



Study Bills in the Wyoming Legislature

Study bills in the Wyoming Legislature have served as mechanisms to authorize select committees, task forces, commissions, and state agencies to investigate policy issues. These bills often include provisions for membership composition, reporting requirements, and appropriations to facilitate the initiatives. Below are examples of select committees, task forces, commissions, and other studies.

1. Select Committees

- Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments¹
 - **Purpose:** Monitor state investment and capital financing policies; review implementation of state capital financing policy by the State Loan and Investment Board and State Building Commission; develop legislative expertise; recommend statutory improvements; and oversee state funds invested for legislatively authorized purposes.
 - **Membership:** 12 legislators - six senators appointed by the Senate President and six representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, apportioned to reflect party composition (no more than five appointees per chamber from the same party). Select Committee elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology²
 - **Purpose:** Develop legislative knowledge on blockchain, financial technology, and digital innovation; sponsor legislation to promote these technologies in Wyoming (except for Title 13 banking statutes, which are referred to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee).
 - **Membership:** Eight legislators - four senators appointed by the Senate President and four representatives appointed by the House Speaker, reflecting party composition with no more than three from the same party per chamber; Co-Chairmen designated by each presiding officer.
 - **Executive Branch Liaisons:** Three gubernatorial appointees serve as non-voting liaisons to advise and assist the Select Committee; serve without salary but may receive per diem and mileage.

2. Task Forces

- **Advanced Conversion Technology Task Force:** The Task Force directed clean coal and conversion technology research, with membership selected from the UW Energy Resources Council. The Legislature appropriated \$41 million, including \$10 million in 2012, to support 52 projects on low-emissions technologies and carbon capture. The Task

¹ W.S. 28-11-201.

² W.S. 28-11-701.

Force reported to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee and concluded its work in 2017.³

- **State Shooting Complex Task Force:** The Task Force was charged with developing a framework for siting, planning, and administering a state shooting complex, with membership including legislators, state officials, and industry representatives. The Legislature appropriated funds from the general fund, tourism, and game and fish accounts to support its work. The Task Force reported to the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee and will conclude its work in 2026.⁴

3. Commissions/Other Studies

- **Acquisition Value Study:** Directed the Wyoming Department of Revenue to hire a consultant to assess changes needed to convert residential property taxes to an acquisition value system, including stakeholder input and review of other states' practices; findings were due to the Joint Revenue Interim Committee by September 1, 2023, to inform potential legislation for the 2024 Budget Session.⁵
- **Eminent Domain Study:** Would have required the Joint Corporations, Elections, and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee to conduct a study on eminent domain, examining Wyoming's practices related to compensation, property restoration, liability, authorized uses, and easement abandonment, and to propose any recommended legislation for the 2026 Budget Session.⁶
- **Energy Impact Study:** Directed the Wyoming Energy Authority to study the economic impact of the state's energy industry, including taxes, employment, payroll, innovations, and other benefits over the past five to ten years; allowed support from state agencies and any higher education institution in the state; final report due to the Joint Appropriations, Joint Revenue, and Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committees by October 1, 2025.⁷
- **Government Efficiency Commission:** Tasked with implementing recommendations from the 2019 Alvarez & Marsal report, including operational updates, staffing assessments, shared services, and seeking federal funding. The Commission was composed of legislators, state officials, and citizens and required to submit interim and final reports to the Legislature on progress, pilot projects, and projected cost savings.⁸

³ Advanced Conversion Technologies Task Force, Annual Report to the Joint Minerals, Business, and Economic Development Interim Committee (Sept. 30, 2017), available at

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/InterimCommittee/2017/09-1026APPENDIXG-2.pdf>.

⁴ S.F. 169, 67th Leg., 2023 Gen. Sess. (Wyo. 2023).

⁵ H.B. 100, 67th Leg., 2023 Gen. Sess. (Wyo. 2023).

⁶ H.B. 314, 68th Leg., 2025 Gen. Sess. (Wyo. 2025).

⁷ S.F. 138, 68th Leg., 2025 Gen. Sess. (Wyo. 2025).

⁸ 2019 Wyoming Government Efficiency Commission available at <https://wyoleg.gov/Committees/2019/SGE>.
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