



DATE March 25, 2024

TO Management Council

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

SUBJECT Proposed 2024 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 2024 Interim. Following a March 6 meeting, the Committee has identified and prioritized the topics, which are grouped into the following categories: (1) Protection Order Issues; (2) Law Enforcement Issues; (3) Adoption and Foster Care Issues; (4) Corrections and Parole Issues; (5) Statutory Monetary Amounts for the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act and Settlement Agreements for Minors; and (6) Agency Updates and Review of Recent Court Opinions.

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–Protection Order Issues

The Committee will study and review issues concerning protection orders.

Discussion: The Committee proposes studying and considering issues related to protection orders as requested by the Judicial Branch, including requirements regarding the tolling of protection orders, service of process for protection orders, confidentiality, and minors. In addition, the Committee proposes considering whether to permit courts to enter stipulated protection orders (as proposed by 2021 Senate File 75) and whether to amend the penalty for violating a protection order.

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority #2–Law Enforcement Issues

The Committee will study and review issues identified by law enforcement, the Attorney General and/or stakeholders as needing review.

Discussion: The Committee would like to undertake a comprehensive review of peace officer training in Wyoming to determine whether the duration and quality of training is sufficient and, if needed, consideration of possible remedies. The Committee would also like to consider whether the state should have the statutory right to seek appellate review in criminal cases, and whether the current turnaround time for completion of fingerprint background checks could be improved. Finally, the Committee would like to consider a proposal from the Wyoming County and Prosecuting Attorneys Association to create a prosecutor coordinator position to facilitate organization of the association, trainings, meetings, and recruitment, and to serve as a liaison between prosecutors and the Legislature.

Estimated Time: 3-5 hours at each meeting.

Priority #3–Adoption and Foster Care Issues

The Committee will study and review issues related to adoption and foster care.

Discussion: The Committee proposes considering issues related to adoption, including whether there may be circumstances where the best interests of the child should outweigh the goal of family reunification when a child is in foster care, and whether there should be a clearer path to adoption by a relative who is caring for a child who is not in foster care. The Committee also proposes studying foster care issues, including preventing sibling separation and ways to improve the foster care system for older youth and those who are aging out of the foster care system.

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority #4–Corrections and Parole Issues

The Committee will study and review issues that the Department of Corrections has identified concerning the restoration of civil rights and issues that the Board of Parole has identified concerning parole ineligibility.

Discussion: For this topic, the Committee proposes studying issues that the Department of Corrections has identified regarding possible amendments to the procedures and requirements for the restoration of civil rights (including as proposed by 2024 House Bill

176). The Committee also proposes studying issues that the Board of Parole has identified for review, including possible amendments to the statutes governing parole ineligibility for committing an assault with a deadly weapon on a corrections employee or an inmate, as well as for escape from any institution.

Estimated Time: 1-2 hours at each meeting.

Priority #5–Statutory Monetary Amounts for the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act and Settlement Agreements for Minors

The Committee will study and review the fixed monetary amounts that are included in the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act and the statutes governing settlement agreements for minors.

Discussion: The Committee proposes studying the fixed monetary amounts that are included in the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act and the statutes governing settlement agreements for minors (including as proposed by 2024 House Bill 131) to determine whether the amounts should be updated to account for inflation and increased costs.

Estimated Time: 1-3 hours total.

Priority #6–Agency Updates and Review of Recent Court Opinions

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports. The Committee will also study and consider recent opinions where courts interpreted Wyoming statutes, noted the absence of legislative action, or called for legislative action.

Discussion: The Committee will receive and consider reports that various agencies are required to submit to the Committee, including a report from the Attorney General’s Office concerning development of a cold case database (as required by 2024 House Bill 29) and a report from the State Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force concerning the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (as required by 2023 House Bill 19). In addition, as in prior years, the Committee will review recent opinions of the Wyoming Supreme Court and other courts where those courts interpreted Wyoming’s statutes, noted the absence of legislative action, or noted the need for legislative action.

Estimated Time: 4-5 hours total.

2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three two-day meetings during the interim to complete its work and requests a budget appropriate for six meeting days. The meetings are currently scheduled for: (1) June 17-18 in Casper; (2) September 19-20 in Cheyenne; and (3) November 7-8 in Casper.

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



Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman



Representative Art Washut, Co-Chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 20, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Representative Landon Brown, Chairman
Senator Bill Landen, Vice Chairman

SUBJECT 2024 Interim Topics for Consideration for the Select Committee on School Facilities

The Select Committee on School Facilities (Select Committee) met on March 7, 2024, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Select Committee for the 2024 interim. If approved, the Select Committee intends to study these topics in three, one-day meetings, prior to the 2025 General Session. The Select Committee also intends to tour school facilities the day prior to the meetings.

2024 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 FY 2025-2026 supplemental budget recommendation, if necessary, to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2024, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

Priority #2 – Prioritization Process

The Select Committee will study the condition and capacity methodologies, along with the exception process contained in Chapter 3, Section 8 of the Commission's rules, to determine if statutory or programmatic revisions are necessary to prioritize projects. The Select Committee will review the roles of the Department, Commission, and Select Committee in setting priorities and the evolution of funding for school capital construction. This study will culminate in a comprehensive education of school facilities capital construction funding for the Legislature. As part of this effort, the Select Committee will request updates from the Commission and the Department on the strategic review of facility funding for school buildings suggested by the Department to the Joint Appropriations Committee for study during the 2024 interim to ensure a coordinated effort by the Legislature in addressing K-12 facility needs across Wyoming.

Priority #3 – Major Maintenance

The Select Committee will review the statutory major maintenance calculation to determine if revisions to the funding formula are necessary. This will include examination of enhancements and excess square footage in school facilities. The Select Committee will also consider how community funding may assist school districts in completing projects and those with unique needs. The Select Committee will review the ability of a school district to utilize up to 10 percent of the funds generated for major maintenance on enhancements and the replacement value percentage utilized to determine major maintenance payments.

Priority #4 – Safety and Security

The Select Committee will study the safety and security needs of school facilities, including funding for projects. This study will include review of the safety and security standards and updates in technology and best practices. If necessary, the Select Committee may request the Department to conduct a comprehensive statewide assessment of school safety and security needs.

Meeting Schedule and Locations

The Select Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and meet at the following locations:

Meeting 1: June 25, 2024 (Casper)

Meeting 2: August 21-22, 2024 (Jackson)

Meeting 3: October 16-17, 2024 (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 13, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee – Proposed
2024 Interim Topics

The Joint Transportation, Highways & and Military Affairs Committee (Committee) met on March 7, 2024, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2024 Interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three two-day meetings and these topics may result in legislation for the 2025 General Session.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2024 interim. The topics are listed in order as prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority #1 – Transportation and Highways

The Committee will study transportation topics including the Wyoming Department of Transportation's current and future funding, highway safety, maximum semitrailer lengths, and necessary statutory updates. The Committee will study the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security's funding for Regional Emergency Response Teams and the State Emergency Response Commission.

Discussion: The Committee proposes to study transportation and highway related issues that the Wyoming Department of Transportation and Wyoming Office of Homeland Security identified. The Committee will study how the Wyoming Department of Transportation is currently funded and explore solutions to reduce the department's current budget shortfall. The Committee will review highway safety issues, including but not limited to, increasing safety on United States Highway 287, studying seatbelt laws, and exploring the maximum permissible length for semitrailers. The Committee will discuss funding for the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security's Regional Emergency Response Teams to purchase vehicles and equipment and imposing use fees for the State Emergency Response Commission's reporting portal. The Committee will determine if statutory updates are necessary to reflect outdated statutes and references including Title 31 regarding motor vehicles. (*Estimated time commitment: 4-6 hours each meeting*)

Priority #2 –Military Affairs

The Committee will study identified issues related to military affairs, including the use of deadly force to protect military equipment and property, suicide prevention for veterans and active military members, military recruitment and retention, and higher-education support.

Discussion: The Committee proposes studying issues that the Wyoming Military Department presented to the Committee. The Committee will study the use of deadly force by military members to protect military equipment and property and the potential criminal liability imposed on military members for using such force. The Committee will study suicide prevention for both veterans and active military members to identify current available resources and explore additional resources to address the high suicide rate among military members. The Committee will study recruitment and retention policies for the Wyoming National Guard including at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges and explore ways to assist veterans attending the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. *(Estimated time commitment: 4-6 hours each meeting)*

Priority #3 – Electronic Titling

The Committee will study the implementing electronic titling statewide including any necessary statutory updates.

Discussion: The Committee will study implementing electronic titling statewide including any necessary statutory updates. The Committee will receive input and help from the current stakeholder working group. *(Estimated time commitment: 2-4 hours 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 as necessary or required.

Discussion: The Committee will receive 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: 1-2 hours each meeting)*

Meeting Schedule and Locations:

Meeting 1: June 3-4, 2024 (Rock Springs)

Meeting 2: September 3-4, 2024 (Laramie)

Meeting 3: October 24-25, 2024 (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 25, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee – Proposed 2024 Interim Topics

This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee (Committee) for the 2024 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three, one-day meetings, and these topics may result in legislation for the 2025 General Session.

2024 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 will discuss the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Good Neighbor Authority (GNA), which authorizes the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to enter into agreements with state forestry agencies to perform forest management work. The Committee will explore increasing GNA agreements on public lands in Wyoming managed by the BLM.
- The Committee 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."
- The Committee intends to receive updates on coal mining and leasing. The Committee will study challenges the coal industry faces regarding transportation, takeaway capabilities, reclamation, employment, and marketing.
- The Committee intends to consider updates regarding revisions to the BLM's Rock Springs Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

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

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



Senator Brian Boner, Co-Chairman



Representative Scott Heiner, Co-Chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 20, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Charles Scott, Co-Chairman
Representative David Northrup, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT 2024 Interim Topics for Consideration for the Joint Education Interim Committee

The Joint Education Interim Committee (Committee) met on March 6, 2024, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2024 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three, two-day meetings and one half-day meeting, prior to the 2025 General Session.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Early Childhood Education

The Committee will study preschool programs 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 awarded grants for this purpose to help the Committee identify policy options.

The Committee will study the reading assessment and intervention program under W.S. 21-3-401 and will review prior work completed in the 2021 interim and enacted during the 2022 Budget Session. This study is a continuation of work completed during the 2023 interim.

Priority #2 – K-12 Education

The Committee will study the public school system and related funding. This study will include reviewing school districts' safety and security policies and consider any necessary statutory changes. The Committee will receive reports from the Wyoming Department of Education, the State Board of Education, the Governor's Reimagining and Innovating the Delivery of Education initiative, and other stakeholder groups. The Committee will review the State Board of Education's work related to the student content and performance standards and explore the alignment of standards to the statewide student assessment.

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 2025-2026. 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 also review components of the education resource block grant model, including transportation reimbursement under W.S. 21-13-

320, and cash reserves and operating balances under W.S. 21-13-313, in preparation for the 2025 recalibration.

Priority #3 – School Choice

The Committee will study the ability to provide educational options that can be offered separate and apart from the public school system for Wyoming's K-12 population. The Committee will comprehensively review charter school laws, including 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 179 and receive reports and recommendations from state agencies for any necessary statutory changes. This study will also include recommendations regarding 2024 House Bill 166, Education savings accounts.

Priority #4 – Higher Education

The Committee will study programs offered by the community colleges and the University of Wyoming, including career and technical education (CTE) programs, certification of CTE teachers, and the University of Wyoming's College of Education. Specifically, the Committee will review the relationship between high school CTE programs and community college CTE programs.

Meeting Schedule and Locations

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and meet at the following locations:

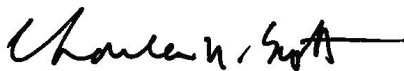
Meeting 1: June 12-13, 2024 (Casper)

Meeting 2: August 28-29, 2024 (Laramie)

Meeting 3: September 26, 2024 (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 13-14, 2024 (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



Representative David Northrup, Co-chairman

cc: Members, Joint Education Interim Committee



DATE March 15, 2024

TO Management Council

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

SUBJECT Proposed 2024 Interim Topics for the Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

This memorandum is the letter of support for interim topics for the 2024 interim for the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee. The Committee met on March 6 to discuss proposed interim topics. The topics have been grouped into the following categories, by order of priority: (1) oil-and-gas and pipeline issues; (2) mining topics; (3) energy-related water issues; (4) University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources and research; (5) electricity generation; (6) economic development issues; (7) Department of Environmental Quality issues; and (8) 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.

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for the 2024 interim, listed in order as prioritized by the Committee's Co-Chairmen.

Priority No. 1: Oil and Gas and Pipeline Issues

The Committee will study oil-and-gas issues and pipeline issues, including the regulation of intrastate carbon dioxide pipelines, the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative, incentives for enhanced oil recovery, and bonding issues related to oil and gas production.

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 study the regulation of intrastate carbon dioxide pipelines, a topic that will have increasing importance as carbon capture technology becomes more prevalent. The Committee will also receive an update on the Wyoming Pipeline Corridor Initiative. The Committee will

continue exploring ways to incentivize enhanced oil recovery, building upon 2024 Senate File 0078, which was not introduced, and 2024 House Bill 185, a severance tax exemption bill that was not considered for introduction. The Committee will also consider modernizing bonding requirements for oil and gas operations to ease bonding burdens on small operators while protecting reclamation efforts.

Estimated Time: 4-6 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 2: Mining Topics

The Committee will study mining-related issues, including tax issues, credits, and exemptions applicable to the mining industry, mineral ownership and descent, and the repeal of low-carbon energy generation standards.

Discussion: The Committee would like to study the possibility of a tax credit for mine operators on the purchase of equipment and infrastructure. The Committee would also study the current manufacturing sales tax exemption, which is scheduled to sunset in 2027. The Committee will also receive information concerning the low-carbon generation standards (building from 2024 Senate File 42) and the tracing of mineral-interest ownership that has passed through descent. The Committee would also discuss the amortization of sales and use taxes and the establishment of tax-free storage zones.

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 3: Energy-Related Water Issues

The Committee will study issues associated with produced water and hydrogen production.

Discussion: For this topic, the Committee would receive an update from the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on current and evolving practices related to oil and gas produced water reuse and on potential changes to streamline statutes for facilitating produced water reuse. The Committee would also receive information on and consider issues pertaining to hydrogen production in Wyoming.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 4: UW School of Energy Resources and Research

The Committee will receive reports and updates from the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources and consider the governance of the Integrated Test Center. The

Committee will also receive information and review the structure of the Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media.

Discussion: In addition to receiving routine updates from the School of Energy Resources, the Committee will review the structure and governance of the Integrated Test Center (continuing the work of 2024 House Bill 215, which was not considered for introduction). In light of questions that arose during the budget process, the Committee will also review the structure and work of the Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media at the University of Wyoming. For this portion of this topic, the Committee plans to meet jointly with the Joint Appropriations Committee and tour the High Bay Research Facility.

Estimated Time: 4-8 hours at the first meeting; 1-2 hours at each subsequent meeting.

Priority No. 5: Electricity Generation

The Committee will receive information and consider issues with electricity generation.

Discussion: The Committee would receive an informational presentation from the Public Service Commission and consider taxation of electricity generation, using 2024 House Bill 200 as a starting point. The Committee would also consider self-generation and the sale of excess capacity generated from self-generation.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 6: Economic Development Issues

The Committee will review issues related to economic development, including workforce development, banking issues, special deposits, and unclaimed property.

Discussion: The Committee would like to consider ways to streamline workforce development efforts in the state to improve efficiency and outcomes. The Committee may also receive updates from the Division of Banking and consider the potential adoption of uniform acts relating to special deposits and testamentary trusts. The Committee would also explore revisions to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act to modernize the types of property contemplated, update notice requirements, and provide additional clarity.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 7: Department of Environmental Quality

The Committee will receive updates from the Department of Environmental Quality and consider issues associated with the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

Discussion: In addition to receiving routine updates from the Department of Environmental Quality, the Committee will continue its review of a potential statute of limitations for the Department of Environmental Quality to commence investigations and enforcement actions related to the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act. The Committee also plans to review 2024 Senate File 44 and the rules of the Board of Land Commissioners for mineral leases on state lands. The Committee would study industrial siting rules for mitigation costs and receive information on abandoned mine land (AML) funds.

Estimated Time: 1-2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 8: 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.

2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings over seven days during the interim to complete its work and requests an appropriate budget for seven meeting days. The Committee respectfully requests an extra meeting day to meet jointly with the Joint Appropriations Committee in May to receive information related to the University of Wyoming Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media.

The meetings are currently scheduled for: (1) May 8-10, Laramie; (2) July 30-31, Casper; and (3) October 8-9, Casper.

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 22, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT **Joint Revenue Committee - 2024 Interim Topics Request**

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Revenue Committee for the 2024 interim topics request. The Committee held an organizational meeting on March 7, 2024, and identified the important issues described below. The Committee requests to study these topics in three meetings and introduce related legislation in the 2025 General Session.

2024 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 2024 interim.

Priority #1 Property Tax Issues

The Committee will continue its work related to property tax issues. This topic will include:

- Reviewing the property tax relief bills that were passed by the legislature in the 2023 and 2024 sessions and considering options for additional revisions to the property tax system in Wyoming.
- A review of property taxes on tangible personal property. This may include a consideration of implementation of a basic equipment list as provided in other states to determine the amount of property that will be subject to the tax.
- A review of truth-in-taxation laws enacted in other states and how those could be applied to the property tax system in Wyoming.
- A review of how properties qualify as agricultural land for purposes of the property tax system.

Priority #2 Taxes to Replace Reductions in Revenues Due to Revisions to the Property Tax System

In relation to Priority 1, the Committee will consider options for how to replace reductions in revenues due to revisions to the property tax system. This topic will include:

- A review of the sales and use tax including the state and local optional tax rates and a review of sales tax exemptions and the possibility of broadening the sales tax.
- A review of other potential sources of revenue including a tax on purchases of real property to replace all or a portion of the property tax.

The Committee has scheduled the following meeting dates and locations:

- May 30-31 – Casper
- July 17-18 – Sheridan
- November 18-19 - Cheyenne

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



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 1, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT **Proposed 2024 Interim Topics for the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee**

The Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee met on March 6, 2024, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee to consider during the 2024 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three two-day meetings prior to the 2025 General Session.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1–Maternity Healthcare & Childcare Issues:

Wyoming is experiencing the emergence of maternity deserts, leading to reduced access to maternity health care and childbirth services across the state. Prenatal health care access can be especially challenging in remote parts of the state. Understanding the landscape for current and future maternity health care providers will be essential to effectively address the state’s growing maternity deserts. The Committee will hear from the Maternal Health Innovation Program from the University of Wyoming and the Obstetrician Subcommittee of the Governor's Health Task Force. The Committee will study ways to increase the number of labor and delivery and maternity health care professionals in Wyoming. The Committee will also review childcare access issues and availability and will consider legislation to increase childcare facilities throughout the state.

Priority #2–Wyoming Health Care Authority:

The Governor’s Health Task Force has developed a recommendation of establishing a permanent Wyoming Healthcare Authority to support healthcare policy recommendations for Wyoming. Health care is one of the largest industries in Wyoming and is an essential economic driver for business development and retention of residents. Establishing a permanent Wyoming Healthcare Authority is recommended by the Governor’s Health Task Force to support health care policy recommendations. Given the importance of health care as an economic driver and essential service, this priority aims to elevate its status alongside other key industries in the state. The Committee will look at legislation to make the proposed Wyoming Health Care Authority a reality.

Priority #3–Social Services Programs Overview:

A comprehensive review of social services programs, including Department of Workforce Services initiatives like unemployment insurance, worker's compensation and other workforce programs, as well as the Power Program, the Women, Infants and Children program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is essential for ensuring efficient and effective delivery of support to Wyoming residents. The Committee will take a comprehensive look at these programs and study proposed legislation to improve them.

Priority #4–Provider Enrollment:

Commercial health insurance companies take 90 to 120 days on average to enroll Wyoming providers as participating providers in their health plans while Medicaid and Medicare take approximately 30 to 60 days. Reducing the time required for provider enrollment in health care plans, both commercial and government-sponsored like Medicaid and Medicare, is crucial for improving access to care for Wyoming residents. Examining statutes in neighboring states can offer valuable insights for streamlining this process. Colorado, New Mexico, and Louisiana have statutes that may help the Committee study this key issue. The Committee will hear testimony regarding provider enrollment and analyze proposed legislation aimed at reducing the time required for provider enrollment in health care plans.

Priority #5–Music Therapy – Licensure:

Music therapy is a clinical and evidence-based, non-invasive proactive therapy that utilizes music interventions to address a wide range of emotional, physical, cognitive, and social needs. Establishing licensure for practitioners can enhance access to this evidence-based therapeutic approach and address various emotional, physical, cognitive, and social needs of individuals. The Committee will hear testimony from the Wyoming Music Therapy Task Force and examine proposed legislation regarding music therapy licensure.

Priority #6–Pharmacology:

Step therapy is a type of prior authorization used by health insurance companies that requires patients to take lower-cost alternative prescriptions before authorizing the original medications prescribed by a patient's healthcare provider. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), 29 states have laws limiting step therapy. Implementing step therapy protocols could improve patient access to medication. The Committee will look at proposed legislation regarding step therapy.

A variety of current pharmacological issues relevant to Wyoming include oversight by the Board of Pharmacy, regulation of medical coverage of obesity-related medical treatments, access to alternatives to opioids for safe pain management, reviewing the Compassionate Care Act and ensuring legal protection through Good Samaritan Laws for overdose situations. The Committee will review these issues and develop any necessary legislation.

Priority #7—Agency Reports and Reviews:

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports. The Committee will review agency reports, stakeholder feedback and relevant data to address any additional legislative concerns not covered by the above priorities. The Committee will request an update from the University of Wyoming concerning the WICHE and WWAMI programs as well.

Meeting Schedule:

- Meeting 1: April 29-30, 2024 (Afton)
- Meeting 2: June 20-21, 2024 (Pinedale)
- Meeting 3: August 29-30, 2024 (Cheyenne)
- Meeting 4: November – possible ½ day meeting to coordinate with the MHVA TF

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 April 1, 2024

TO Management Council

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

SUBJECT Proposed 2024 Interim Topics for the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee for the interim topics the Committee wishes to study in the 2024 Interim. Following a March 7 meeting, the Committee has identified and prioritized the topics, which are grouped into the following categories: (1) Continuation of Electric Utilities Study; (2) Continuation of Wyoming Telecommunications Act Study; (3) Insurance and Agency Updates; (4) Business Fraud/LLC Reform; and (5) Housing Policies.

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

Priority #1—Continuation of Electric Utilities Study

The Committee will continue its examination of Electric Utilities, prioritizing the affordability of utility rates. The Committee will also monitor legislative developments during the 2024 Budget Session and new efforts by utilities to raise rates. The Committee will explore the ability of local governments to produce electricity, including compensation for renewable energy generation. Finally, the Committee will study electricity taxation with the assistance of legal experts in the field (see Appendix: Proposed Electricity Tax Study).

Priority #2–Continuation of Wyoming Telecommunications Act Study

The Committee will continue its study of the Wyoming Telecommunications Act, focusing on the legal framework necessary moving forward, as the Act is scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2025. The Committee will also address 911 emergency outage reporting requirements and other issues and regulatory needs within the telecommunications sector.

Priority #3–Insurance and Agency Updates

The Committee will turn its attention to Insurance and Agency Updates, including revisions to the Insurance Code and the Model Holding Company Act. The Committee will also review auto-insurance minimum coverage limits, property/casualty insurance availability, and mandatory fraud reporting through the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Priority #4–Business Fraud/LLC Reform

The Committee will explore Business Fraud and LLC Reform, with a focus on preventing potential abuses of, and fraudulent filings in, the corporate filing system. The Committee will also address reinstatement procedures for dissolved corporate entities that own real property, explore issues related to trade names and trademarks, and examine the impact of federal reporting requirements.

Priority #5–Housing Policies

The Committee will study Housing Policies, examining the roles of both the private and public sectors in the provision of housing. The Committee will also explore the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to encourage the construction of more affordable housing and address issues related to abandoned and nuisance buildings, as well as rental housing regulations.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee has tentatively scheduled three two-day meetings during the interim to complete its work. The meetings are currently scheduled for: (1) April 22-23 in Lander; (2) August 8-9 in Evanston; and (3) October 22-23 in Cheyenne.

Budget

The Committee requests a budget appropriate for six meeting days, in addition to \$30,000 for a proposed electricity tax study (see Appendix: Proposed Electricity Tax Study).

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



Senator Cale Case, Co-Chairman



Representative Jared Olson, Co-Chairman

Appendix: Proposed Electricity Tax Study (Priority #1)

The electrical generation landscape in Wyoming is changing and our tax policies need to adapt as well. Three bills were introduced in the 2024 Budget Session: Senate File 85-*Repeal of sales tax on electricity*, House Bill 147-*Electrical generation tax* and House Bill 200-*Electricity generation-equity and consumer protection*. The gist of the bills is the implementation of a tax on electricity generation or gross sales with a concurrent reduction in the sales tax on electricity sold within Wyoming.

Senate File 85 passed introduction in the Senate but House Bills 147 and 200 were not considered for introduction in the House amid pushback from industry lobbyists. Some of the pushback alleged that the proposals would violate interstate commerce principals of agreements made with respect to the dividing of utility assets between multiple states.

The Joint Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee proposes a budget of \$30,000 to be used to study the feasibility of electricity taxes offset by reduction in the state sales tax. The funds would be used to pay for independent legal analysis of tax proposals by legal experts.

Frankly, it does not matter which committee conducts the study. Corporations, Minerals and Revenue all have policy interests in this area. Corporations is open to coordinating with Minerals and Revenue on this issue. Management Council could also contract and oversee the study with assistance from others.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 1, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT 2024 Interim Topics for Consideration by the Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology & Process

In response to the letter from Management Council Chairman Albert Sommers and Vice-Chairman Ogden Driskill, this memorandum represents the “letter of support” for the Select Committee's 2024 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 up to two (2) one-day meetings during the 2024 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.



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 25, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT **Select Committee on Tribal Relations - 2024 Interim Topics Request**

This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Select Committee on Tribal Relations for the 2024 Interim. The Committee intends to study these topics in two two-day meetings and introduce related legislation during the 2025 General Session.

2024 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 2024 interim.

Priority #1 – Health, Education and Welfare

The Select Committee will consider K-12 related issues, including an update on WYTOPP performance, early literacy, and other related issues. The Select Committee will also consider higher education issues, including discussion of ACT preparation courses, access to the Hathaway scholarship and other issues related to recruitment and retention at Wyoming Colleges and the University of Wyoming.

Priority #2 – Cultural Education and Resources

The Select Committee will invite the Tribal Business Councils to provide an overview of Tribal cultural practices and perspectives to facilitate and foster intergovernmental relations and communication. The Select Committee will also consider issues related to cultural resource protection, such as indigenous rock art sites on the Wind River Reservation, and State and federal lands.

Priority #3 – Housing and Infrastructure

The Select Committee will consider housing and homelessness issues on the Wind River Reservation, including exploring access to funding. The Select Committee will receive an update on the Wind River Reservation solid waste management issues and best practices.

Priority #4 – Commerce and Taxation

The Select Committee will continue its review of online sales tax collection from tribal members on the Wind River Reservation.

Priority #5 – Public and Highway Safety

The Select Committee will consider public safety issues on the Wind River Reservation, including receiving updates on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force, Tribal law enforcement and the Wind River Tribal Court. The Select Committee will consider highway safety on the Wind River Reservation, including receiving an update on hit and run accidents, and any information from the Wyoming Department of Transportation on road conditions.

Meeting Schedule:

Meeting 1: May 1-2, 2024 (Fort Washakie)

Meeting 2: October 2-3, 2024 (Fort Washakie)

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



Senator Affie Ellis, Co-Chairman



Representative Ember Oakley, Co-Chairman



Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Memorandum

DATE March 19, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

SUBJECT 2024 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 2024 Interim.

PROPOSED MEETINGS AND BUDGET REQUEST

The Committee requests approval to hold two meetings during the 2024 interim, one two-day meeting and one single-day meeting. The Committee has tentatively scheduled its first meeting for August 13-14 in Kemmerer and Jackson to visit ongoing projects. The second meeting will likely be held in December in Cheyenne to mark-up draft large project funding legislation in advance of the 2025 General Session. The Committee requests a budget of \$15,000 for two meetings during the 2024 interim.

PROPOSED 2024 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 the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism 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—Update and Review of the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund

The Committee will receive an update on the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund, including information on the new board, income account and governance structure for the Trust Fund as created by 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 42.

Priority #3—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, with an emphasis on projects on the Western side of the state. The Committee will also receive updates from stakeholders and the public on the impact of these projects.

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



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 25, 2024
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 (Select Committee) 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 represents the list of proposed topics for the Select Committee for the 2024 Interim.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

Topic #1 – Artificial Intelligence Governance

The Select Committee will continue its consideration of the governance of artificial intelligence technologies and identify the State's role in developing artificial intelligence policies while fostering responsible innovation. The Select Committee will evaluate information regarding other states' regulatory frameworks and assess how artificial intelligence may impact Wyoming residents.

Topic #2 – Personal Data Privacy & Ownership

The Select Committee will consider the latest developments in data privacy, other states' legislative initiatives, 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 review the State's use of technology and may consider legislation in associated areas, including regulatory sandboxes, e-residency, remittance of sales tax, the creation of a centralized electronic notice system, and business filings, including the use of cryptographic signatures.

Topic #4 – Previous Legislation

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

- Decentralized autonomous organizations (DAOs) – The Select Committee will analyze other states' DAO legislation and consider updates to the existing DAO supplement and 2024 Senate File 50-Unincorporated nonprofit DAO's.
- Digital Assets – The Select Committee intends to improve existing digital asset laws, including the tokenization of property, non-fungible tokens, intellectual property, insurance, digital asset lien registries, cleansing of digital assets, and digital asset registration.
- 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 and 2024 House Bill 145-Open banking amendments.
- Special Purpose Depository Institutions (SPDIs) – The Select Committee will consider updates relating to SPDIs and how Wyoming's regulatory structure interacts with federal law. The Select Committee also intends to discuss legislation that would allow a SPDI to convert to a trust.
- Wyoming Stable Tokens – The Select Committee will continue evaluating the implementation 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 25, 2024

TO Management Council

FROM Senator Eric Barlow, Chairman

SUBJECT 2024 Interim Topics

This memorandum is submitted to determine whether the Management Council wishes the Management Audit Committee to undertake action this interim. If topics are assigned, the Committee anticipates meeting three times. The proposed budget for the Committee is \$25,000. Possible topics include:

1 Receive Reports.

The Management Audit Committee will serve as the home committee and receive reports from the Department of Audit - Public Funds Division.

#2 State Lands.

The Management Council assigned the Management Audit Committee to study and propose solutions to maximize returns from valuable state land parcels during the 2023 interim. After considering public testimony and research on the topic, the Management Audit Committee requested LSO to prepare, during the 2024 interim, a request for proposals for a consultant to study state lands and revenue optimization. If Management Council assigns further consideration of this topic, the Management Audit Committee will issue the request for proposals and request funding from Management Council for the study after proposals are received.

The Management Audit Committee directed the study of state lands to:

- Analyze the unique nature of all state trust lands;
- Analyze Wyoming laws and regulations governing leasing and sale of state trust lands;
- Provide recommendations for legislation to optimize revenue from state trust lands, taking into consideration:

- Reducing land use conflict, addressing stakeholder considerations, improving land use and development planning, producing long-term solutions, and improving the Office of State Lands and Investments operational efficiency, revenue-generating opportunities, and alignment with community values.

#3 Senate Confirmation of Boards and Commissions.

The Management Audit Committee will consider and recommend boards and commissions for which Senate confirmation could be eliminated.



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE April 1, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Chairman Senator Cheri Steinmetz
Chairman Representative John Eklund

SUBJECT **Proposed 2024 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 March 5, 2024, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee to consider during the 2024 interim. The Committee intends to meet for a total of 6 days.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority # 1–Foreign ownership of land in Wyoming:

- The Committee will address foreign adversaries' ownership of land in Wyoming by examining the potential risks to national security. The Committee will consider regulatory measures to ensure transparency, fairness and protection of domestic interests without hindering foreign investments from non-adversarial countries that benefit the State of Wyoming.

Priority #2–Eminent domain restrictions:

- The Committee will evaluate existing eminent domain laws in Wyoming to ensure they strike a balance between public interest and property rights protection. The Committee will also assess the necessity of reforms to prevent abuse, safeguard property owners' rights and uphold the principles of just compensation, minimum easement standards and due process.

Priority #3–Temporary change of use – water rights:

- The Committee will examine the framework governing temporary changes of water rights in Wyoming and will assess its effectiveness in balancing competing water needs. The Committee will consider adjustments to the regulations to address emerging challenges, such as increased demand for water resources.

Priority #4–Right to repair farm equipment:

- The Committee will study the implications of the right to repair farm equipment, including its potential impact on equipment manufacturers and farmers. The Committee will evaluate legislative measures to ensure fair access to repair information and parts while safeguarding intellectual property rights and product safety standards.

Priority #5–Natural Asset companies’ prohibition:

- The Committee will investigate the rise of natural asset companies and their impact on private property rights, state sovereignty and Wyoming's natural resources. The Committee will also assess the necessity of regulations to prevent speculative activities regarding natural assets.

Priority #6–Agency Reports and Reviews:

- The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports. The Committee will review prior legislation, agency reports, stakeholder feedback and relevant data to address any additional legislative concerns not covered by the above priorities.

Meeting Schedule:

June 6-7, 2024 – Rock Springs, WY

September 10-11, 2024 – Buffalo, WY

November 5-6, 2024 – Cheyenne, WY

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



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 21, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Cheri Steinmetz, Chairman
Representative Albert Sommers, Vice Chair

SUBJECT Select Water Committee - 2024 Interim Topics Request

The Select Water Committee met on March 7, 2024, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of priorities for the Select Committee for the 2024 Interim. The Select Committee generally completes its business, including preparation of the Omnibus Water bills, over four two-day meetings each interim.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

Priority #1 – Review 2024 SF 122 Disposition of water rights - amendments

The Select Committee will review and discuss 2024 SF 122 Disposition of water rights – amendments. The Select Committee will study issues related to the subdivision of land and water rights and consider legislation if appropriate.

Priority #2 – Colorado River Basin issues update

The Select Committee will receive updates on 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 170

Priority #3 – Groundwater Appropriation and Management.

The Select Committee will review Wyoming statutes regarding appropriation of underground water rights, permitting of groundwater wells, and oversight of aquifers and groundwater withdrawal disputes. The Select Committee will review and discuss 2022 SF 81 Clarification of existing state ownership of groundwater and consider legislation, if appropriate.

Priority #4 – Public Water System Program and Primacy

The Select Committee will study current issues and possible solutions for Wyoming communities regarding compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act, Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) program, currently implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency in Wyoming. The Committee will consider requirements and costs for the State to assume primacy for the PWSS program.

Priority #5 – 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 Select 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.

Priority #6 – Agency Reports and Reviews:

The Committee will receive reports and consider legislation in response to those reports. The Committee will review agency reports, stakeholder feedback and relevant data to address any additional legislative concerns not covered by the above priorities.

Meeting Schedule:

Meeting 1: May 9, 2024 (Cheyenne)

Meeting 2: August 6-8, 2024 (Evanston)

Meeting 3: November 13-14, 2024 (Casper)

Meeting 4: December 19, 2024 (Cheyenne)

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



Senator Cheri Steinmetz, Chairman



Representative Alber Sommers, Vice Chair



DATE March 22, 2024

TO Management Council

FROM Representative Tom Walters, Chairman
Senator Tara Nethercott, Vice Chairman

SUBJECT Proposed 2024 Interim Topics for the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments

This memorandum is the letter of support for interim topics for the 2024 interim for the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments. The Select Committee met on March 7, 2024 to discuss topics. The selected topics have been grouped into the following categories, in order of priority: (1) local government investment in equities; (2) State Treasurer's Office staffing and investment manager selection; (3) review of Wyoming's investment structure, efficiency, and performance; (4) the establishment of a generational fund; (5) affordable housing; and (6) statutory reports and obligations.

The Select Committee has tentatively scheduled three one-day meetings to accomplish its work this interim and requests a budget for three meeting days to accomplish this work.

2024 Interim Topics

The Select Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2024 interim. The topics are listed in order as prioritized by the Select Committee's Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Priority No. 1: Local Government Funds/Investment in Equities

The Select Committee will study alternatives and options for the investment of local government funds in equities in addition to a state-managed investment pool.

Discussion: In 2022, the Wyoming Constitution was amended to provide for the investment of local government funds in stocks and equities. In 2024, the Legislature enacted Senate File 90, which established a third local government investment pool for the investment of local government funds in stocks and equities. Building on Senate File 90,

the Select Committee plans to study alternatives and additional options for the investment of local government funds in equities.

Estimated Time: 3-5 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 2: State Treasurer's Office Staffing and Investment Manager Selection

The Select Committee will study potential and upcoming staffing needs for the State Treasurer's Office and the selection and approval process for investment managers.

Discussion: The State Treasurer's Office has identified the need to consider succession planning and the Office's ability to seamlessly continue operations in the event where critical personnel retire, leave, or are unable to perform their duties. This concern is most acute for the investment team. In addition, the State Treasurer's Office has identified the need to review how investment managers are selected and approved under W.S. 9-4-718 with an eye toward making the selection process more expedient and efficient. The Select Committee would like to study both issues as we work to make the investment process more efficient with more successful outcomes.

Estimated Time: 1-3 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 3: Review of Wyoming's Investment Structure and Outcomes

The Select Committee will continue reviewing the structure of the investment of Wyoming's permanent and nonpermanent funds to identify efficiencies, reduce complexity, and improve investment returns.

Discussion: In recent years, the Select Committee has studied ways to reduce complexity in how permanent and nonpermanent funds are invested and improve returns. In 2022, the Select Committee sponsored 2022 HJ0005 and HJ0006, which proposed amendments to the Wyoming Constitution to begin the groundwork for moving the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund and the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund toward a "total return" investment model. This year, the Select Committee sponsored 2024 SF0070, which would have modernized the investment structure for the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund and the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Account, and 2024 House Bill 138, which removed lower-balance funds from the Pool A investment account. The Select Committee wishes to continue its study of these issues, particularly focusing on educating the public and legislative colleagues about the benefits that may accrue to the state upon the modernization of the investment of permanent and nonpermanent funds.

Estimated Time: 3-5 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 4: Wyoming Generational Fund

The Select Committee will explore the creation of a Wyoming generational fund.

Discussion: The State Treasurer has identified the creation of a generational fund—one where funds would be invested in highly illiquid, long-term assets to maximize returns and one where distributions would be limited to compound returns. This topic featured heavily at the 2023 Treasurer's Annual Conference. The Select Committee would like to study this issue and consider the creation of a new permanent fund.

Estimated Time: 2 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 5: Affordable Housing

The Select Committee will receive information and consider issues with affordable housing in Wyoming, including the use of legislatively designated investments, long-term leases, and a housing infrastructure fund.

Discussion: The Select Committee recognizes that affordable housing is an issue that has become increasingly prevalent in recent years. To that end, the Select Committee would like to explore ways to leverage opportunities to improve housing options in the state, including through the use of legislatively designated investments, lease options for state lands, and the creation of a fund for housing infrastructure purposes.

Estimated Time: 2-4 hours at each meeting.

Priority No. 6: Statutory Updates

The Select Committee will receive updates and reports related to capital financing and investments and reports required by law, including a report on the performance-compensation study required by 2024 House Enrolled Act 50 (HB0001), Section 320.

Discussion: The Select Committee will receive reports and updates regarding the Select Committee's statutory duties to monitor state investment activities and reports and spending policies. As part of this topic, the Select Committee will review the audit and report from the study required under Section 320 of 2024 House Bill 0001 concerning the methodology, benchmark selection, calculations, and allocations of performance compensation for investment staff of the State Treasurer's Office and the Wyoming Retirement System. The Select Committee will also make its annual spending policy report to the Legislature and review any other issues that may arise in receiving required reports.

Estimated Time: 1-3 hours at each meeting.

2024 Proposed Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee has scheduled three one-day meetings during the interim to complete its work and requests a budget for three meeting days. Meetings are currently scheduled for: (1) June 19 (Casper); (2) August 27 (Jackson); and October 30 (Cheyenne).

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



Representative Tom Walters, Chairman



Senator Tara Nethercott, Vice Chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 25, 2024

TO Management Council

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

SUBJECT Proposed Interim Topics for the Joint Appropriations Committee

The Joint Appropriations Committee (Committee) met on March 7, 2024, to discuss interim topics and requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2024 interim. The topics are listed in order as prioritized by the Co-chairmen.

Priority No. 1: Comprehensive Review of Gaming in Wyoming

In the 2024 General Appropriations bill, the Legislature requires the Wyoming Gaming Commission to conduct a “statewide study of gaming in Wyoming including the structure of the Gaming Commission as an entity within state government, all pari-mutuel wagering activities, live horse racing, historic horse race wagering, skill-based amusement games, and online sports wagering” in consultation with the Committee. The study will also “consider the number and growth of wagering locations and activity, the Commission's oversight capacity, the transparency and efficiency of the Commission monitoring and reporting on licensees and horse track safety” and identify possible gaps in Wyoming law that affect or may affect consumers regarding the security, integrity, or fairness of gaming activities, state and local licensing and permitting processes, and procedures to address non-compliance. The Committee will consider pari-mutuel, skilled gaming, and sports wagering, and will consider providing a uniform regulatory structure for all permitted activities. The Committee will also consider whether to authorize interactive gaming, an appropriate regulatory structure, and potential tax revenue. This topic may result in legislation introduced in the 2025 General Session.

Estimated Time: 12-16 hours (total).

Priority No. 2: Department of Enterprise Technology Services

The Committee will consider the State’s budgeting and processes for the recurring replacement of hardware and software systems. The Committee may consider enterprise purchasing and leasing or consolidated authorization for purchasing and leasing, software as a service, and other strategies

that may improve state management processes, optimize performance, extend the useful life of equipment and systems, and reduce expenditures. The Committee will also explore the potential use of consolidated budgeting and options to fund technology replacement. The Committee will also receive updates from the Department of Enterprise Technology Services on security and staffing levels authorized in the 2024 General Appropriations bill. This topic may result in legislation introduced or modifications to existing appropriations in the 2025 General Session.

Estimated Time: 4-8 hours (total).

Priority No. 3: University of Wyoming's (UW's) Research and Development Processes

The Committee will review UW's processes for research and development agreements and potential comparisons. The Committee will conduct a review of the School of Energy Resources budget and the Center for Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media budget within the University of Wyoming. This work may include a review of internal research processes, prior direct appropriations, staffing, budgeting for equipment and research matching opportunities, commercialization of intellectual property, existing return on investments, and strategic positioning for future programs. The Committee will also tour the High Bay Research Facility with the Joint Minerals, Business, and Economic Development Interim Committee and will receive an update on facility operations. This topic may result in legislation introduced or modifications to existing appropriations in the 2025 General Session.

Estimated Time: 8-10 hours (total).

Priority No. 4: State Construction

The Committee will receive information on the process utilized by the State to assess the State's needs for offices and other facilities and consider long-term planning for the budgeting, acquisition of real property, capital construction, routine and major maintenance funding, and security needs for state facilities. The Committee will take a long-term perspective and consider methods of prioritization, forecasting needs, and identifying revenue streams. This topic may result in legislation introduced or modifications to existing appropriations in the 2025 General Session.

Estimated Time: 8-12 hours (total).

Priority No. 5: Statutory Responsibilities and Reports.

The Committee will receive dozens of reports required by law from state agencies. In particular, the Committee will receive information at a joint meeting with the Joint Education Interim Committee and provide a recommendation on the K-12 external cost adjustment (ECA) per W.S. 21-13-309(o), tentatively scheduled as a remote, half-day meeting on September 26.

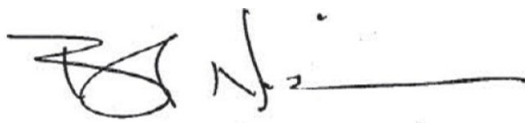
Estimated Time: 6-8 hours (total).

The Committee has scheduled three in-person meetings over six days during the interim to complete its work and requests a budget for six meeting days and a half-day remote meeting. In-person meetings are currently scheduled for:

- May 7-8 (Laramie),
- August 8-9 (Buffalo), and
- October 31-November 1 (Cheyenne).

In addition, agency supplemental budget hearings are tentatively scheduled for the week of December 9, 2024.

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



Representative Bob Nicholas, Co-chairman



Senator Dave Kinskey, Co-chairman



STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

Memorandum

DATE March 19, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

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

SUBJECT Proposed 2024 Interim Topics

This memorandum is the letter of support from the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee for the 2024 interim. The Committee has tentatively scheduled three two-day meetings to accomplish its work: May 14-15 in Cody, July 9-10 in Casper, and September 30-October 1 in Cheyenne.

2024 Interim Topics

The Committee requests that Management Council approve the following topics for study and consideration during the 2024 interim. The topics are prioritized by the Committee's Chairwomen.

Priority No. 1: Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources

The Committee will study the prioritization and management of potential state parks, updates to Wyoming state parks law enforcement statutes and snowmobile registration fees.

Discussion: (2-3 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive an update and legislative recommendations from the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources on the management and corresponding expenses of operating the High Plains Arboretum, Grayrocks and Ranch A sites. The Committee will also receive information on statutory updates needed for law enforcement and offenses in state parks and recommendations from the Department on increasing fees for snowmobile users to offset increased costs for trail maintenance.

Priority No. 2: Wyoming Game and Fish Department

The Committee will study the financial planning of the Department, wildlife diseases, commercial fishing and management of wildlife for the next 50 years.

Discussion: (2-3 Hours per Meeting) The Committee will receive an overview of the Department's expenditures and financial planning model. The Committee will receive an update on the status of diseases affecting Wyoming's fish and wildlife and the committee will consider objectives and revenue sources for management of fish and wildlife for the next 50 years. The Committee will also receive an update 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. 3: 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.

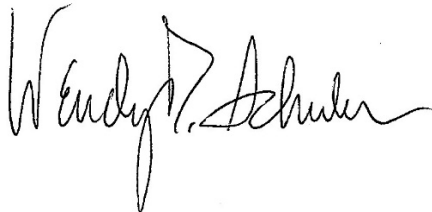
Discussion: (1-2 Hours per Meeting) In addition to reports and discussion of topics with the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources and the Game and Fish Department, the Committee requests to receive and consider reports and updates from other agencies related to the committee's work, including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

Priority No. 4: Wyoming Arts Alliance

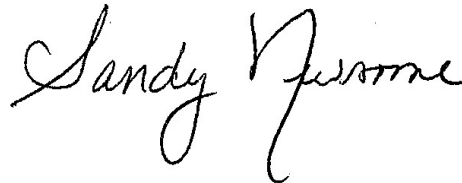
The Committee will study the economic impact of the creative industries in Wyoming.

Discussion: (1 hour at 1 meeting) The Committee will receive updates from the Wyoming Arts Alliance on the most recent qualitative data roundup that has been conducted to provide information on the economic health and prospects of the creative economy, including impacts to cultural organizations and entities in the state.

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



Senator Wendy Schuler, Co-Chairman



Representative Sandy Newsome, Co-Chairman



WYOMING LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE

Memorandum

DATE March 25, 2024

TO Members, Management Council

FROM Senator Baldwin, Co-Chairman
Representative Larsen, Co-Chairman

SUBJECT Mental Health & Vulnerable Adult Task Force - 2024 Interim Topics Request

This memorandum represents the list of proposed topics for the Mental Health & Vulnerable Adult Task Force (Task Force) for the 2024 Interim. Management Council approved the creation of the Task Force in March 2023 to develop improved policies and recommend statutory changes for Wyoming's mental health system and the Task Force was continued through the 2024 Interim through the Legislative Budget Bill. The Task Force intends to study these topics in four, one-day meetings and will present draft legislation to the appropriate standing committee for sponsorship consideration for the 2025 General Session.

2024 INTERIM TOPICS

Topic #1 – Mental Health Services in Wyoming

The Task Force intends to continue identifying the role of state government in providing mental health services to Wyoming citizens as it relates to:

- Adolescents with high behavioral needs. The Task Force will also review challenges regarding obtaining liability insurance for facilities housing adolescents with high behavioral needs and propose statutory changes as needed.
- Diversion of those with mental illness away from the Court System.
- Coordinating mental health services to meet the needs of K-12 students.
- Providing telepsychiatry support to inmates in jails, prisons, and juvenile detention centers.

The Task Force will recommend policy and statutory changes to address any challenges in the delivery of mental health services.

Topic #2 – Vulnerable Adults Programming and Services

The Task Force will discuss vulnerable adults programming and service gaps, including reviewing law enforcement's role in forensic accounting regarding the exploitation of vulnerable adults. The Task Force will consider the impacts of current services and discuss the need for additional funding for the Department of Family Services' (DFS) Adult Protective Services Program.

Topic #3 – Review and Update of DFS Confidentiality Statutes

The Task Force intends to review and revise DFS confidentiality statutes to address challenges DFS currently encounters regarding human services data exchanges between the Department and other state

agencies. The Task Force will consider best practices regarding confidentiality provisions that support data privacy and security, while permitting data sharing to comply with federal and state requirements and improve the Department's ability to evaluate the impact of existing programs on individuals and communities within Wyoming.

Topic #4 – Agency Updates

The Task Force will consider updates pertaining to the Diversion Pilot Program the Judicial Branch implemented in early 2024 and the Treatment Courts transition from the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) to the Judicial Branch, which will be effective July 1, 2024. The Committee will also receive updates from the Wyoming Department of Education regarding efforts to provide mental health services to K-12 students through recent grant funding.

Topic #5 – Behavioral Health Redesign (BHR)

The Task Force aims to continue evaluating the administration of 2021 House Bill 38 (House Enrolled Act 56) - Community behavioral health-priority populations, which required the WDH to redesign its mental health and substance abuse system. The Task Force will consider any necessary statutory changes following the implementation of the BHR on July 1, 2024.

Meeting Schedule: The Task Force plans to hold four, one-day meetings to accomplish this work.

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



Senator Fred Baldwin, Co-Chairman



Representative Lloyd Larsen, Co-Chairman