasurer's Office. This review will include evaluating the need for an independent audit or review of benchmarks and compliance with program requirements by the Wyoming Retirement System and State Treasurer's Office. As part of this topic, the Committee will coordinate with the Governor and the State Loan and Investment Board to solicit feedback on the efficacy and efficiency of the current performance compensation program.

Estimated Time: 4-6 hours (total).

Priority No. 3: State Treasurer's Office Review

The Committee will review the systems and staffing of the State Treasurer's Office, including a review of operations, new positions authorized, and the work of consultants over the last few years. The Committee will also review the transparency of processes and functions of the State Treasurer's Office.

Note: As part of this topic, the Committee may request additional funds to utilize an independent auditor to assess the functions and operations of the State Treasurer's Office.

Estimated Time: 6-8 hours (total).

Priority No. 4: Major Maintenance Review

The Committee will review major maintenance funding for state, University of Wyoming, community college, and school buildings. The Committee will consider both the formula used to generate funding requests as well as restrictions on the expenditure of funds. The Committee will explore methods to retain and align allocated funds for large projects, including HVAC, roof replacement, and other major building systems. As part of this review, the Committee will explore how other states address control, supervision, and monitoring of major maintenance appropriations and expenditures and may consider the development of consistent policies and procedures for major maintenance funding and accounting.

Estimated Time: 3-5 hours (total).

Priority No. 5: Department of Enterprise Technology Services Reorganization

The Committee will consider the reorganization of the Department of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) and propose legislation to align ETS practice to its statutory authority and governance. As part of this topic, the Committee will review 2023 House Bill 0286 and will review ETS's goals and objectives and the ability of ETS to meet agency needs in light of any proposed reorganization.

Estimated Time: 3-5 hours (total).

Priority No. 6: Legislative Service Office Bill Drafting Software

The Committee will review and evaluate bill drafting software used by the Legislative Service Office and explore solutions for the development and use of software to allow for real-time updates to bills during session as amendments are adopted.

Committee Note: This topic is one of critical importance and the Committee believes it vital to begin exploring this issue and to consider solutions to improve transparency and understanding during legislative sessions.

Estimated Time: 5-7 hours (total).

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Priority No. 7: Tourism

The Committee will receive a detailed explanation and demonstration of the efforts being deployed with the funds dedicated for tourism marketing, along with identified deliverables from the marketing investment. The Committee will review all expenditures and uses of revenues dedicated to tourism.

Estimated Time: 1-2 hours (total).

Priority No. 8: Statutory Responsibilities and Reports

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies and will review and consider, among other things: (1) the K-12 external cost adjustment at a separate half-day meeting with the Joint Education Interim Committee; (2) the allocation and expenditure of authorized American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, including a review of previous expenditures and cost-benefit analyses associated with ARPA and other COVID-related funds; (3) funding from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, including the development of policies and procedures for allocating and expending those funds; and (4) updates from the University of Wyoming on capital construction projects.

Estimated Time: 7-8 hours (total).

Priority No. 9: Homeland Security and Critical Infrastructure

The Committee will receive updates from the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and will consider the protection of Wyoming's critical infrastructure sectors, including data gathering and reporting needs, foreign investments, and the Office's capacity to address these issues.

Estimated Time: 4-5 hours (total).

Tentative Meeting Dates:

July 10-11 (Cheyenne)
August 22-23 (Dubois)
September 27 (Remote, with JEC)
October 25-26 (Cheyenne)
December 12-15 and 18-20 (Cheyenne; Budget Hearings)
January 8-12 and 15-19 (Cheyenne; Budget Hearings)

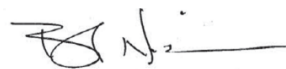
Budget

The Committee requests \$60,000 as a budget for its interim meetings (totaling 6.5 meeting days). Committee budget hearings and the State Treasurer's Annual Conference are separately budgeted.

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



Senator Dave Kinskey, Co-Chairman



Representative Bob Nicholas, Co-Chairman

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