

## Judiciary

Standard Budget: \$52,000.00

Priority #: 1 Protection Order Issues.

The Committee will study and review issues concerning protection orders.

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.

Priority #: 3 Repealing Gun Free Zones.

The Committee will study and review the issue of gun free zones.

Priority #: 4 Adoption and Foster Care Issues.

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

Priority #: 5 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.

Priority #: 6 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.

Priority #: 7 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.

## Appropriations

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 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 may consider pari-mutuel, skilled gaming, and sports wagering, and may consider providing a uniform regulatory structure for all permitted activities. The Committee will also consider whether to authorize or prohibit interactive gaming, an appropriate regulatory structure, and potential tax revenue. This topic may result in legislation introduced in the 2025 General Session.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 5 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 #: 6 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.

## Revenue

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

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; reviewing property taxes on tangible personal property, including 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; reviewing truth-in-taxation laws enacted in other states and how those could be applied to the property tax system in Wyoming; and reviewing 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; and 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.

## Education

Standard Budget: \$65,000.00

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 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. The Committee will also monitor the implementation of the K-12 school mental health service grants enacted through 2024 Budget Bill (2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 331).

Priority #: 3 Career and Technical Education.

The Committee will study career and technical education (CTE) programs offered by the community colleges and the University of Wyoming, including the certification processes for CTE teachers and the professional industry career permit. The Committee will also review graduation requirements for CTE students and the relationship between high school CTE programs and community college CTE programs. This study will include a review of the available state and federal funding sources and requirements including the impacts on students, CTE student organizations, school districts and postsecondary institutions. This would also include a review of Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) Chapter 36, Career and Technical Education Equipment Grants and alignment with W.S. 21-2-105.

Priority #: 4 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 #: 5 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 WDE, 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 will also study potential incentives for school districts to participate and apply for reimbursement from Medicaid under the School-Based Services Program as authorized under W.S. 21-13-321 and 42-4-103. 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.

## Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources

Standard Budget: \$63,000.00

Priority #: 1 Eminent Domain Restrictions.

The Committee will evaluate existing Wyoming eminent domain laws with respect to wind or solar energy collector lines 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 #: 2 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 #: 3 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 #: 4 Natural Asset Companies.

The Committee will investigate the rise of natural asset companies and their impact on private property rights, state sovereignty and Wyoming's natural resources.

Priority #: 5 Agency Reports and Reviews.

- The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and consider legislation in response to those reports. When receiving reports from the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, the Committee will review the Rangeland Health Assessment Program administered by the Department. 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.

#### Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 2 Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

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

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Arts Alliance.

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

Priority #: 4 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.

## Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions

Standard Budget: \$52,000.00

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 but excluding any discussion of small-scale net metering. The Committee will receive an informational presentation from the Public Service Commission and consider taxation of electricity generation, using 2024 House Bill 200 as a starting point. Finally, the Committee will study electricity taxation with the assistance of legal experts in the field and an Electricity Tax Subcommittee.

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 Housing Policies.

The Committee recognizes that affordable housing is an issue that has become increasingly prevalent in recent years. To that end, the Committee will examine the roles of both the private and public sectors in the provision of housing; explore the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to encourage the construction of more affordable housing; and 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. The Committee will also consider issues related to abandoned and nuisance buildings, as well as rental housing regulations.

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 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 #: 6 Executive Orders and the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

The Committee will investigate executive orders as it relates to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, including whether executive orders should be incorporated into rule so that there is an opportunity

for the public to comment and to seek redress. The Committee will consider the executive order on sage grouse as an example of how there may be inequity in the current system with respect to the application of executive orders.

## Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

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, Wyoming Department of Transportation's authority and control over county roads, 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.

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.

Priority #: 3 Electronic Titling.

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

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.

## Minerals, Business & Economic Development

Standard Budget: \$55,000.00

Priority #: 1 Oil and Gas 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 3 Energy-Related Water Issues.

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

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 5 Electricity Generation.

The Committee will receive information and consider issues with the self-generation of electricity.

Priority #: 6 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.

Priority #: 7 Committee Reports and Agency Updates

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

### Labor, Health & Social Services

Standard Budget: \$52,000.00

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 Healthcare 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 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 #: 4 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 #: 5 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 #: 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 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.

#### Management Council

Standard Budget: \$35,000.00

#### Select Committee on School Facilities

Standard Budget: \$38,000.00

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.

Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Standard Budget:      \$50,000.00

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 4 Previous Legislation.

The Select Committee will receive information pertaining to previously passed legislation to update and improve on existing laws. 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. 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. 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. The Select Committee will consider updates relating to SPDI's 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. 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.

### Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Standard Budget: \$65,000.00

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 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.

Priority #: 4 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.

## Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology and Process

Standard Budget: \$38,000.00

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.

## Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

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.

#### Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

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.

#### Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

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 receive updates from stakeholders and the public on the impact of these projects. The Committee will also receive a report from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust on the allocation of grants by county to consider the distribution and impact of the trust funds across the state.

#### Select Water Committee

Standard Budget: \$73,000.00

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 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 #: 5 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.