



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 18, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator French, Co-Chairman  
Representative Winter, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee

The Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee met on March 5, 2025 to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Agency/Department Reports and Reviews**

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and departments, including the Office of State Lands and Investments, the Wyoming Livestock Board, the State Engineer's Office, the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council and statewide Conservation Districts. The Committee will consider legislation in response to agency and department reports. The Committee will review prior legislation, agency reports, stakeholder feedback, and relevant data to address any additional legislative concerns not covered by the following priorities.

#### **Priority #2 – Eminent Domain**

The Committee will study the purpose and utility for permitting an eminent domain action to occur, as well as the legal standing for an eminent domain action to occur on the private property of a Wyoming resident. The Committee will review Wyoming statutes regarding the eminent domain process and study the rights retained by a Wyoming landowner facing an eminent domain action.

#### **Priority #3 – Preventing Orphaned Water Rights**

The Committee will examine the process of establishing irrigation district subdivisions and performing a good-faith effort to resolve any conflicts with irrigation districts. The Committee will hear from irrigation district managers regarding the clear notification of the existence of pending subdivisions and existing protections to prevent water rights from becoming orphaned.

#### **Priority #4 – Subleasing of State Trust Lands for Grazing**

The Committee will review 2023 HB0017, which was sponsored by the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee and enacted into law during the 2023 General Session. The

Committee will study the impacts the legislation has had on grazing lessees and the Office of State Lands and Investments and develop legislation that better reflects the intended effect of subleasing while providing for equitable compensation to state trust land beneficiaries.

**Priority #5 – Game and Fish Landowner Hunting Licenses**

The Committee will conduct a broad overview of the current Landowner License Program, including a review of the percentage of available licenses utilized, qualifications of license recipients, constraints, and impacts on limited quota licenses and access to determine if the current program is meeting the program’s intended goals. The Committee will consider providing greater legislative direction to the Commission for the Wyoming Game & Fish Department.

**Priority #6 – Cloud Seeding**

The Committee will investigate the practice of cloud seeding used in Wyoming and other states to learn what impacts cloud seeding has had on big horn sheep, elk, deer, and other wildlife as well as any medical reports of known effects to humans.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests \$60,000 to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: June 10-11, 2025 (Powell)

Meeting 2: August 26-27, 2025 (Casper)

Meeting 3: October 28-29, 2025 (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 French, Co-chairman



Representative Winter, Co-chairman



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Representative Christopher Knapp, Chairman  
Senator Dan Laursen, Vice Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Management Audit Committee

This memorandum represents the list of proposed interim study topics and their priorities for the Joint Management Audit Committee (Committee) for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics over three meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### 2025 interim topics

#### Priority #1 – Major Administrative Rules (Est. Time Required: 4-5 hours each meeting)

The Committee is required under Section 4 of the recently enacted law, SF0127 or SEA No. 59, to provide a report to the Management Council related to the review and analysis of major administrative rules. The report is due by December 1, 2025, and it must address the enrolled act's "relation to existing statutory provisions concerning the legislative role in the administrative rule review process." The Committee also proposes to receive an update on future approaches to, and resources needed for, program evaluation.

#### Priority #2 – Evaluation of Executive Branch Agency Programs (Est. Time Required: 2-3 hours each meeting)

The Committee proposes to review and evaluate executive branch programs, and to consider possible repeal of statutory authority for agency programs no longer operated or funded.

#### Priority #3 – Investment Fund Group Contracts (Est. Time Required: 1-2 hours each meeting)

The Committee proposes to review contracts between investment fund groups and fund managers and to consider a penalty clause for misleading investment or malfeasance from external (non-employee) or third-party fund managers. The Committee would review sample investment contracts from the State Treasurer and the Wyoming Retirement System.

#### Priority #4 – Update from the Wyoming Business Council (Est. Time Required: 2 hours for one meeting)

The Committee proposes to receive an update from the Wyoming Business Council on small business development programs and efforts throughout the state.

Meeting Schedule and Budget

The Committee requests a budget of \$27,500 to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: April 30, 2025 (Casper)

Meeting 2: July 9, 2025 (Cheyenne)

Meeting 3: October 21, 2025 (Cheyenne)

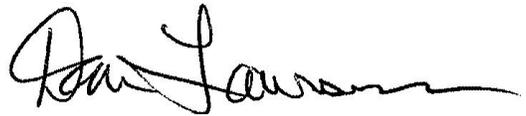
Thank you for your consideration of these important issues. We look forward to discussing these proposed topics with the members of Management Council.

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Representative Christopher Knapp, Chairman

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Senator Dan Laursen, Vice Chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 19, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Case, Co-Chairman  
Representative Knapp, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Corporations Committee

The Corporations Committee met on February 28, 2025, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. The Committee received more than 35 pages of topic requests for our interim work. The Committee then employed a ranking system, and the proposed topic list is a result of that ranking.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Elections**

The Committee will review issues related to elections. Several election topics were proposed for the 2025 interim and many requesters submitted the same topics. The Committee will proceed with the goal of maintaining secure and accessible elections in Wyoming. The Committee will determine specific election topics to be addressed and will take input from the Secretary of State, the county clerks and other elected officials and citizens. Much of the effort under this topic will be educational.

#### **Priority #2 – Electricity**

The Committee will continue its efforts to educate Committee members, policymakers and the public on issues related to electricity and will continue to work to develop electricity policy in Wyoming. The Committee is proposing to partner with the Wyoming Energy Authority and other stakeholders in a working group. This topic will include reviewing factors that are driving up utility costs and impacting reliability. This topic will also include a review of service territories of public utilities.

#### **Priority #3 – Opportunity Zones and Regulatory Sandboxes**

This topic is to consider the benefits of deregulation at both the state and federal level. Specifically, this topic will review the possibility of expanding regulatory sandboxes in Wyoming. Under this topic, the Committee will also receive an update on proposed "Freedom Cities", an effort at the federal level to drive economic growth through deregulation.

**Priority #4 – Workforce Housing**

The Committee will consider the development of state policy to support local governments, nonprofit corporations and the private sector in addressing Wyoming's unmet housing needs. This topic will include the consideration of removal of regulatory barriers, potential financial incentives including property tax credits, tax increment financing, and grant or loan programs as well as a review and possible expansion of programs provided by the Wyoming Community Development Authority.

**Priority #5 – Emergency Services/911**

The Committee will review issues related to emergency services and 911. The funding of emergency services remains a difficult issue in Wyoming. Current funding methods are inadequate to fund the next generation 911 system under the current configuration. Wyoming has a very expensive 911 system based on a lack of integration of regional capabilities. This topic will also include a review of 911 outage reporting.

**Priority #6 – Public Records/Open Meetings**

The Committee will review statutes and requirements related to public records and open meetings. Complaints have arisen in a few areas including the effectiveness of the ombudsman program, the cost imposed by government entities on records requests, and ignorance and disregard of public records and public meetings statutes by public officials. This topic will include a review and comparison of public records and open meeting requirements provided in other states.

**Priority #7 – Elected Official Associations**

This topic will review the ability of elected officials to form taxpayer funded associations and employ representatives to work with the legislature. This topic will include a review of how other states address this issue and potential implications if the current practice is revised or prohibited.

**Priority #8 – Uniform Commercial Code/Uniform Law Commission**

This will be primarily an educational topic related to 2025 Senate File 189 on potential revisions to the Uniform Commercial Code and will include a presentation from the Uniform Law Commission on their work.

**Constitutional Apportionment**

2025 Senate File 174 relates to the Constitutional apportionment of legislators. The bill requires Management Council to assign a committee of the Legislature to study apportionment of the Legislature. This topic did not rank highly in the rankings of the Committee, but it has importance. The Committee

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Chairmen and other members would volunteer to assist in this effort should Management Council wish to hold public hearings in eastern Wyoming and other areas where people are interested in this topic. The purpose of the hearings would be to educate interested parties about the redistricting process and the related constitutional requirements.

**National Council of Insurance Legislators**

The Committee is requesting that Management Council approve up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for a one-year membership in the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). NCOIL is a legislative organization comprised principally of legislators serving on state insurance and financial institutions committees around the nation. NCOIL writes model laws in insurance, works to both preserve the state jurisdiction over insurance as established by the McCarran-Ferguson Act and to serve as an educational forum for public policy makers and interested parties.

**Meeting Schedule**

Interim research time will vary by topic. Some topics are more complicated and some topics are new to the Committee, while others have had considerable work done in the preceding interim. The topics on insurance and the Public Service Commission, outside of the electricity area, will be simple monitoring.

The Committee requests to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 8-9 - Lander

Meeting 2: August 14-15 - Casper

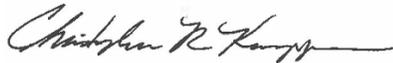
Meeting 3: November 3-4 – Cheyenne

If the Constitutional Apportionment topic is assigned to the Corporations Committee, the Committee may require additional meetings.

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



Senator Case, Co-chairman



Representative Knapp, Co-chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Cale Case, Co-Chairman  
Representative Ivan Posey, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Committee on Tribal Relations

This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Select Committee on Tribal Relations for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics over three meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Education and Juvenile Justice (3 Hours)**

The Select Committee will discuss the State of Wyoming's delivery of K-12 education on the Wind River Reservation. The Select Committee will discuss the challenges Native families face in achieving educational success and analyze student success. Further, the Select Committee will discuss challenges which are facing youths and families on the Wind River Reservation and how to better help juveniles thrive.

#### **Priority #2 – Health (3 Hours)**

The Select Committee will discuss and receive testimony regarding tribally operated health care services under section 638 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEA). The Select Committee will discuss the progress of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone health care services and explore ways in which the State can help.

#### **Priority #3 – Update on Missing and Murdered Persons and Law Enforcement Jurisdiction (4 Hours)**

The Select Committee will receive an update from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, law enforcement, and victim services to discuss how investigations involving missing and murdered persons are progressing. The Select Committee will also discuss how crime is managed on and around the Wind River Reservation and how to better foster collaboration between Tribal and State law enforcement agencies. This will involve discussions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Wyoming Highway Patrol.

**Priority #4 – Telecommunications on the Wind River Reservations (2 Hours)**

The Select Committee will discuss issues surrounding telecommunications on the Wind River Reservation, including the loss of 911 landline services for tribal members. The Select Committee will investigate ways to restore connection for tribal members.

**Priority #5 – Solid Waste and Irrigation Facilities (4 Hours)**

The Select Committee will discuss solid waste issues on the Wind River Reservation, including issues surrounding illegal dumping and coordination with State and Federal agencies to help with solid waste clean-up and enforcement.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Select Committee plans to hold two, two-days meetings and requests the standard budget to accomplish this work.

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

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Senator Cale Case, Co-chairman

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Representative Ivan Posey, Co-chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Barlow, Co-Chairman  
Representative Rodriguez-Williams, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee

The Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee met on March 3, 2025 to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three meetings, prior to the 2025 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Maternal Medical Care in Wyoming and Maternity Care Deserts**

The Committee will review the recommendations of the Governor's Health Task Force regarding maternal medical care and maternity care deserts throughout the State. The Committee will review the Task Force's proposals for possible legislation to be brought during the 2025 Budget Session.

#### **Priority #2 – Rural Emergency Services and Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance**

The Committee will investigate strategies for improving access to emergency services including health care, obstetric and fire-rescue emergency services. The Committee will focus on emergency services available in rural Wyoming. The Committee will discuss how to develop a legislative plan to improve emergency medical services with sufficient funding.

#### **Priority #3 – Restricting Use of AI to Determine Insurance Eligibility (Prior Authorization)**

The Committee will review the extent to which insurance companies use artificial intelligence to approve or deny prior authorizations for medical procedures or care and how the use of artificial intelligence impacts health care access for patients. The Committee will assess legislation passed in other states related to artificial intelligence use by insurance companies and improving the prior authorization process.

#### **Priority #4 – Toxicology and Death Certificates and the Relationship Between Mental Health Disability and Drug/Alcohol Abuse**

The Committee will study the effects of prescription drugs on the mental state of people and investigate the way circumstances surrounding events like murder and suicide are considered when addressing such events. The Committee will explore the use of toxicology reports to provide additional information regarding a murder, suicide or similar event.

**Priority #5 – Traditional Medicine Inclusion in Health Care and Naturopathic Licensure**

The Committee will explore the extent to which traditional medicine is included in the health care system in Wyoming and what legislative strategies could improve access to traditional medicine. The Committee will also review the possibility of creating a naturopathic licensure process.

**Priority #6 – Agency/Department Reports and Reviews**

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and departments. The Committee will consider legislation in response to agency and department 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.

**Creation of Subcommittees or Working Groups**

The Committee may allocate members and time to further study interim topics.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests \$52,000 to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: June 23-24, 2025 (Casper)

Meeting 2: October 16-17, 2025 (Cheyenne)

Meeting 3: To meet as necessary.

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



Senator Barlow, Co-chairman



Representative Rodriguez-Williams, Co-chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Ide, Co-Chairman  
Representative Wharff, Co-Chairmen

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

The Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee (Committee) met on March 18, 2025, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three, one-day meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### 2025 INTERIM TOPICS

#### **Priority #1 – Statutory Responsibilities (Est. Time Required: 6-8 hours each meeting)**

The 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.

The Committee will discuss the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) wildfire management policies including fuels management, mitigation, wildfire risk assessment, fire prevention, and fire suppression. The Committee will receive updates on federal oil and gas leasing, explore avenues for the State to control federal oil and gas lease sales, and discuss increasing the State's share of federal mineral royalties. The Committee will study the federal regulations governing the timber industry and explore solutions for streamlining permitting to increase timber production and sales within Wyoming including increasing the United States Department of Agriculture's Good Neighbor Authority on public lands in Wyoming. The Committee will explore establishing a Roadless Rule, similar to Idaho's, to govern the management of undeveloped roadless areas in Wyoming's National Forests. The Committee will discuss the United States Environmental Protection Agency's regulations affecting the state's natural resources. The Committee will receive updates on the BLM's Rock Springs Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement and the Buffalo Resource Management Plan Amendment.

#### **Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: June 19 (Pinedale)

Meeting 2: August 12 (Buffalo)

Meeting 3: October 10 (Laramie)

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

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Senator Bob Ide, Co-chairman

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Representative Robert Wharff, Co-chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 17, 2025

**TO** Management Council

**FROM** Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman  
Representative Andrew Byron, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** Proposed 2025 Interim Topics for the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources Interim Committee

On February 26, 2025, the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife, and Cultural Resources Committee met to discuss interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim in an order selected by the co-chairmen. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics at three meetings before the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – State Parks Topics (3-5 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will study issues associated with the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, including nonmotorized trails, fees for archives research and certification, and admission fees for the Wyoming State Museum.

#### **Priority #2 – Industrial Siting-Wildlife Mitigation (2-3 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will study the need and feasibility for allowing impact assistance payments for industrial siting projects to be used to mitigate impacts to wildlife. The Committee will review 2025 Senate File 134 as a starting point for this topic.

#### **Priority #3 – Game and Fish Topics (4-5 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will examine various issues related to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, including long-range shooting during hunting and fair-chase issues, nonresident native licenses, landowner tags and licenses, and agency updates from the Game and Fish Department, including updates on mule deer populations and management.

**Priority #4 – Public Lands Access/Corner Crossing (2-5 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will study issues associated with accessing public lands and corner crossing, using 2025 House Bill 99 as a starting point.

**Priority #5 – Gambling and Lottery Issues (2-4 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will receive updates from the Wyoming Lottery and study whether updates are needed to modernize the Wyoming Lottery's operations. The Committee will study state problem gaming funds and the ability to access and use those funds.

**Priority #6 – Agency Reports (2-4 hours per meeting)**

The Committee receives reports from various agencies, including the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, and the Wyoming Office of Tourism. The Committee will also receive updates on the appointment and work of the Commercially Guided Fishing Boats Advisory Board in response to 2025 legislation. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard committee budget to accomplish this work. The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings: (1) April 30-May 1 in Dubois; (2) August 18-19 in Casper; and (3) November 5-6 in 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 Andrew Byron  
Co-Chairman



Senator Bill Landen  
Co-Chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Bill Landen, Chairman  
Representative Abby Angelos, Vice Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Committee on School Facilities

The Select Committee on School Facilities (Select Committee) met on February 28, 2025, to elect its chairman and vice chairman and to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Select Committee intends to study these topics in three one-day meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Statutory Responsibilities**

The Select Committee is charged by W.S. 28-11-301 with the following obligations: (1) monitor the assessment of statewide school facility needs, the prioritization of those needs and remediation of identified needs as undertaken by the School Facilities Commission (Commission) and State Construction Department (Department); (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to school facilities and Commission and Department programs and procedures to maintain statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review and provide recommendations on proposed commission rules. This work will result in a budget recommendation for the 2027-2028 biennial budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2025, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

#### **Priority #2 – Respond to District Court Decision (10 hours)**

The Select Committee will consider the ruling in *Wyoming Education Association v. State of Wyoming*, No. 2022-CV-0200788 (Wyo. 1<sup>st</sup> Jud. Dist. Ct., Feb. 26, 2025) and consider any potential response related to K-12 public school facilities. The Select Committee's review will include consideration of any rule or statutory modifications necessary to align with that decision, or any other decision rendered over the course of the 2025 interim that may relate to K-12 school facilities.

#### **Priority #3 – Charter School Facilities (6 hours)**

The Select Committee will study the facility implications of charter schools, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with new construction, major maintenance, and leasing expenses for existing charter schools, including those authorized by the State. The Select Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of the charter school statutes and propose statutory modifications if necessary.

**Priority #4 – Use of Funds on School Building and Facility Projects (4 hours)**

The Select Committee will receive information regarding school district expenditures from major maintenance and operational funds on school building and facility projects and enhancements and review the ability of a school district to utilize up to 10 percent of the major maintenance funds on enhancements. During the 2025 General Session, Senate File 156 would have restricted the use of funds from school district operational and major maintenance funds for use on school building and facility projects and enhancements.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 30, 2025 (Casper)

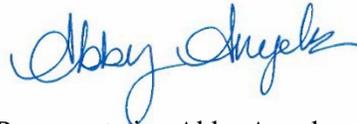
Meeting 2: August 20, 2025 (Casper)

Meeting 3: October 27, 2025 (Casper)

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



Senator Bill Landen, Chairman



Representative Abby Angelos, Vice Chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Wendy Schuler, Co-Chairman  
Representative Ocean Andrew, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Education Interim Committee

The Joint Education Interim Committee (Committee) met on March 5, 2025, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three, two-day meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – School Discipline (8 hours)**

The Committee will study federal law, Wyoming Statutes, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) rules, and local school district policies regarding school discipline, the use of restraints and seclusion, and how to best provide the least restrictive educational environment for students pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The Committee will also study other states' laws and the effect of school discipline on students.

#### **Priority #2 – Hathaway Scholarship (8 hours)**

The Committee will study the Hathaway Scholarship program. This study will include a review of the governing statutes and rules, the various scholarship levels, eligibility criteria, and authorized expenditures. The Committee will examine the potential use of Hathaway Scholarships on apprenticeship programs and other programs that result in a license, permit, certificate, or other non-traditional credential. This study will include exploring the option to expand the use of scholarship funds at Wyoming for-profit accredited colleges and trade schools.

#### **Priority #3 – Charter Schools (8 hours)**

The Committee will comprehensively review Wyoming Statutes and agency rules that govern the operation of charter schools in Wyoming. The Committee intends to receive reports and recommendations from state agencies for any necessary statutory changes. This study will be limited to the general operation and governance of charter schools, including reviewing available resources for the Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board. The Committee acknowledges the Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration will undertake the study of operational funding for charter schools and the Select Committee on School Facilities intends to review the costs associated with charter schools' buildings and facilities.

**Priority #4 – K-3 Literacy (6 hours)**

The Committee will study the reading assessment and intervention program under W.S. 21-3-401 and review evidence-based best practices in assessment and remedying reading difficulties. The Committee may consider potential amendments to the reading assessment and intervention program to align Wyoming with best practices and evidence-based research to improve student achievement.

**Priority #5 – Career and Technical Education in Community Colleges (4 hours)**

The Committee will study community college career and technical education (CTE) programs. This study will explore start-up costs related to new CTE programs, identify how the full-time weighted equivalency enrollment calculation is determined for CTE courses, and receive information on the most common and in-demand programs in Wyoming. The Committee will also receive information and reports related to the Wyoming Works Program under W.S. 21-18-401 through 21-18-409, the Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1901 through 21-16-1907, and the Wyoming Innovation Partnership administered by Governor Gordon's Office.

**Priority #6 – K-12 Teacher Recruitment and Retention (6 hours)**

The Committee will examine K-12 teacher recruitment and retention efforts in Wyoming and successful efforts in other states. This study will include alternative certification and preparation programs, and the WDE's apprenticeship program. The Committee will review W.S. 21-7-601, that governed the Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Program, which sunset on June 30, 2016, and the benefits and costs associated with that program while in operation.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 28-29 (Casper)

Meeting 2: August 21-22 (Casper)

Meeting 3: November 13-14 (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 Wendy Schuler, Co-chairman



Representative Ocean Andrew, Co-chairman



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Select Natural Resource Funding Committee (Committee) for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in a one two-day meeting and a one single-day meeting, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Large Project Funding Legislation (Est. Time Required: 4-6 hours)**

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 – Review of Ongoing Projects (Est. Time Required: 4-6 hours)**

The Committee will tour ongoing large projects funded in previous years to ensure funds are being expended properly and to monitor project progress. The Committee will also receive updates from stakeholders and the public on the impact of these projects.

#### **Priority #3 – Review of the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund (Est. Time Required: 1-2 hours)**

The Committee will receive an update on the Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust fund account created by W.S. 36-4-203(a) and the Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust income account created by W.S. 36-4-203(b).

#### **Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold a one two-day meeting and a one single-day meeting.

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



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# Memorandum

**DATE** March 19, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Troy McKeown, Co-chairman  
Representative Tony Locke, Co-chairman

**SUBJECT** **Joint Revenue Committee - 2025 Interim Topics Request**

This memorandum represents the letter of support from the Joint Revenue Committee for the 2025 interim topics request. The Committee held an organizational meeting on March 3, 2025, and identified the important issues described below. The Committee requests to study these topics in three meetings and introduce related legislation in the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 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 2025 interim.

#### ***Priority #1 Property Tax Issues***

The Committee will continue its work related to property tax issues. This topic will include the following subtopics: 1. Reviewing recent property tax relief bills that were considered by the legislature and considering additional property tax reform options. 2. Reviewing how fair market value is determined including the collection of property purchase data. This subtopic will also include a review of the property tax appeal process. 3. A review of government property tax exemptions. 4. A discussion on the implementation of Amendment A.

#### ***Priority #2 Sales Tax Issues***

The Committee will consider issues related to sales and use taxes. This topic will include the following subtopics: 1. A review of the sales and use tax including how the taxes are distributed and a review of the existing exemptions. This subtopic will include a review of reporting requirements related to exemptions that are provided as economic incentives. 2. A consideration of combining Chapter 15 (sales tax) and Chapter 16 (use tax) into one chapter in the Wyoming Statutes. 3. A review of how sales tax is collected on ATV's and other vehicles.

#### ***Priority #3 Wyoming Tax Structure and Administration.***

The Committee will consider various issues related to Wyoming's tax structure and the administration of taxes in Wyoming. This topic will include: 1. An overview of the current tax and revenue structure in Wyoming. This subtopic will include a consideration of potential alternative revenue sources including a tax on electricity production. 2. A consideration of authorizing electronic notices to be provided by the Department of Revenue.

The Committee has scheduled the following meeting dates and locations:

- June 3-4 – Gillette
- August 20-21 – Casper
- November 18-19 - Cheyenne

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



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 14, 2025

**TO** Management Council

**FROM** Senator Jared Olsen, Co-Chairman  
Representative Art Washut, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** Proposed 2025 Interim Topics for the Joint Judiciary Committee

On March 3, 2025, the Joint Judiciary Committee met to discuss interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim in an order selected by the co-chairmen. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics at three meetings before the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Obscenity Laws (2 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will study Wyoming's obscenity laws and consider whether changes are needed to ensure that access to material harmful to minors is limited and to prohibit online grooming communications to minors.

#### **Priority #2 – Mineral Interest and Ownership (1 hour per meeting)**

The Committee will study the mineral industry's challenges in tracing mineral ownership of severed mineral estates. As part of this review, the Committee will evaluate other states' mineral interest ownership programs to consider whether a similar program will be beneficial in Wyoming.

#### **Priority #3 – Fentanyl and Controlled Substances (2 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will examine issues concerning fentanyl in Wyoming, including trafficking crimes and other fentanyl-related offenses. The Committee will consider whether additional resources and changes to Wyoming's controlled-substances laws are needed to better address fentanyl crimes and trafficking.

**Priority #4 – Retail Theft Issues (3 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will review issues related to theft and organized retail crime and consider whether changes to Wyoming's theft laws are needed to better deter retail theft and repeat offenders.

**Priority #5 – Agency Reports and Court Opinions (2 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will receive updates from various agencies that report to the Committee, including the Judicial Branch, the Department of Family Services, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, the Attorney General, and the Department of Corrections. The Committee will also study recent opinions where courts interpreted Wyoming statutes, noted the absence of legislative action, or called for legislative action. The Committee will consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports and opinions that are reviewed.

**Priority #6 – Wyoming State Hospital (2 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will study issues with delays in conducting competency evaluations for defendants at the Wyoming State Hospital and consider if counties should be reimbursed for housing these defendants until their transfer to the Wyoming State Hospital.

**Priority #7 – Probate Code (3 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will review the Wyoming Probate Code and hear from practicing attorneys in the state as to whether changes and modernizations to the probate code are needed.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard committee budget to accomplish this work. The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings: (1) May 19-20 in Torrington; (2) August 12-13 in Casper; and (3) October 13-14 in 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 Art Washut  
Co-Chairman



Senator Jared Olsen  
Co-Chairman



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 12, 2025

**TO** Management Council

**FROM** Senator Jim Anderson, Co-Chairman  
Representative Scott Heiner, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee

The Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee met on March 4, 2025, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three meetings before the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Nuclear Energy (4-6 hours per meeting)**

The Committee intends to study ways to grow nuclear energy in Wyoming, including reviewing the permitting framework for storing spent nuclear fuel from advanced nuclear reactors manufactured in Wyoming. Additionally, the Committee will review security measures and needs for nuclear generation and storage facilities.

#### **Priority #2 – Enhanced Oil Recovery and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines (3-5 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will explore ways to increase enhanced oil recovery (EOR) production in Wyoming and the need for carbon dioxide pipelines and infrastructure to assist in increasing EOR production. As part of this study, the Committee will explore potential changes to grant and loan programs, bonding authority, tax incentives, and incremental severance tax-funded loan programs that could support the development of infrastructure for fields suited to enhanced oil recovery production.

**Priority #3 – Industrial Power Regulation (2-4 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will explore industrial power regulation to improve industrial power access and examine ways to do so, including considering power-provision requirements, capacity inventory transparency requirements, and direct contracts.

**Priority #4 – Electricity Generation Tax (3-5 hours per meeting)**

During the 2024 interim, the Electricity Tax Subcommittee researched the legal authority of Wyoming to tax electricity produced in Wyoming. The Committee will review this study, examine the tax structure on electricity in Wyoming, and consider whether changes are needed.

**Priority #5 – Wyoming Energy Authority (1-3 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will receive updates from the Wyoming Energy Authority and review the Energy Matching Funds program.

**Priority #6 – Wyoming Business Council (2-3 hours per meeting)**

The Committee will review the operations of the Wyoming Business Council, including a review of the Business Ready Community program and potential revisions to that program, including increasing access for smaller communities and amending the revenue-recapture requirements.

**Priority #7 – Agency Reports (2-3 hours total)**

The Committee receives various reports from agencies, including the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Commercial Air Service, and the Department of Environmental Quality. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the received reports.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard committee budget to accomplish this work. The Committee has tentatively scheduled three meetings: (1) May 21-22 in Casper; (2) July 29-30 in Casper; and (3) September 11-12 in 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 Jim Anderson  
Co-Chairman



Representative Scott Heiner  
Co-Chairman

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## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 20, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Representative John Eklund, Chairman  
Senator Brian Boner, Vice Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Select Water Committee

The Select Water Committee met on March 13, 2025, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Select Committee intends to study these topics over three meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Interstate Agreements in the Colorado River Basin (3 hours).**

The Select Committee will discuss the possibility of establishing a pilot program for a voluntary water conservation program in the Wyoming portion of the Colorado River Basin. This would include discussion on the structure and function of a voluntary water conservation program, identifying and resolving current statutory, regulatory, or other barriers, and authorization of the pilot program to support participation in interstate agreements with surrounding states.

#### **Priority #2 – Aging Irrigation Infrastructure and Municipal Water Sources (3 hours)**

The Select Committee will discuss issues and remedies surrounding aging irrigation infrastructure and municipal water infrastructure. This will include discussion on the lifespan of irrigation structures and systems, issues surrounding upkeep of this infrastructure, and what remedies could be made to ensure the structures and systems do not fall into disrepair in the future.

#### **Priority #3 – Prescriptive Easements for Irrigation Water Conveyance Systems (3 hours)**

The Select Committee will discuss prescriptive easements for irrigation water conveyance systems and discuss the possibility for legal remedies for the improper use or claim of these easements. This would include a discussion on amending current statute to provide legal remedies for affected landowners for the improper use or claim of a prescriptive easement for irrigation water conveyance systems.

#### **Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests \$65,000 to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: May 6-8, 2025 (Cheyenne)

Meeting 2: August 5-7, 2025 (Rock Springs)

Meeting 3: November 4-6, 2025 (Casper)

Meeting 4: 1 Day Meeting in December or January (TBD) (Cheyenne)

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

Signature



Representative John Eklund, Chairman

Signature



Senator Brian Boner, Vice Chairman



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Management Council

**FROM** Senator Chris Rothfuss, Co-Chairman  
Representative Daniel Singh, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** Proposed 2025 Interim Topics for the Select Committee on Blockchain Financial Technology & Digital Innovation Technology

The Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology & Digital Innovation Technology's (Select Committee) legislative responsibilities are defined under W.S. 28-11-701, which requires the Select Committee to develop and introduce legislation related to blockchain, financial technology, and digital innovation in Wyoming. This memorandum outlines the list of proposed priorities for the Select Committee for the 2025 interim as selected by the co-chairmen. If approved, the Select Committee plans to study these topics at three meetings before the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Artificial Intelligence Governance (4-5 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will study artificial intelligence (AI) governance and assess the State's role in developing AI legislation, while encouraging responsible innovation. The Select Committee will focus on topics such as automated decision-making by AI systems and state government's interaction with and utilization of AI.

#### **Priority #2 – Personal Data Privacy and Ownership (2-3 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will examine recent developments in data privacy, review other states' legislative initiatives, and consider potential legislation related to data privacy and digital identity for both private and governmental entities.

#### **Priority #3 – State Engagement with Technology (3-5 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will consider the State's use of technology and may propose legislation regarding regulatory sandboxes, e-residency, sales tax remittance, a centralized notice system, a digital ledger filing system, cryptographic signatures, and commercial registered agents. The Select Committee will also evaluate legislation similar to the Federal Trade Commission's "Click to Cancel" Rule and review right to repair laws.

**Priority #4 – Previous Legislation (2-4 hours per meeting)**

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

- Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs) - The Select Committee will consider updates to the existing DAO supplement and the Wyoming Decentralized Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act.
- Digital Assets - The Select Committee plans to update current digital asset laws and review recent regulatory developments from federal agencies. The Select Committee aims to ensure that Wyoming's digital assets definitions align with federal guidelines.
- Special Purpose Depository Institutions (SPDIs) - The Select Committee will consider updates relating to SPDIs and how Wyoming's regulatory framework interacts with federal law. The Select Committee also intends to discuss legislation that would revise the current assessment and fee structure for SPDIs and allow for the conversion of SPDIs into other entities and vice-versa.
- Wyoming Stable Tokens - The Select Committee will continue evaluating the implementation of the Wyoming Stable Token Act and may propose legislation to advance the stable token program. Potential legislative changes may include allowing the Wyoming Stable Token Commission to issue alternative-backed tokens and modifying state law to comply with the federal Guiding and Establishing National Innovation in U.S. Stablecoins (GENIUS) Act.

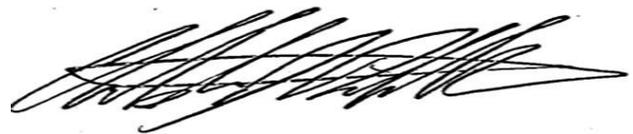
**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Select Committee plans to hold three, two-days meetings and requests the standard budget to accomplish this work.

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



Representative Daniel Singh  
Co-Chairman



Senator Chris Rothfuss  
Co-Chairman

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## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 6, 2025

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Stephan Pappas, Co-Chairman  
Representative Landon Brown, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee

The Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee (Committee) met on February 27, 2025, to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics over three meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### 2025 INTERIM TOPICS

#### **Priority #1 – Transportation and Highways (Est. Time Required: 4-6 hours each meeting)**

The Committee proposes to study transportation and highway related issues that the Wyoming Department of Transportation 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 work zone safety issues, including but not limited to, using cameras, increasing fines in work zones, and implementing other safety measures for Wyoming Department of Transportation employees and contractors when working on highway construction projects. The Committee will receive updates from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, which may include discussing permanent trailer registration and commercial air service. The Committee will also determine if statutory updates are necessary to reflect outdated statutes and references.

#### **Priority #2 – Military Affairs (Est. Time Required: 4-6 hours each meeting)**

The Committee proposes to study issues that the Wyoming Military Department and stakeholders presented to the Committee. The Committee will study the Wyoming National Guard member referral incentive program including consideration of extending the sunset date of the program and expanding program eligibility. The Committee will also explore other solutions to increase the strength of the Wyoming National Guard. The Committee will determine if statutory updates are necessary including discussing the statutory reimbursement for burials of indigent veterans regardless of a veteran's combat status. The Committee will study issues related to veteran services including prohibiting compensation for advising or assisting a person on veterans' benefits matters except as permitted by law and providing limited liability for a person that returns a firearm to the firearm owner at the termination of a firearm hold agreement.

**Priority #3 – Reports from Agencies, State, and Local Entities (Est. Time Required: 1-2 hours each meeting)**

The Committee will receive reports from agencies, including the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Wyoming Highway Patrol, Wyoming Transportation Commission, 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.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard budget to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

Meeting 1: April 30-May 1, 2025 (Sheridan)

Meeting 2: August 18-19, 2025 (Douglas)

Meeting 3: October 20-21, 2025 (Cheyenne)

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

Signature



Senator Stephan Pappas, Co-chairman

Signature



Representative Landon Brown, Co-chairman



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 11, 2025

**TO** Management Council

**FROM** Representative John Bear, Co-Chairman  
Senator Tim Salazar, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2025 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Appropriations Committee

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The Joint Appropriations Committee (Committee) met on March 3, 2025, to discuss proposed interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2025 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three (3) meetings, prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority 1 – Wildfire Response, Prevention, and Management Funding (10 hours)**

The Committee will consider the State's process and funding for fire prevention, forest and grassland health and management activities, and fire suppression. The Committee will receive testimony to develop an understanding of fire prevention and mitigation costs, cost-sharing programs, the State's role and capacity in supporting the needs of local fire districts, and the State's relationship with local and federal partners. Additionally, the Committee will explore models and approaches used by other states. The Committee will review 2025 Senate File 0152 and consider legislative changes in three categories: operations model, funding, and the development of appropriate resources for state fire response. This topic may result in the Committee sponsoring legislation for the 2026 Budget Session.

#### **Priority 2 – Local Government Income Streams (10 hours)**

The Committee will review local government income streams, including sales and use taxes, direct distribution model funding, ad valorem taxes, and federal mineral royalties. It will also evaluate the sustainability of alternatives to current income and of foregone revenue from excise and ad valorem tax streams. This topic may result in the Committee sponsoring legislation in the 2026 Budget Session to implement long-term, sustainable funding for local governments.

#### **Priority 3 – Major Maternity Care Pressures (4 hours)**

The Committee will consider barriers that may be contributing to the shortage of maternity care in Wyoming, including provider availability and insurability. The Committee will explore options

for the State to support, incentivize, or otherwise encourage the expansion of OB/GYN services in Wyoming. This topic may result in the Committee sponsoring legislation for the 2026 Budget Session.

**Priority 4 – Developmentally Disabled Waivers (8 hours)**

The Committee will examine the rate structure, intensive care services, and costs associated with the provision of services to adults and children with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries through the comprehensive and supports waivers. This topic may result in the Committee sponsoring legislation for the 2026 Budget Session.

**Priority 5 – Wyoming Department of Transportation (12 hours)**

The Committee will review the Wyoming Department of Transportation’s (WyDOT) revenue streams, funding needs, and resources. This review will include highway improvement, maintenance and project prioritization, vertical capital construction and major maintenance needs, and aeronautic delivery programs, including commercial air service and the challenges facing regional air service. The Committee will assess available funding streams and evaluate adequate levels of state support to identify sustainable long-term funding streams. This topic may result in the Committee sponsoring legislation for the 2026 Budget Session.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests \$60,000 to accomplish this work and hold the following meetings:

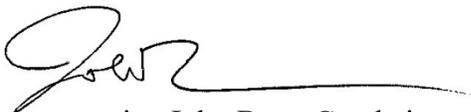
Meeting 1: June 23 – 24 (Gillette)

Meeting 2: August 18 – 19 (Dubois)

Meeting 3: October 30 – 31 (Cheyenne)

In addition, agency budget hearings are tentatively scheduled for December 1 through 12, 2025, and January 5 through 16, 2026 in 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 John Bear, Co-chairman



Senator Tim Salazar, Co-chairman



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 21, 2025

**TO** Management Council

**FROM** Senator Tara Nethercott, Chairman  
Representative John Bear, Vice Chairman

**SUBJECT** Proposed 2025 Interim Topics for the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments

On March 17, 2025, the Select Committee on Capital Financing and Investments met remotely to select leadership and to discuss interim topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Select Committee for the 2025 interim in an order selected by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. If approved, the Select Committee intends to study these topics at three meetings before the 2026 Budget Session.

### **2025 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Investment Structure and Earnings (2-3 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will continue reviewing the structure of the investment of Wyoming's permanent funds to reduce complexities and improve investment returns. As part of this topic, the Select Committee will monitor progress toward a potential amendment to the Act of Admission (in light of 2025 House Joint Resolution 1) and consider whether further statutory and constitutional changes are necessary to move toward a total return investment model (based on expending earnings and not just income or interest). The Select Committee will also monitor the implementation of 2025 Senate File 70, which adopted a modified total-return investment and expenditure model for the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust and the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund.

#### **Priority #2 – Intergenerational Investment Fund (2-4 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will explore the need for and potential structure of an intergenerational fund to maximize investment earnings, including a review of 2025 House Bill 95, 2025 House Bill 107, and 2025 Senate File 197.

**Priority #3 – Gaming Revenues & Investments (2 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will review revenues that the state collects from gaming and pari-mutuel activities in the state and consider whether those revenues (or a portion of them) should be deposited in investment funds or accounts to generate additional earnings.

**Priority #4 – Sales and Use Tax Distributions (3-5 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will study how sales and use taxes are distributed and consider ways to provide for the stable and consistent direct distribution of funds to local governments.

**Priority #5 – Statutory Updates and Duties (1-2 hours per meeting)**

The Select Committee will receive updates and reports related to capital financing and investments, including reports required by law. In line with its statutory duties, the Select Committee will monitor state investment activities and spending policies, including submitting a required report on any recommended changes to annual spending policies. The Select Committee will receive reports from relevant agencies and may consider legislation in response to those reports.

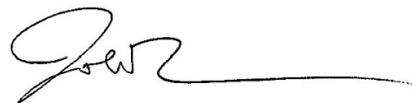
**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Select Committee requests the standard committee budget to accomplish this work. The Select Committee is still finalizing meeting locations but plans to hold three meetings this interim to complete its work. Tentative meeting dates are: (1) June 12-13; (2) September 9-10; and (3) November 20-21.

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



Senator Tara Nethercott  
Chairman



Representative John Bear  
Vice Chairman