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2026 Interim Planning – Proposed Interim Topics

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Proposed Interim Topic: Landlord rights concerning evictions

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

Unknown

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I went through an eviction process to evict 2 adults and children from one of my rental units last fall. I paid all fees and serving fees for both adults. I get them evicted to learn that I need to go through the process again to get unpaid rent. More fees and serving fees. You win this process also and find that you do not have an avenue to collect the unpaid rent unless you now hire an attorney to collect the rent. Those fees are more than the unpaid rent. No collection companies.

Expected goal or result:

Unfortunately, all landlords run into this problem. The tenants know and use the system to keep from getting evicted and paying rent. The landlord is responsible for all expenses involved this process. The tenant pays nothing. They just enjoy the extra time that they can live in your property free of charge. Wyoming doesn't have Collection Companies for us to use to collect the judgements. Or any other avenue to get it paid without again paying out more than you could receive.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Unknown. Need to review the current laws and considering adding protection for the landlord. There needs to be a penalty for the tenants that do not pay their rent and vandalize the property that they are renting. The laws need more teeth in them. Habitual abuse toward landlords needs to be stopped. We cannot keep improving the appearance of our property if our funds are spent on repairs and shorted from lost rent. A more beautiful Wyoming is every landlord's goal.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Eviction laws that currently exist and the number of convictions that landlords have to do across the state every year.

Campbell, Elissa

Proposed Interim Topic: Foster Care System

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Current standard to satisfy DFS' burden in reuniting families is "reasonable efforts"; impact of current law is that a child's wishes effectively "don't matter" in the foster care process. Additionally, current statute allows for (but does not require) termination of parental rights after a child has been in foster care for the last 15 of 22 months. If a parent is released at 14 months, it resets. As reunification MUST be attempted, the child is potentially exposed to additional harm and damage.

Expected goal or result:

It would be impossible to reunify a family and guarantee they will never again harm their child or put them in a situation where foster care is needed; however, current standards for reunification (especially given that "best interest of the child" is not considered) parents must only meet minimum standards of stability and safety before reunification. Requesting committee investigate best practices to reduce the chances of children being re-traumatized or re-injured. See Montana's 40-4-212.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4-6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Blue Envelope Program

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Blue Envelope Program is a localized communication support tool used during law enforcement interactions—most commonly traffic stops—to help individuals (primarily those with Autism Spectrum Disorder) who may have communication, sensory, or cognitive challenges.

Expected goal or result:

The State of Wyoming should consider legislation to create the “Blue Envelope Program,” so drivers with communication disorders and LEOs have increased security and lower risk of adverse outcomes from traffic stops or motor vehicle accidents. The State of Wyoming should consider partnership between the

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DMV and the National Public Safety Alliance for Individuals with Disabilities to offset costs and implementation of the program. Expense to the state should be minimal.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Sentence Reduction/Clean Slate

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I am proposing the state of Wyoming allow a reduction of sentencing for nonviolent felonies after 3 years from honorable completion of probation and as long as the petitioner did not serve time in the state prison. If prison time was served I would propose 5 to 6 years after sentence is completed.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this topic would be to be able to fill empty public service positions within the great state of Wyoming and surrounding states. This ensures that anyone applying for those positions has the ability to pass a background check and pursue said careers. Along with military service opportunities and federal opportunities. It can also lower the recidivism rate by allowing people to pursue higher careers and finding purpose in public service.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I wouldn't foresee the committee having to spend a vast amount of time on this topic seeing as other states like Indiana, California, Oklahoma and Utah have adopted such legislation and Wyoming could possibly do the same.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

I would consider looking up Indiana laws on clean slate and other states that have adopted such legislation.

Connolly, Marilyn

Proposed Interim Topic: Study W.S. 6-2-106 Homicide by vehicle- Discretionary Felony Charging for Repeat Dangerous Driving and Aggravating Factors

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

No bills

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The interim topic would evaluate if the homicide-by-vehicle statute provides adequate prosecutorial discretion when fatal crashes involve drivers with documented patterns of dangerous driving or other aggravating factors, including vulnerable road users in marked crosswalks. The committee would look at targeted options allowing consideration of prior DUI, high-risk driver status, or repeated serious violations while preserving judicial flexibility.

Expected goal or result:

The goal would be to bring this issue to light and draft legislation that restores prosecutorial discretion, improves roadway safety, and elevates attention to these types of fatal incidents.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I estimate 4 to 6 hours for public comment, peer review, and bill draft discussions.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

NHTSA FARS pedestrian fatality data, GHSA pedestrian safety reports, WYDOT Highway Safety annual reports, LSO Research Memo 22RM018 (statutes in other states) and W.S. 6-2-106, Colorado/Nevada statutes regarding vehicular homicide.

Proposed Interim Topic: Study of W.S. § 6-2-106 (Homicide by Vehicle) – Discretionary Felony Charging for Repeat Dangerous Driving and Aggravating Factors

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

No current bill; topic relates to potential amendments to W.S. § 6-2-106 (Homicide by Vehicle).

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

To evaluate whether Wyoming's homicide-by-vehicle statute provides adequate prosecutorial discretion when fatal crashes involve drivers with documented patterns of dangerous driving or other aggravating factors, including vulnerable road users in marked crosswalks. The study would explore targeted statutory options allowing consideration of prior DUI, high-risk driver status, or repeated serious violations while preserving judicial flexibility.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to determine whether Wyoming's homicide-by-vehicle statute should allow discretionary felony charges when aggravating factors are present, such as prior DUI, high-risk driver status, repeat dangerous driving, or fatal incidents of vulnerable road users in pedestrian areas like marked crosswalks. A successful outcome would be draft legislation that restores prosecutorial discretion, improves roadway safety, and ensures Wyoming law better reflects the seriousness of fatal incidents.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

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I estimate approximately 4–6 hours of committee time during the 2026 interim, which could be addressed within one to two work sessions, allowing for stakeholder input, peer-state review, and discussion of potential statutory options.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

NHTSA FARS pedestrian fatality data; GHSA pedestrian safety reports; WYDOT Highway Safety Office annual reports, crash data, and pedestrian injury statistics; Wyoming LSO Research Memo 22RM018 (vehicular homicide statutes in other states); W.S. §6-2-106; peer-state statutes (e.g., Colorado, Nevada); and recent Wyoming and national news articles illustrating real-world outcomes under current law.

Cooper, Ed

Proposed Interim Topic: Campaign Finance Reform

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SJ2 Upholding the principles of federalism

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Fifty years of court rulings have usurped state authority to set campaign finance regulations. States have made numerous attempts to regulate the flood of out-of-state and dark money in state elections. The courts have said no. This interim topic on campaign finance would include a review of campaign finance rulings and a study describing what Wyoming can legally do to address out-of-state and dark money in state and local elections.

Expected goal or result:

Full review of court cases and allowable state actions around campaign finance. Example: Maine law to prevent foreign corporations from spending in state ballot elections ruled unconstitutional in *CMP v. Maine Commission* (1st Cir. 2025). Discussion of federalism and how to retain state sovereignty over campaign finance legislation. Proposal for campaign finance reform legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Presentation of results of survey of court rulings around campaign finance + review of campaign finance statutes in Wyoming -- what Wyoming can do and what Wyoming already tries to do: 1.5h Proposed legislation: .5h Discussion of proposed legislation + expert testimony: 1.5h

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review of applicable campaign finance rulings from SCOTUS and federal courts Review of Wyoming campaign finance statutes

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Proposed Interim Topic: Vehicular Homicide Chargeable as Felony

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Currently, Wyoming is one of four States that does not permit charging Vehicular Homicide as a Felony, unless the driver is intoxicated or driving recklessly. Additionally, the driver's prior criminal record cannot be considered when prosecuting or sentencing unless those same elements are present. We are surveying the County Attorneys to understand their position on this matter.

Expected goal or result:

Changes are made so that charging as a felony is available as an option, and a person's prior record can be considered in each case, regardless of other factors--all at the discretion of the prosecuting attorney.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Approximately 3-5 hours.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

(1) a human death deserves to be treated as a serious crime, not a traffic infraction, which is a matter of moral coherence in the law; (2) felony conviction unlocks victim restitution mechanisms; (3) license revocation and incapacitation have direct safety benefits; and (4) repeat dangerous offenders are categorically different from first-time accident victims and should face escalating consequences.

Proposed Interim Topic: Amendment to Statutes defining peace officers

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Amendment to statutes defining peace officers, relating to Wyoming Livestock Board Investigators. This discussion would allow the Investigators to act on felonies in their presence when performing their usual duties. This is not allowed under their current statutes.

Expected goal or result:

Amendment of the statutes necessary in the manner addressed above.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hours total.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WS 7-2-101(a)(E)(i) through (iii), WS7-2-106(a)(i) through (iii), WS 6-1-104(F)(I) through(III),

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Lien, Jayme

Proposed Interim Topic: Review and reform Nondisclosure, Public private partnerships, Executive sessions

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review and reform (through amendments) how interactions of two or more of the following leave citizens completely in the dark on local government economic development projects and actions: Nondisclosure of Public Records [NDAs] (16-4-203, especially [d]). Confidential provisions also occur at times with Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) and Letters of Intent (LOI) Public private partnerships (37-5-504 (xi); 17-16-101 et al; Joint Powers Act 16-1-101 et al) There is likely more.

Expected goal or result:

Representation of citizens should be set as a higher priority than representation of private business(s) by government officials. Amend/reform the above mentioned statutes with public transparency provisions where possible, including but not limited to: Public notice requirement that, at a minimum, informs citizens that nondisclosure documents have been signed, when and by what entities. Mandatory ending date on when content of nondisclosure agreements will be publicly accessible.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

As an interim topic up to 8 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming State Constitution Article 1, Section 1 Wyoming State Constitution Article 1, Section 7 Above mentioned statutes.

Pearson, Laura

Proposed Interim Topic: Shared Parenting

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Find a path to shared parenting in a divorce or separation.

Expected goal or result:

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Support families, and codify law to help this outcome.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Storer, Liz

Proposed Interim Topic: DUI penalties-refusal of a chemical test

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 192

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

HB 192 addressed the issue that more drivers are refusing a chemical test after being arrested and a warrant is obtained, resulting in the likelihood that their DUI charge will not hold up in court. In some counties, a driver is held down against his or her will; in Teton County, the driver is charged with interference of an officer performing his duties which may mean that the initial DUI charge, without a chemical test, does not hold up in court. Neither of these scenarios is optimal.

Expected goal or result:

HB 192 would have made refusing a test have the same consequences of an initial DUI, require treatment, ensure a minimum 30 days of license suspension and make any subsequent DUIs carry the penalty our law intends. This will help to ensure that an initial DUI is truly a wakeup call for the driver arrested, and make it clear that Wyoming takes drunk driving seriously.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 days minimum. In researching this topic prior to the 2026 session, we found a considerable consensus among attorneys, LSO personnel and law enforcement that the DUI statutes could use significant revisions; this would represent a good first step toward providing greater clarity in these statutes.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

County attorneys, law enforcement officials

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Proposed Interim Topic: Review of Statutes relating to political parties

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming statutes have extensive say over the operations of political parties that are private organizations. Should these statutes be a public charge?

Expected goal or result:

Removing government's involvement in the operations of private political organizations need to be explored

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review of other state constitutions and statutes as to how they address this issue. Review of Wyoming cases brought forward related to the operations of political organizations and the results. How this affects the rights of Wyomingites to decide how to participate in private political organizations.

Proposed Interim Topic: Public access to court records and technology funding.

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0093

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Remote public access allows the public to view court case information online without visiting a courthouse. While it can improve transparency and convenience, it raises privacy, confidentiality, and data security concerns. Implementation requires significant technology investment and ongoing cybersecurity support. Any expansion must be evaluated within the Judicial Branch's overall technology strategy to ensure responsible allocation of limited financial and personnel resources.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to build a shared understanding of the steps required to move toward a remote public access system and the costs associated with that transition.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Three to four hours over the interim.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Committee may want to review the Wyoming Judicial Branch Judicial Systems Automation Report and information on the status and extent of remote public access in state courts nationwide.

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Proposed Interim Topic: Title 6 Penalty Review

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The committee would work through the criminal statutes with the goal of verifying that the penalties contained in each statute make sense when compared with the penalties set forth in other statutes.

Expected goal or result:

Correct one or more statutes where the penalties do not reflect the seriousness of the crime. Or perhaps, consider a model where offenses are classified as Class A, B or C felonies with commensurate penalties as they are in some states.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This will be a time consuming endeavor. Probably 10 hours or more spread over the interim.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Samples of models used in other states for establishing penalties in a consistent fashion.

Proposed Interim Topic: Child Abuse Criminal Statute Reform

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

This was inspired by the successful passage of 2026 HB008 and HB009

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming Criminal Statutes are vague and outdated: Child abuse has remained a major public health challenge in Wyoming, and difficult to generate support for change due to concerns of government overreach and violating parental rights. Because of this Wyoming's main child abuse statute, W.S. § 6-2-503, has remained mostly unchanged for several decades. This statute contains only two tiers – felony child abuse and felony aggravated child abuse – leaving a range of offenses not addressed in law.

Expected goal or result:

Wyoming Joint Judiciary Committee should consider possible reforms to Wyoming's child abuse statutes in Title 6 and definitions in Title 14 to ensure they can capture more offenses that occur with children and are congruent with current standards and research in child welfare. Specifically, Physical Abuse Classification System, Neglect Classification System, Aggravating factors, and updating outdated definitions in Title 14.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

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This interim topic could result in multiple bills. Therefore, it is unknown how much time it could take. That is up to the chairman's discretion and priorities. This could result in one bill, or several.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Wyoming Behavioral Health Alliance has prepared an Executive Summary from the Committee. It would also be advantageous for the committee to review legislation and in neighboring states, research on adverse childhood experiences and their negative economic impacts on states, statistics with the Wyoming DFS and DOH, WASCOP, District Attorneys, Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (H.R.485), resources available with National Council of state governments or state legislatures.

Proposed Interim Topic: Review of Wyoming Mandatory Reporting Laws

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I propose an interim study to review and modernize Wyoming's mandatory reporting laws related to child abuse and neglect. The study would examine reporting thresholds, training requirements, enforcement and accountability for failure to report, protections for good-faith reporters, and alignment with multidisciplinary best practices to ensure children are protected and abuse is not allowed to continue due to inaction.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the committee's consideration should be to ensure Wyoming's mandatory reporting laws are clear, consistently applied, and effectively enforced so that children are protected as early as possible. Ultimately, the outcome should be a modernized, data-informed statute that reduces underreporting, prevents continued abuse due to inaction, and strengthens Wyoming's overall child protection system.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I estimate the committee would need 2–3 interim meetings (approximately 6–8 total hours) devoted to this topic. Overview of current statute, data presentation, and stakeholder testimony, Best practices, enforcement review, and cross-state comparison, Draft recommendations and potential legislative changes. Because this issue intersects with education, law enforcement, DFS, prosecution, and Child Advocacy Centers, sufficient time for stakeholder input will be essential.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Current Wyoming Mandatory Reporting Statute Wyoming Statutes § 14-3-201 through § 14-3-215, Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS) Data, Law Enforcement & Prosecutorial Data, Child Advocacy Centers Best Practice Standards and Data. Universal Mandatory Reporting Policies and the Odds of Identifying Child Physical Abuse Report <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5388942/>

Proposed Interim Topic: Pay for judges/prosecutors/defenders

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Matt Obrecht has been working on a bill draft for me, (26LSO466) setting up a structure for timely increases in the state share of County Prosecutors, etc. based upon federal judge pay schedules. This would update statute that now contains specific dollar amounts and is many years behind. This draft I have forwarded to Chairman Washut.

Expected goal or result:

Bring compensation for judges up to a more commensurate level, and maintain increases in parallel with federal judges.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Draft and federal judicial info forwarded to Chairman Washut, and other information as appropriate.

Proposed Interim Topic: Air space ownership

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Ownership of air space above private property.

Expected goal or result:

Define what rights a landowner has to restrict entry into the air space above private property. What level of air space can be controlled by a surface owner? What level of air space can be controlled by the federal government? Is legislation needed to define what control of air space a surface owner has in Wyoming?

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Federal rules, other state laws

Proposed Interim Topic: Adding Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs) for Child Abuse Cases to Wyoming Statute

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I request an interim study to add Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams (MDITs) for child abuse investigations to Wyoming statute. While Wyoming recognizes MDTs in CHINS cases and requires counties be served by DV/SA centers, there is no statutory requirement for child abuse criminal MDITs. Codifying MDITs would ensure coordinated, trauma-informed, and consistent investigative response statewide.

Expected goal or result:

The goal would be to develop legislation that formally establishes child abuse Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams in statute, ensuring every child in Wyoming receives a coordinated, trauma-informed, and legally sound investigative response—regardless of county.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Approximately 2–3 interim meetings (6–8 hours total) to: Review current statutory framework, Hear stakeholder testimony, Compare best practices from other states & Develop potential draft legislation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The committee should review current Wyoming statutes on MDTs, CHINS, and mandatory reporting; DFS investigation data; law enforcement and prosecutor practices; Child Advocacy Center data on forensic interviews and delays; and national best practice standards, including National Children’s Alliance guidance and model MDIT statutes from other states to assess gaps and statewide consistency.

Webb, Joe

Proposed Interim Topic: Judicial deference - agencies

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Yes

Related Bills:

HB0066

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

In 2024, the United States Supreme Court struck down judicial deference to administrative agencies at the federal level in the Loper Bright case. But such deference lingers, or at least remains unclear, at the state level in Wyoming. The legislature should clarify that Wyoming courts are to make their own independent legal determinations without deference to agency interpretations of statutes, rules, regulations, or final decisions.

Expected goal or result:

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Sponsor a committee bill in the next general session eliminating judicial deference to administrative agencies.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Minimal. The committee could run with HB0066.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

<https://www.goldwaterinstitute.org/policy-report/administrative-state-blueprint/>

<https://www.goldwaterinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Ending-Deference-to-the-Administrative-State-in-State-Legislatures-7-27-21.pdf>

Proposed Interim Topic: Amendments to W.S. 7-13-402

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Yes

Related Bills:

HB0170

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Amendments to W.S. 7-13-402, to determine inmates to be parole ineligible who have made an assault with a deadly weapon upon any officer, employee or inmate of any institution; or escaped, attempted to escape or assisted others to escape from any institution and this ineligibility may be determined either through a conviction or a final determination by the Wyoming Department of Corrections via the administrative hearing process.

Expected goal or result:

Amending the statute is to ensure all inmates found guilty of the behavior outlined in W.S. 7-13-402 through the disciplinary process are deemed ineligible for parole. This determination is intended to enhance public safety by restricting those who commit the offenses outlined in the statute, from being eligible for parole. The proposed amendment eliminates the issue of determining ineligibility based on the Board's discretion, thereby allowing for a more consistent and accurate process.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

From the Agency's perspective this is not a significant impact and would not result in significant changes for the department. Therefore, the WDOC does not anticipate this topic being a time consuming piece of legislation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The WDOC is prepared to provide data and information related to the number of inmates who have escaped from an ACC in previous calendar years, and inmates who have been found guilty of escape conviction versus those who have not. Additionally, the WDOC is prepared to provide data on the number of inmates who have been found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon via the disciplinary hearing process at WDOC.

Wharff, Robert

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Proposed Interim Topic: Reviewing fixed monetary amounts and possible changes to the structure for how the amounts are applied. in the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 62 Christian Smith Safety Act

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The fixed monetary amounts in the governmental claims act have not been updated in decades. As the years pass and inflation occurs, and catastrophic injuries are not covered when a governmental entity hurts a citizen, the legislature should consider changes that would protect our citizens including increasing the cap and perhaps considering a different structure of applying the caps..

Expected goal or result:

Amendments to the governmental claims act which will protect Wyoming citizens when injured by the government.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Two-Three hours each meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Materials provided by LSO for consideration of HB 62 and review of claims for the last five years.

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Bear, John

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Economic Development Structure Review

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This proposed interim topic would allow for a continued examination of the future structure, mission, and governance of the Wyoming Business Council, along with the broader role of the State of Wyoming in economic development. The study would provide an opportunity to review how state level efforts align with and support local and regional economic development organizations, including considerations related to funding mechanisms, accountability, statutory authority, and program performance.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the committee's consideration should be to clarify and strengthen Wyoming's economic development framework by ensuring appropriate alignment between state and local efforts, establishing clear roles and responsibilities, improving transparency and accountability, and identifying potential statutory or structural reforms. The desired outcome is a cohesive statewide economic development strategy that maximizes return on public investment and supports sustainable economic growth.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that the committee would require a deep dive during the 2026 interim, including time for stakeholder testimony, agency presentations, and committee deliberation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Current statutes governing the Wyoming Business Council; Recent performance audits and annual reports; Comparative analyses of economic development governance structures in peer states; Historical appropriations and program funding data; Input from local and regional economic development organizations; Previous legislative studies or task force findings related to economic development structure.

Proposed Interim Topic: Statutory Clean-Up

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Committee will undertake a statutory clean-up addressing the distribution of revenues for gaming and liquor.

Expected goal or result:

This topic may result in legislation sponsored for the 2027 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Business Council

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 HB0150

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Committee will evaluate all programs, duties, and functions of the Wyoming Business Council (WBC); review economic development approaches used in other states and analyze reports submitted by the WBC; and consider developing a strategic direction for the WBC and determining which of its activities should be retained, modified, or eliminated. The Committee will also assess the benefits, distribution method, and long-term funding source for incorporating a countywide consensus funding program.

Expected goal or result:

This topic may result in legislation sponsored for the 2027 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours per meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Clouston, Ken

Proposed Interim Topic: Stan Hathaway Memorial

Contact Person:

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3076801027

Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Statue or memorial for Stanley Hathaway

Expected goal or result:

A formal memorial recognition honoring the former Governor, alongside acknowledgment of the lasting impact of the Hathaway Scholarship, would be a fitting tribute to both. Such recognition would not only commemorate his service but also reaffirm Wyoming’s commitment to educational opportunity, prudent stewardship, and investment in the next generation. Recognizing this legacy would ensure that future students and citizens understand the foresight & leadership that made the Hathaway Scholarship

Estimated Committee time for topic:

30 minutes

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Options of the memorial, possible costs associated with each, placement in Laramie or Cheyenne

Neiman, Chip

Proposed Interim Topic: Countywide Consensus Funding

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Reestablishment and long-term stabilization of funding for the Countywide Consensus (CWC) program, a proven capital construction grant model that operated from the 2007-08 biennium through the 2015-16 biennium. The program has not been funded since the 2015/2016 biennium and has never been codified in statute. As a result, despite its demonstrated effectiveness, its continuation has depended entirely on discretionary biennial appropriations.

Expected goal or result:

This interim topic would allow the committee to examine the historical structure, allocation formulas, administrative framework, economic impact, and local governance model of CWC. The focus would be on determining how to reinstate the program in a sustainable, predictable manner that provides long-term capital planning certainty for Wyoming’s counties, municipalities, and special districts.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour each interim committee meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Salazar, Tim

Proposed Interim Topic: State Commission for Blind and Deaf

Contact Person:

Sen. Tim Salazar
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307-220-1213

Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Sen. Salazar would like to explore the concept of a state commission for the blind and deaf.

Expected goal or result:

For the committee to discuss and explore the possibility of sponsoring legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Sherwood, Trey

Proposed Interim Topic: Review of retirement pension accounts and COLA policies

Contact Person:

Representative Trey Sherwood
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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I'd like an update from our retirement agency on the status of each retirement account and options to provide COLAs.

Expected goal or result:

Policy adjustments to provide retirees a cost of living adjustment.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 to 4 hours over 2 meetings.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Public Employee Retirement

Contact Person:

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Ronald Sniffin
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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0001 amendments H3099, HB0001 H3103 HB0001H3104, HB0001H3105 HB0165

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

(Additional Sponsors: Representatives Harshman and LBrown Senators Gierau and Pappas.) Review options to provide responsible financial adjustments for Wyoming public employee retirees through the Wyoming Retirement System. Examine ad hoc payments, investment-performance-based dividends, and funded-ratio triggers. Consider actuarial impact, statutory constraints, historical COLAs, and long-term system sustainability.

Expected goal or result:

The goal should be to develop a fiscally responsible statutory framework that: • Provides a mechanism for periodic retiree benefit adjustments when the system’s financial health supports it. • Protects the long-term actuarial soundness of WRS. • Avoids reliance on General Fund dollars. • Establishes clear guardrails tied to funded ratio and investment performance. • Restores predictability and confidence for retirees after nearly two decades without benefit adjustments. 2027 Draft Legislation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Estimated two to three meetings (or portions thereof), including: • One meeting for background briefing (actuarial overview, funded status, historical COLAs, investment performance). • One meeting for policy option presentations and stakeholder input. • Optional additional time for drafting and refinement of potential legislation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

• Wyoming Retirement System actuarial valuation reports (most recent available). • Historical COLA statutes and legislative history (pre-2008 adjustments). • Investment performance reports, including recent returns compared to the 6.8% assumed rate of return. • Funded ratio data by plan. • Comparative analysis of how peer states structure retiree adjustment mechanisms. • Fiscal impact modeling scenarios prepared by WRS actuaries for various adjustment structures.

Proposed Interim Topic: Public Employee Retirement

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0001 amendments H3099, HB0001 H3103 HB0001H3104, HB0001H3105 HB0165

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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2027 Draft Legislation

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Brown, Gary

Proposed Interim Topic: Wind turbines and related infrastructure property tax change from agricultural to industrial.

Contact Person:

Rep. Gary Brown
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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

To change property being used for industrial purposes from agriculture property tax to industrial property tax.

Expected goal or result:

To develop a formula for the purpose of taxing property with industrial wind turbines and related infrastructure as industrial property.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Case, Cale

Proposed Interim Topic: Electricity Taxation

Contact Person:

Cale Case
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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025 HB 300 Electricity Generation Tax

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

During the 2024 interim, the Electricity Tax Subcommittee researched the legal ability of the State of Wyoming to tax electricity produced in Wyoming. Additionally, the Subcommittee's legal analysis considered whether credits could be provided to electricity producers for other taxes that are paid in Wyoming and the feasibility of removing the sales tax on electricity sales in Wyoming.

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Expected goal or result:

Follow-up and implementation of work of the 2024 interim and implement an tax on electricity produced in Wyoming.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1/2 day to review findings of the legal analysis and consider alternative taxation structures.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Economic analysis developed by LSO. Summary of legal analysis provided to Subcommittee 2025 HB 300

Proposed Interim Topic: Problematic Gaming and Program Funding

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0171 - Funds for problem gaming treatment-amendments;

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Problematic Gaming has become an issue for many across the state and their legislators. Concurrently, funding for public health, preventative services, 988 and behavioral health continues to be an ongoing concern. The proposed interim topic is to use a percentage of the Gaming Commissions proceeds in order to address the growing gaming problem and fund related programs.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the topic should be to propose a funding structure which adds to the funding counties need for preventative and public health services, fully fund the 988 lifeline trust , as well as fund the growing need for treatment which is burdening behavioral health providers.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours depending on the information requested by the committee.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Though "problematic gaming", is the term used in past bills and committee meetings, Gambling Disorder (312.31/F63.0) is classified under "Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders" in the DSM 5-TR while Gaming Disorder was listed as a mental health disorder in the ICD-11. Due to the diagnostic criteria of problematic gaming, including 988 and treatment programs should be considered, as well as funding structures enacted in other states.

Proposed Interim Topic: Severance tax on Wind energy facilities

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wind energy facilities force long term changes to the Wyoming landscape. Many of the costs of permitting, transmission and physical access are one time initial costs, meaning that facilities will be upgraded as necessary resulting in footprints on Wyoming's landscape for decades or even centuries.

Expected goal or result:

Long term compensation for future Wyoming citizens for the lost landscapes that they will never see again.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Property Tax Relief Authority

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Creation of a underwriting mechanism to encourage private financial institutions to efficiently finance residential tax payments to qualified Wyoming homeowners.

Expected goal or result:

A simple and easy way for taxpayers to receive assistance to pay their property taxes without going to government with hat in hand..

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Chestek, Ken

Proposed Interim Topic: Base year assessments

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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In times of rapid inflation of real estate values, homeowners can face extraordinary increases in their real estate taxes. The problem is worse if some regions experience more rapid inflation than others. The current system of assessing real estate is driven by uniform state rules. Allowing county assessors to choose a base year for evaluating all property, and allowing taxing bodies the freedom to set mill rates, would provide local control and eliminate the effect of uneven market forces.

Expected goal or result:

Legislation to allow local officials more freedom to adjust mill rates, provide predictability to real estate taxes and return local control to respond to market conditions in local communities.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Uncertain. This is part of a broader discussion about assessment and real estate tax reform. This would be a significant change over current practices so it will require careful study and consideration.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Clouston, Ken

Proposed Interim Topic: Tax on Tobacco and Vaping

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Request to look at the taxes, costs in healthcare, etc associated with these products

Expected goal or result:

Research when taxes were last evaluated with tobacco products, with rising costs in healthcare, costs with these products could be evaluated Look at any taxes to offset the costs of vaping products that are harmful, not all products are harmful

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Need to look at taxes and healthcare considerations

Lien, Jayme

Proposed Interim Topic: Problematic Gaming and Program Funding

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Proposed Interim Topic: Penny Guidelines

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Revenue visit what guidelines the power of the penny has and if the state should issue guidance on the matter

Expected goal or result:

Revenue visit what guidelines the power of the penny has and if the state should issue guidance on the matter

Estimated Committee time for topic:

5 hrs

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: IGaming, Problem Gaming,

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

hb171 2026

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Problem gaming needs be allocated to better help wyoming folks. I gaming needs to be looked at, and how to protect Wyoming citizens.

Expected goal or result:

review HB 171, bring in the Dept of health and hear how restrictive the funds are and how the small amounts sent out are not always helpful. The WGC should help us to learn about how to help them regulate the igaming problem in WY.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

HB171,

Proposed Interim Topic: Electricity Generation Tax

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

26lso-0189

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

review and look at broadening tax base, while not increasing electricity taxes.

Expected goal or result:

broadening tax base, while not increasing electricity taxes

Estimated Committee time for topic:

15 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

26lso-0189

Proposed Interim Topic: Electricity Generation Tax

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

Interim tabled bill 26Iso-0189

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

to review how electricity is taxed. to review how the potential revenue to the state and the potential removal of sales and use tax on electricity

Expected goal or result:

Revenue to the state

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Locke, Tony

Proposed Interim Topic: Residential Property Tax Reform Options

Contact Person:

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House Representative

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0124, HB0073, HB0045 (2024), etc.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review, identify, and develop long term Residential property tax reform options for the Wyoming Residential Property Tax. Include enhancements to existing property tax policies.

Expected goal or result:

The goal to continue to improve property tax policies for Wyoming home owners.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Property tax bills passed and failed for the last 3 years.

Proposed Interim Topic: property tax credits for education

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I would like to propose an interim topic related to property tax credits for education. The proposed tax credits would be available to use for any educational opportunity within Wyoming (including public or private schools, colleges or universities, CTE programs, on-the-job training, home schooling, internships, or apprenticeships, etc.). Each property owner would receive a 1 mill credit. Payment of educational expenses could be certified through an affidavit from an educational institution.

Expected goal or result:

Explore the viability of this concept.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Alternative Revenue Streams Beyond Property Taxes

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Joint Revenue Interim Committee will explore additional ways to generate revenue for state and local government operations without over-reliance on property taxes.

Expected goal or result:

If identified, legislation for enhancements.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Sales tax collection on ATV's and similar vehicles

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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In Sheridan County there has been no little confusion on the collection of sales tax on ATV's regarding whether said vehicles are to be used on public roads, or sold as farm implements. Taxation options have caused a couple of dealers in my area to find themselves out of compliance with rules and regs even when they thought they were doing exactly what they thought was required.

Expected goal or result:

A clear consistent policy across the state/counties and improved instruction from DOR for dealers of such vehicles.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Governmental Property Tax Exemptions

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Defining what is owned and used "primarily for a governmental purpose" is absolutely necessary.

Expected goal or result:

Exemptions will be administered uniformly in accordance with Wyoming Constitution Article 15 Chapter 12.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Lucas, Ann

Proposed Interim Topic: HB0062 The Christian Smith Safety Act.

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0062 The Christian Smith Safety Act.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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This bill calls for a revamp of the state liability and claims process. This was not considered for introduction because of time constraints. I'd like to see this in the Interim. It's a time consuming topic and has not been really looked at for years

Expected goal or result:

to determine if tiered liability types should be considered and what changes to the claim maximums should be considered.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

McKeown, Troy

Proposed Interim Topic: Change to personal property tax

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Cancel the personal property tax on items that have been depreciated to zero.

Expected goal or result:

Development of legislation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4-6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Eliminate residential property tx

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Delete residential property tax

Expected goal or result:

Put forward legislation to negate residential property tax

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Eliminate residential property tx

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Education tax credits would be available to use for any educational opportunity. Each property owner would receive a 1 mill credit.

Expected goal or result:

Develop legislation for the upcoming session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Neiman, Chip

Proposed Interim Topic: Linear Infrastructure Taxation

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Study options to ensure counties experiencing significant linear infrastructure development (e.g., pipelines) equitably benefit from associated sales and use tax collections. Evaluate how current distribution formulas impact affected counties and whether adjustments are warranted to better align revenues with local service demands and infrastructure impacts.

Expected goal or result:

Review prior legislative efforts, identify implementation challenges, and explore workable solutions that equitably allocate sales and use tax revenues to impacted counties while supporting statewide interests

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and avoiding disruption to commerce. Develop one or more policy options that benefit both counties and the state.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

No more than one hour per committee hearing.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Riggins, J.R.

Proposed Interim Topic: Government property tax exemptions

Contact Person:

Rep. J.R. Riggins
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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025-SF0068 - Government owned lands

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Define what non-government use of government property is and when non-government use of property is subject to ad-valorem tax. Identify what properties include a non-government use and when that non-government use is subject to ad-valorem tax. Calculate the revenue that could be recovered from that non-government use of government property.

Expected goal or result:

To determine if the non-government use of government owned property is a significant loss of ad-valorem tax. Establish guidelines when considering non-governmental purposes of government property. Place in statute definitions, when ad-valorem taxes are applied to government owned lands, set values of proportionality when governmental use and non-governmental use share occupancy of property, consider when disposal of government owned land might be considered.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Two half-day sessions?

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Dept. of Revenue estimates of how much property may be subject to taxation based on how we define non-governmental use of government property. Consider judicial opinions that led to this subject. This will require consideration of jurisdictions other than state property if law does/does not exempt counties or municipality property ownership from ad-valorem taxation when not-used for governmental purposes.

Proposed Interim Topic: severance tax-Modified Netback Valuations

Contact Person:

Mr. Brett Fanning

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

No recent legislation.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Severance tax - Modified netback mineral valuation outlined in W.S. 39-14-203(b)(vi)(E). One of the allowable deductions in value is the rate of "return on investment" in W.S. 39-14-201(a)(xxxiii). To calculate the "return on investment," the statute essentially requires the Department to use information from the 10 largest publicly-traded natural gas producers in the state. Due to industry shifts, Wyoming LLCs, privatization, etc. it has become a challenge.

Expected goal or result:

Determine if using 10 public companies is still the right number for this valuation method, based on legislative intent.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

A brief Department of Revenue educational session on the topic and input from industry.

Proposed Interim Topic: Government property tax exemptions

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

26LSO-0202 Working Draft 0.4 DRAFT ONLY Governmental property.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Due the Truck Stop Ruling, we propose to define what is and isn't governmental use, when government property is not exempt from ad valorem tax, determine proportionality when there is shared use, and determine how much tax is exempt and report same. Some work was done in 2025 but was not completed. I submitted this earlier but wanted to be sure relevant information could be located from November Revenue Committee Minutes listed below.

Expected goal or result:

Identify properties that include non-governmental purpose and determine if those existing purposes are exempt. Clearly define when non-government use is exempt and when it is not. Estimate the revenue exempted if no action is taken. Amend statutes as needed to include definitions and determine taxable amounts of non-exempt property and provide for its collection.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Draft legislation 26LSO-202 .04 Revenue Committee Meeting Minutes from November 18-19, 2025 Joint Interim Revenue Committee presentation on Governmental Property Tax Exemptions by Brenda Arnold-Property Tax Division Administrator

Smith, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Choice Electric Program

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 174 (2026)

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Choice electric models the legislation to Choice Gas. The goal is to allow the Wyoming citizens to choose what type of electric they want their power distributor to purchase on their behalf.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to give choice to the people of Wyoming and not be forced into funding political energy sources that have been subsidize. It is easy to say that people may want wind and solar but are they willing to pay for it if it wasn't subsidized? I believe that this option to to allow the people to choose what type of power they are willing to pay for would help drive and keep real supply and demand on the power sources that matter most to the people of Wyoming.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

HB174 Understand the concept of Choice Gas

Storer, Liz

Proposed Interim Topic: Cash Rounding Rule

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB71 - No more pennies-rounding cash payments.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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More retailers are coming up with their own rounding rules - even when dining in Cheyenne, I've seen signs about rounding because the businesses are lacking pennies. I've also been contacted by at least one deputy treasurer about the issue because there are still many tax payments that are also made in cash. We need clarity around what amount is actually taxable when it comes to cash payments at retailers as well as rounding rules for our tax collection agencies that accept cash.

Expected goal or result:

Statute that creates clarity for both businesses and agencies.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Draft topics – not final

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Andrew, Ocean

Proposed Interim Topic: K-12 public school discipline

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB65

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

HB65 did not receive a favorable introduction vote but had a clear majority. I believe reintroducing this bill and working on some of the concerns would be productive.

Expected goal or result:

Refine and Re-sponsor the current HB65.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hr.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Teacher Spending Accounts

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Consideration of teacher spending accounts that would set aside a defined portion of education funding for direct use by classroom teachers. Many teachers report routinely purchasing basic classroom supplies with their own money. This interim topic would focus on policy options to give teachers autonomous access to funds for classroom materials and student needs.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is for the committee to develop clear policy options that would allow teachers direct, autonomous access to a defined amount of education funding for classroom materials and student needs, with appropriate safeguards. A successful outcome would be draft legislation or

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recommendations that reduce teachers' out-of-pocket spending and better align resources with what classrooms actually need.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Dual and concurrent enrollment

Contact Person:

Representative Ocean Andrew

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Study dual and concurrent enrollment programs operating in Wyoming, including review of agreements between school districts and the UW or community colleges; allocation of funding between the school district and college; classes offered; participation rates; opportunities available to students across Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

Greater knowledge of dual and enrollment programs and potential draft legislation if necessary

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4-6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

W.S. 21-20-201; agreements between school districts and the colleges relate to this program.

Proposed Interim Topic: Modernizing life skills curriculum for Wyoming schools.

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Recommends that Wyoming consider establishing statewide life skills education requirements for middle and high school students. This would include financial literacy, communication skills, job readiness, digital literacy, and basic adult responsibilities such as budgeting and taxes.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to determine whether Wyoming students are fully prepared for life after graduation and to develop recommendations that ensure equitable access to practical life skills education statewide. The desired outcome would be either proposed legislation or updated education standards that incorporate required life skills instruction in schools.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

30 minutes.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Current Wyoming Department of Education graduation requirements and Career & Technical Education standards to evaluate what life skills instruction is currently offered statewide. Additionally, workforce readiness data from the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services should be examined to assess skill gaps among graduates.

Brown, Landon

Proposed Interim Topic: School Safety

Contact Person:

Landon Brown

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

School Recal

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I would like a deep dive into school safety and security. I have been contacted by the Wyoming School Resource Officers Association and the lack of direction for school safety listed in statute. I believe a stronger stance in statute would be much better than what we require in rule. We're lucky that we haven't had anything catastrophic happen in Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

A comprehensive bill outlining school safety and security procedures and policies that should be statutorily designed and not placed in the executive branch rule making authority.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hours over 2 meetings and 30 minutes final bill discussion

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

current rules by DOE

Campbell, Elissa

Proposed Interim Topic: Menstrual Dignity

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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Yes

Related Bills:

HB0074

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Develop a policy framework or standard that ensures all students in grades 6–12 have immediate, private access to hygiene supplies in restrooms.

Expected goal or result:

Maintain local control while establishing a statewide standard of hygiene; remove the shame barrier and instructional loss associated with nurse's office visits; provide a clear pathway for districts to utilize mechanical, non-digital dispensers to prevent misuse while ensuring availability

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

HB0074; Wyoming Period Poverty Fact Sheet (2024); American Medical Association (AMA) Policy H-525.973: Increasing Access to Menstrual Products; American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP): Period Poverty Research and Access; ACOG/Harvard Apple Women's Health Study: Hygiene Product Usage & Access; American Bar Association (ABA) Resolution: Menstrual Equity and Health Technical Specifications (Infrastructure & Waste Prevention); Mechanical Delay Dispenser Specifications: Hospeco Brands Group Data:

Erickson, McKay

Proposed Interim Topic: Understanding School Finance

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

sf081

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The recalibration bill is not easy to understand and has created much concern among our school districts. Transparency in this process would be greatly appreciated.

Expected goal or result:

better transparency in school finance

Estimated Committee time for topic:

half day

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

current funding

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Harshman, Steve

Proposed Interim Topic: Suicide Prevention Education

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 40

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Receive an update on what suicide prevention education looks like around the state and gather ideas for any needed changes.

Expected goal or result:

Increased awareness and improved alignment to standards and identifying best practices.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Request information from Wyoming school districts

Lawley, Martha

Proposed Interim Topic: Gifted and Talented Analysis

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of W.S. 21-9-101(c)(ii), which mandates that each school district provide for the special instructional needs of gifted and talented (G&T) students. The study will evaluate the consistency of identification practices, the "qualitative differentiation" of programs across various districts, and the adequacy of the current statute implementation and funding model.

Expected goal or result:

Potential Legislative Recommendations: Potential amendments to Title 21 to clarify the definition of "mandated services" for gifted learners. Recalibration Data: Provide the Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration with data-driven recommendations on whether the G&T per-pupil amount should be adjusted to meet the constitutional "basket of goods" requirements in future recalibrations.

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Standardization Guidelines: Recommendations for the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and SBE

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4-6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WDE will work with LSO to provide materials to education the committee.

Proposed Interim Topic: Outcomes of Wyoming’s System of State Scholarships

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This interim study evaluates the cohesion of Wyoming’s postsecondary scholarships, including Hathaway, Wyoming’s Tomorrow, and Wyoming Works. The committee aims to determine if these programs function as a unified system. Key focus areas include student outcomes: graduation rates, workforce entry, and long-term state residency. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure state investments effectively support both student success and Wyoming’s economic future.

Expected goal or result:

The primary goal of this consideration is to understand how these scholarships can fit together to create a system of scholarships and ensure that the state's financial investments in education yield a strong return through workforce development and resident retention. Key objectives include: System Synergy: Identifying how these five programs overlap or fill specific gaps. Data-Driven Accountability: Determining attainment rates and "brain drain" versus "brain gain."

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This study evaluates how Wyoming’s scholarships form a cohesive system to ensure state investments yield a strong ROI. Key objectives include: System Synergy: Identifying program overlaps and gaps. Accountability: Tracking graduation rates and resident retention to combat "brain drain." Workforce Alignment: Ensuring programs funnel students into high-demand industries. Refinement: Suggesting statutory tweaks to improve eligibility and enrollment.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming Works Report - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tpjuPIUFpgLA0MMr2kkAjVfGe4C8FUL/view>

Wyoming Works Program - <https://communitycolleges.wy.edu/wyoming-works-program>

Wyoming’s Tomorrow and Wyoming Works Comparison - https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ujsi-DGUbc0Z0buHql0EslMpnq7ZQKy/view?usp=drive_link

Rothfuss, Chris

Proposed Interim Topic: Study WY’s NAEP Scores dropping from 4th-8th Grade

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

While Wyoming's 4th graders often lead the nation in NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) performance, 8th-grade scores frequently show a widening gap or a "drastic" relative drop when compared to national peers or the state's own elementary benchmarks.

Expected goal or result:

Cohort Analysis: Track the longitudinal performance of Wyoming student cohorts as they move from the 4th-grade assessment (e.g., 2022) to the 8th-grade assessment (e.g., 2026). Curricular Alignment: Investigate whether there is a "rigor gap" between the K-5 curriculum and the 6-8 standards, specifically in Math and Reading comprehension or perhaps misalignment to NAEP frameworks. Look for solutions to ensure we don't have this drop anymore.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

We can work with LSO staff to provide a landscape analysis of NAEP and Wyoming standards and assessments to get started. We will enlist UW too.

Schuler, Wendy

Proposed Interim Topic: On-line education

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Recalibration Committee was tasked at looking other funding and accountability models for on-line/virtual students. This topic has not been examined. We would respectfully ask that the Education or Recalibration Committee to address the is topic.

Expected goal or result:

Understanding other finance and accountability models and recommend legislation, if necessary.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review of other states' models.

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Proposed Interim Topic: Mental Health issues with our Wyoming students

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

We still need to do a deep dive on the increase of mental health issues with our students particularly our elementary students.

Expected goal or result:

More solutions

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Study of Virtual Education in Wyoming

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

A deep dive into virtual education is needed in Wyoming particularly with funding and support.

Expected goal or result:

Solutions to funding and support

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Continue our discussion of discipline issues in Wyoming schools

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Continue to assess and evaluate our discipline policies around the state in our public schools

Expected goal or result:

Provide support and guidance for our schools with discipline issues.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: AI and its effects in our schools

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Begin discussions on artificial intelligence and its impact in our school systems

Expected goal or result:

Start to develop a plan with up to date research to try to be proactive with AI and its impact in our schools.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Scott, Charles

Proposed Interim Topic: K-12 scholarship program update

Contact Person:

Senator Charles K. Scott

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307-473-2512

Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Update on the new K-12 scholarship programs authorized by federal legislation passed summer of 2025.

Question is 1) Is legislation required to facilitate Wyoming participation in this program. 2) What is the current status of Wyoming's plan to participate. 3) What are the implications of this new federal program for Wyoming K-12 system and our enacted K-12 scholarship program now in the courts.

Expected goal or result:

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Possible legislation implementing program if needed

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 to 4 hours spread across 2 meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Need update on current status

Proposed Interim Topic: Flexibility of undergraduate academic programs

Contact Person:

Senator Charles K. Scott

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307-473-2512

Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Flexibility of college undergrad academic programs. Many last year college students do not have a firm idea of what they want to do in life and are being confronted with college programs that dictate course were all aimed at a set objective they also may not be getting a broad enough college program to equip them to deal with career changes later in life. The topic would look at outside professional accreditation demands that the university may be unable to resist absent legislation.

Expected goal or result:

Better education of students. Passable legislation limiting outside forces pushing UW to suboptimal programs.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 to 4 hours. We will need to discuss with UW on what the extent of the problem is and to what extent they may need legislative help to control outside pressures.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Singh, Daniel

Proposed Interim Topic: Update from WDE regarding AI

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Committee will receive an update from the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) regarding the current and future integration, guidance, and pedagogical impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Key Areas

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of Focus: Initiatives and Opportunities, Policy Guidance, Workforce Readiness, Privacy & Security, Professional Development and Innovation

Expected goal or result:

An update from the WDE helps demystify the technology so the JEIC can be informed about AI progress in education.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WDE & Others

Smith, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: Why can't a majority of Wyoming Graduates pass the exam to get into the military and national guard.

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Twice now, I have had the national guard in front of me during committees. Staggering statistics that caught my attention is only 3/10 Wyoming High School graduates can pass the academic part of the entrance exam. Our national guard uses the same metrics as the federal military. Second statistics that were recently testified before my committee out of every 93 referrals from Wyoming graduates only one gets all the way through the process and becomes a guardsman.

Expected goal or result:

Help the Wyoming Department of Education where Wyoming Graduates are lacking in academic areas and have the school districts focus on the basics of education. This session there have been some literacy bills and it is clear and evident that the school districts are not helping our young students to with the basics: reading writing, and math.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Statistics from the Wyoming National Guard and what areas do most people fail.

Strock, Tomi

Proposed Interim Topic: Common Core of Knowledge

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mary schmidt

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Purpose of the Interim Study To review and refine the statutory and rule-level definitions of Wyoming’s ten content areas to ensure they are specific, coherent, and academically focused.

Expected goal or result:

Clarifies the alignment of each content area in statute and rule Strengthens the academic foundation for future standards reviews Reinforces a knowledge-based proficiency and academic expectations

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

I would recommend the committee consult with Jordan Adams who is an education consultant for public school boards, state education agencies

Proposed Interim Topic: State Education Administration Review

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review constitutional alignment of Wyoming’s Educational governance structure.

Expected goal or result:

Analyze fiscal and staffing of duplication across entities. Conduct a constitution and statutory alignment review.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Williams, JD

Proposed Interim Topic: Virtual Education

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Study virtual education, including W.S. 21-13-330; funding generated under the education resource block grant model for virtual education students, categorical grants, and reimbursable expenses authorized by statute; allocation of state funds between virtual education programs and the operating school districts; student participation in statewide assessments, including preparatory activities; accountability, reporting, and oversight requirements; enrollment and ADM calculation.

Expected goal or result:

Gain knowledge regarding the operation of charter schools, the relationship between virtual education programs and operating school districts, resulting in potential bill drafts

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4- 6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming Statutes 21-2-304, 21-3-110, 21-13-330; Chapter 41, Virtual Education, Wyoming Department of Education

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Banks, Dalton

Proposed Interim Topic: Non certified pregnancy testing cattle

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 166 2009

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Providing an exception to licensure requirements for performing pregnancy testing on cattle in 33-30-203. If someone wants to have their cattle preg tested they can have someone non certified to do so. However if they are to be sold as bred cattle it must be a certified vet.

Expected goal or result:

Because of vet shortages we want to allow non certified persons to perform pregnancy testing of cattle.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Subdivision Fencing Laws

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

County planners are calling for the legislature to review the existing subdivision fencing requirements and consider 1) repealing the law; 2) giving counties flexibility to apply fencing requirements for subdivisions or exempt certain subdivisions from the requirement, or 3) amend the law to provide necessary clarification and direction needed by counties.

Expected goal or result:

PREFERENCE: Repeal the subdivision fencing requirements to align with Wyoming being recognized as primarily a “fence out” state. 2nd PREFERENCE: Give county commissioners the ability to regulate

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subdivision fencing or exempt subdivisions from fencing requirements (either all subdivisions can be exempted, or perhaps just those subdivisions with less than five lots). LEAST PREFERRED: Amend W.S. 18-5-306(a)(xiii) and W.S. 18-5-319 to clarify terms and requirements.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour at each interim hearing to review the issue and, thereafter, prepare draft legislation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

If You Fence It, They'll Stay Out.

https://www.uwyo.edu/barnbackyard/_files/documents/magazine/2008/winter/fenceout-winter-2008-web.pdf The Open Range: A Vanishing Concept, <https://scholarship.law.uwyo.edu/wlj/vol13/iss2/9>

Farmers, Ranchers, and the Railroad: The Evolution of Fence Law in the Great Plains,

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/greatplainsquarterly/2520> A Wyoming Landowner's Handbook to Fences and Wildlife: Practical Tips for Fencing with Wildlife, <https://bit.ly/fencehandbook25>.

Davis, Bob

Proposed Interim Topic: Conservation district supervisor contracting

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 SF43

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

To modernize existing policy that authorizes spending authority.

Expected goal or result:

To educate committee and sponsor legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Half day of one meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Hicks, Larry

Proposed Interim Topic: Conservation District Statues review, updates and moderizationn

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF43

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Update and modernize conservation district statutes

Expected goal or result:

Update statutes to allow Conservation District to fully meet their statutory obligations and legislative directives

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

SF 43 11-16-.....

Ide, Bob

Proposed Interim Topic: Review of state land recreation rules and regulations

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Revisions of state public land recreation rules and regulations as related to federal public lands

Expected goal or result:

To improve the use of state public lands to counter the argument that state public lands are more restrictive than federal lands.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Three to four hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Office of State Lands materials relating state publics versus federal public lands

Ottman, Pepper

Proposed Interim Topic: Preventing orphaned water rights

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Continue the work the committee began during the 2025 interim on the same topic

Expected goal or result:

A bill to correct three areas where water rights can be stranded.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I estimate 2 hours during during 2 committee meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

If time allows, the testimony offered during the June 2025 Interim Agriculture committee meeting in Powell.

Proposed Interim Topic: Proactive Herd Management

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 130 (2011), HB 0166 (2009)

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Positive impacts of non-veterinarians conducting livestock pregnancy testing via blood tests or trained tech ultrasound. Some of these positive impacts on economic efficiency, proactive herd management, and addressing veterinarian shortages. The increased profitability and not to reduce professional oversight. Proactive Herd Management - Collaborative Model

Expected goal or result:

Positive impacts of non-veterinarians conducting livestock pregnancy tests, including economic efficiency, proactive herd management, addressing veterinarian shortages, increased profitability, highlights of modern technologies including accuracy, overcoming of service gaps, flexibility of providing the needed services, better feed management, improved cash flow, better reproductive data all while complimenting veterinarian services not competition. Collaborative Model, NOT replacement.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Livestock owners, community college ag reps, Wyoming Vet. Notice of long term NEED HB130 (2011), HB166(2009) This is a roadblock to so many in so many ways. Our work could resolve something greatly needed and such a benefit in numerous situations.

Proposed Interim Topic: Joint Tribal MOU between Tribes and WY Livestock Board

Contact Person:

Pepper Ottman

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wind River Reservation and State Vet surveillance 2. Fee land to Trust land i.e. Fremont County 3. non tribal on diminished lands

Expected goal or result:

Mou with WY Livestock Board, concerning collection fees, testing, situation where bison/buffalo cross river from reservation to fee land. WY Fish and Game authority to intercede, Sheriff or? Testing, notice, requirements. Clarity of situation between landowners, Tribal member, livestock owners, buffalo on fee lands adjoining non Tribal ranch and farmer lands.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1/2 Day

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WY Vet, Shoshone and Arapaho leadership, Tribal F&G, WY F&G, WY Vet., WY Livestock, Tribal ranchers, Fremont County Ranchers, Fremont County Comm., Buffalo Initiative Jason Baldes

Pearson, Laura

Proposed Interim Topic: Revisit Fence Out Laws for Livestock

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Revisit fence out state rules to add some teeth in order for county sheriffs to intervene should there be repeat offenses. Also, maybe revisions in cases of river issues.

Expected goal or result:

Add some teeth for law enforcement.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Update on EID tags for cattle

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Make sure that metal EID tags are available to Wyoming Producers via the voluntary identification of livestock. 2021 HB229

Expected goal or result:

Freedom of producers to choose.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wasserburger, Jacob

Proposed Interim Topic: Homesteading

Contact Person:

Jacob Wasserburger

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 55

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The proposal is to learn and research the capability of having some state land being used to allow for homesteading opportunities in the state of Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

To learn where land is eligible for the possibility of homesteading and what it would take to be able to get utilities out to these locations in the state. If there would be land that could have this opportunity in each county.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Byron, Andrew

Proposed Interim Topic: Trapping

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025 SF 0139 and 2025 SF 0140

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Revisiting all things trapping

Expected goal or result:

Consideration of introducing legislation to address some concerns around trapping

Estimated Committee time for topic:

6 hours , 2 per meeting

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Non-Motorized Trail User Fee

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Non-motorized trail user fees would go towards the construction and maintenance of non-motorized trails and trail infrastructure at State Parks and on Public Lands in Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

According to requests made to two rounds of ARPA-funded grants and the survey from the Wyoming Pathways website, there are over \$100m in trail project requests in Wyoming. Currently, available funding consists of an over-subscribed RTP program whose grants cap out at \$50k and the ORTTF, which covers all OREC project requests and may not be in a position to fund larger grants (\$200k or more) for several years. Professionally built trails are currently \$50k per mile.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

Time on each agenda to come up with a bill that will cover the areas listed (approx 3 hours).

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Reports from the Trust for Public Lands, Headwaters Economics, and studies published on singletracks.com, which I can provide. Additionally, the data from the Office of OREC shows the demand for these amenities.

Proposed Interim Topic: fishing outfitters

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025 HB0005

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of 2025 HB0005 (fishing outfitters) and discussion of data collected

Expected goal or result:

future legislation related to commercial fishing outfitting

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours per meeting, 6 hours total

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WYGF data

Proposed Interim Topic: Ashley Harpstreith

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This topic involves exploring avenues to prevent ticket scalping which is occurring in numerous venues around the state. This is occurring at rodeos and concerts around the state at an increasing rate.

Expected goal or result:

Legislation that would prohibit ticket scalping and establish penalties for doing so.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This topic is estimated to take 4 hours of the committee's time.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Archives Expansion of Electronic Records

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Amend legislation to require all State agencies to utilize the digital archive. Provide additional resources to expand access to the digital archive for local governments and political subdivisions.

Expected goal or result:

Requiring all state agencies to use the Wyoming Digital Archive will enhance electronic records management for government operations and increase the public’s access to records electronically. The digital archive increases the security of records, reduces record retrieval times, and minimizes the need for physical storage space. This will create centralized electronic records management that ensures efficiency, the integrity of public records, and standards across all levels of government.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

The agency requests one hour at the first meeting of the interim and at least one half hour for discussion and amendments to any proposed legislation at the additional interim meetings.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

ARTICLE 4 - STATE ARCHIVES, MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT W.S. § 9-2-401 – 9-2-415
ARTICLE 2 - PUBLIC RECORDS W.S. § 16-4-201 through 16-4-205 Chapter 21 - Data Policies W.S. § 9-21-201 and 9-21-202

Proposed Interim Topic: Problematic Gaming and Program Funding

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0171 - Funds for problem gaming treatment-amendments;

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Problematic Gaming has become an issue for many across the state and their legislators. Concurrently, funding for public health, preventative services, 988 and behavioral health continues to be an ongoing concern. The proposed interim topic is to use a percentage of the Gaming Commissions proceeds in order to address the growing gaming problem and fund related programs.

Expected goal or result:

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Expected goal or result:

The goal of the topic should be to propose a funding structure which adds to the funding counties need for preventative and public health services, fully fund the 988 lifeline trust , as well as fund the growing need for treatment which is burdening behavioral health providers.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours depending on the information requested by the committee.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Game and Fish budget

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

study the WGF budget with the potential to increase funding through various ways with the goal of keeping the WGF off of the general fund

Expected goal or result:

legislation to solidify WGF funding

Estimated Committee time for topic:

16-20 hours (1/2 day per meeting)

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

current GF budget and funding sources, WWNRT trust fund as a model, any former white papers or summaries on GF budget

Proposed Interim Topic: Agency updates

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Agency updates to include: a) Charging fees at museum b) Non-motorized funding and c) Wyoming visitor management system- in partnership with Wyoming Office of Tourism, Game and fish, Wyoming Department of Transportation, the University of Wyoming, and other federal agencies.

Expected goal or result:

Providing information to the committee on previous interim topics, and agency projects.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

N/A

Proposed Interim Topic: Seminoe Pumped Storage Project Proposal

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Seminoe Pumped Storage Project is a proposed open-loop energy storage facility above Seminoe State Park that would cycle reservoir water to store wind energy, altering hydrology in a system supporting high-value fisheries and wildlife habitat. Agencies and the public report critical data gaps and late project revisions that limited meaningful review. This interim topic would examine whether Wyoming’s interests and authorities are adequately protected as federal licensing advances.

Expected goal or result:

The committee’s review would examine whether Wyoming agencies and local governments retained meaningful participation and influence during federal permitting of the Seminoe Pumped Storage Project and whether established review processes functioned as intended. The study would evaluate how project changes and timelines affected state responsibilities and identify recommendations to ensure this decision affecting Wyoming resources proceeds with adequate analysis and public confidence.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This proposal is intended to provide legislative attention at a critical decision point without creating a lengthy policy process. At the Chairmen’s discretion, review could rely on advance written submissions requested by the Legislative Service Office from state agencies and local governments identifying information gaps, effects of late project revisions, and unresolved concerns, followed by a concise committee briefing to efficiently inform legislative oversight as federal permitting advance

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

To inform its review, the committee may consider agency technical comments; submissions from counties, conservation districts, and stakeholders; administrative record materials documenting project revisions; Wyoming water quality authorities and wildlife management frameworks; relevant county land-use plans; NEPA requirements related to alternatives and public participation; expedited federal permitting timelines; economic information on recreation and tourism; and project applicant filings.

Proposed Interim Topic: Gaming Proceeds for 988 Trust Fund, Mental Health Resources & Problem Gambling

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review whether and how gaming proceeds might provide a durable source of financial support for the 988 Trust Fund and/or additional resources including, but not limited to mental health resources and problem gambling support. Review the existing pool of funds that support gambling addiction programs to determine whether overhauls might be useful or necessary.

Expected goal or result:

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Share trend lines for gaming revenue Conduct research and deliver data on 988 utilization, mental health needs including problem gambling Review the existing statute around gaming proceeds Explore how gaming revenues might function as a recurring revenue source for 988 trust fund, mental health programming including resources for problem gambling and provide relevant financials

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Review of report on trend lines of gaming revenue, problem gambling, existing resources, 988 trust fund, related financials: 1.5h Proposed legislation: .5h Discussion of proposed legislation + expert testimony: 1.5h

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Data on gaming revenue in Wyoming Data on 988 utilization Examples of how other states deploy gaming revenue to support mental health and problem gambling programs Recent research on gambling addition: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/2830019>

Davis, Bob

Proposed Interim Topic: Consolidate gaming statutes

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025 HB87

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Examine and explore consolidating all gaming statutes.

Expected goal or result:

To develop legislation for committee sponsorship.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

2025 HB87

Erickson, McKay

Proposed Interim Topic: Hunting technology

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Many areas of hunting technology need to be looked at. We are clearly over the line in ethics and sportsmanship.

Expected goal or result:

Restrictions and additional resources needed to enforce laws

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 day

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Game and Fish Commissioners are seeing more and more other states needing to address this.

Proposed Interim Topic: Trapping setbacks

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025 senate file 139

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Giving the game and fish the authority to regulate setbacks on predator hunting.

Expected goal or result:

setbacks around high traffic areas

Estimated Committee time for topic:

one half day

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

current limits to the game and fish regulations.

Proposed Interim Topic: State Board Investigator

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Board of investigator authority needed to put a bite in investigating wildlife crimes and abuses by outfitters

Expected goal or result:

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more authority

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1/2 day

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Heiner, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: E-Bike and Scooter Safety Regulations

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

E bikes and scooters are motorized vehicles, yet they currently operate with minimal regulatory oversight. As their popularity grows among all age groups, so do the associated risks. Unsafe behaviors and legal gaps are increasingly evident.

Expected goal or result:

Possible considerations: • Registration requirements for e bikes and electric scooters. • Insurance coverage for these motorized vehicles, similar to other forms of transportation that share public roads and pathways. • A licensing or certification process requiring riders to pass a basic safety test. • Age and usage guidelines that ensure appropriate and responsible operation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Hicks, Larry

Proposed Interim Topic: Continuation of Compensatory Mitigation for unmitigated impacts to wildlife associated with large industrial projects in WY

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

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Related Bills:

Continuation of 2025 interim topic and draft bill reviewed by the committee

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Evaluate statutory procedure and requirements for compensatory mitigation for unmitigated impacts to wildlife associated with projects that have to go through the industrial siting process.

Expected goal or result:

Establish mechanisms for compensatory mitigation for unmitigated impacts to wildlife.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Previous bill drafts considered by the committee in 2025.

Landen, Bill

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Game and Fish Department updates

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Director of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department will provide updates on Department operations and priorities.

Expected goal or result:

The Department will provide an informational presentation on Department operations and priorities.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Informational presentation = 1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: State Parks Mineral Leasing Authority

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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Wyoming State Parks has been approached with a request to lease subsurface mineral rights at Fort Fetterman. Wyoming statutes create a strict jurisdictional divide: Board of Land Commissioner's (BLC) has exclusive mineral leasing authority that applies only to "state lands," which is defined narrowly in W.S. 36-1-101(a)(iv) as "all lands under the jurisdiction of the board of land commissioners." Fort Fetterman is managed by State Parks and is not under BLC jurisdiction.

Expected goal or result:

Potential legislative fix: Expand the definition of "state lands" (or add a carve-in) – Amend W.S. 36-1-101(a)(iv) to explicitly include "mineral estates managed by the department of state parks and cultural resources for historic sites, parks, or recreation areas." Include revenue-sharing language (e.g., royalties to Parks preservation fund vs. general trust) and State Parks approval triggers/conditions to protect historic values; require State Parks coordination with BLC/OSLI.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Two hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

W.S. 36-1-101(a)(iv); W.S. 36-4-107; W.S. 36-4-108

Proposed Interim Topic: WGFD Budget - Wildlife management dollars from a statewide approach

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wildlife is one of the iconic draws of our state. It is what brings people in, keeps people here, and is integral in the fabric of life for Wyoming citizens. We are now in such times that a deeper discussion on comprehensive state wide approaches to funding make sense. As projects get more expensive, hunters can not continue to bear the the cost of the work in raised license costs alone. We must get creative, get bold, and take a new approach.

Expected goal or result:

A bold and big approach to wildlife agency funding. Something that sets our state apart.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8-10 hours spread over a few different meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Current wildlife funding models, what other states are doing, and the current WGFD budget and budget needs.

Larsen, Lloyd

Proposed Interim Topic: Problematic Gaming and Program Funding

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

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Expected goal or result:

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours depending on the information requested by the committee.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Lien, Jayme

Proposed Interim Topic: Toads

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

Wydots budget.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I propose snow plow drivers be classified as emergency equipment operators.

Expected goal or result:

The goal should be on call pay. Higher pay for seat time in snow removal equipment. Retention rates higher. Roadways opened and maintained in a better fashion.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The number of snow plows hit the last 4 years. The roadways being closed, the retention of good operators. I would like to sit in front of a committee for 10 minutes.

Pearson, Laura

Proposed Interim Topic: Vehicle Registration Fees

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Look at fee schedule.

Expected goal or result:

Make the reoccurring fee lower after 5 years. Adjust the schedule.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wharff, Robert

Proposed Interim Topic: Landowner Recognition for Habitat

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF 25

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review current compensation programs including damage payments and Landowner Licenses. Consider limited transferability of landowner licenses. Explore additional methodologies to compensate landowners while encouraging hunter access.

Expected goal or result:

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Legislation that equitably rewards landowners for providing wildlife habitat while enhancing hunting opportunities for sportsmen.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Initial Meeting: 4 hours to receive input from a collaborative external working group and other interested parties. 2nd Meeting: 3 hours to develop draft conceptual legislative proposals. 3rd Meeting: 2 hours to finalize proposed and approve legislation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

A report from G&F on actual levels of landowner license permits issued in recent years. A review of landowner compensation programs in neighboring states, in particular Utah.

Draft topics – not final

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Brown, Gary

Proposed Interim Topic: Tax exemptions-reporting requirement

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0155 Sales and use tax exemptions-reporting requirements

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Specifying reporting requirements for taxpayers who claim sales tax and use tax exemptions; authorizing the imposition of fees as specified; requiring reporting.

Expected goal or result:

To require cooperation's, industry, and manufacturing clamming tax exemptions to report those exemptions to the department of revenue.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Campbell, Elissa

Proposed Interim Topic: Fire Protection Districts

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0144

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Continuation of HB0144 - 2026 Fire protection districts mill levies-amendments

Expected goal or result:

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Continuation of HB0144 - 2026 Fire protection districts mill levies-amendments

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Case, Cale

Proposed Interim Topic: Public Records and Meetings

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Pick up and continue work on public records to find a balance between citizen needs while regulating the burdensome requests of commercial data miners. Restrict the use of executive sessions to limited circumstances.

Expected goal or result:

Build on the good work already done last interim to increase confidence in our state and local governments. Encourage more sunshine.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Increase Corporate Filing Fees

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Revise the fee schedule for corporate filings

Expected goal or result:

Fees that are more in line with other states and that reflect the value of Wyoming Corporate laws and institutions. Possible reduction in fraud.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Certified Public Accountants Pathways Legislation

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The CPA profession in WY is seeking legislative change to establish an additional pathway for CPA licensure. In addition to the current standard, we propose adding a baccalaureate degree with 2 years of full-time experience in the practice of accounting. The passing of the CPA Exam would remain a requirement. As a result of the proposed change, we would need to revise definitions of substantial equivalency to be replaced with mobility-based language.

Expected goal or result:

By reducing the cost and time required for education, it can make the CPA profession more accessible to a broader range of individuals. This will help aspiring CPAs enter the workforce sooner, filling the gap left by retiring professionals and meeting the growing demand for services. So far, 46 states have passed or are passing legislation that is similar to what is being proposed.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Annexation into Community College

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The committee will review W.S. 21-18-310 to modernize college annexation. Key goals include: Levy Flexibility: Allowing annexation without a mandatory 4-mill levy while keeping state aid. Board Stability: Replacing "immediate" dissolution with staggered transitions to protect community and tribal integrity. Representation: Developing a board formula based on mills levied rather than just population.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is legislation that creates a more equitable and stable annexation process, ensuring that counties are not financially penalized for lower initial levies. Furthermore, the resulting bill should provide a "glide path" for board transitions that respects existing 4-year terms and maintains the

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sovereignty of the Wind River Reservation. Ultimately, the committee would create a representation formula that might consider assigning board seats in ways other than purely population-based.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

The committee will need approximately 3-5 hours over two meeting days during the 2026 interim.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review W.S. 21-18-310

Proposed Interim Topic: Fraudulent corporate filings

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Senator Case would like the Committee to discuss fraudulent corporate filings and determine whether any statutory changes are needed.

Expected goal or result:

To determine if statutory changes are needed and potentially sponsor legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Small Water Utilities

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Discussion of perennial issues pertaining to water utilities, including environmental regulations and water quality requirements at state and federal levels, access to capital, and major maintenance and system update costs.

Expected goal or result:

To focus discussion on the importance of small water utility system viability, the unique challenges they face, and their role in public health and safety within their service territories. The Commission is willing to address in any water utility related topics of interest to the Committee.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One meeting. (1 hour)

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Wyoming Statute §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(E) (Definitions), 37-2-131 (Supplemental safety jurisdiction of commission) and 37-2-205 (Certificate of convenience and necessity; hearings).

Proposed Interim Topic: Civil penalties for pipeline safety violations

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

To consider Amending Wyoming Statute § 37-2-128 to harmonize Wyoming law with related federal provisions by updating references and increase the maximum penalty for violation of 49 U.S.C. § 60101 et seq., which sets the daily civil penalty at \$272,926.00 and the maximum civil penalty at \$2,729,245.00. Currently, Wyoming Statute § 37-2-128 penalties are \$100,000.00 daily and a maximum of \$1,000,000.00.

Expected goal or result:

To eliminate obsolete references from Wyoming Statutes and avoid the potential loss of primacy over Wyoming’s pipeline safety program and associated federal funding. Disparity between federal and Wyoming pipeline safety violation penalty provisions could lead to assertion of jurisdiction by the federal Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. Aligning Wyoming Statute § 37-2-128 with federal penalty provisions and updating references would help ensure

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One meeting. (2 hours)

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

49 U.S.C. § 60101 et seq. Wyoming Statute §§ 37-2-128 through 131.

Proposed Interim Topic: Repeal ban on cross-nomination

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The committee should consider reviewing the ban on minor parties cross-nominating major party candidates, also known as fusion voting, which had a history of use in Wyoming before it was banned. Similar bans have been the subject of recent litigation in other states on the basis of originalist free speech and free association arguments.

Expected goal or result:

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Legalize cross nomination by minor parties while preserving the integrity of the major party primary system.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

“Free Speech on the Ballot: The Case for Fusion” Rainey Center <https://www.raineycenter.org/policy-brief/free-speech-on-the-ballot-the-case-for-fusion>

Proposed Interim Topic: 911 Funding

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 - SF0032; 911 Funding

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Continue the work and discussions held during the 2025 interim regarding the transition & funding for a Next Generation 911 system in Wyoming; and to provide status updates to the committee on the progress of the 911 study, as well as the 911 grant program.

Expected goal or result:

Continue to develop a transition and funding path for a Next Generation 911 system, which would make sense and is achievable for the state of Wyoming. Ensure the committee is updated, and provide opportunities to measure the progress of the 911 study, and the 911 grant program. Begin to examine the data captured to make informed decisions regarding the governance, operations, expenses, efficiencies, and funding options for current and Next Generation 911 systems that apply to Wyoming.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Up to 1 hour per meeting (3 meeting throughout the interim).

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

SF0032, as well as information provided to the committee during the 2025 interim regarding the status and challenges of the current 911 systems, and the need to transition to a Next Generation 911 system.

Proposed Interim Topic: Ress Sandy

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

A complete review and expansion of Wyoming's Public Meetings and Public Records Acts

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Expected goal or result:

A complete review and expansion of Wyoming's Public Meetings and Public Records Acts

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Have no idea

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Texas' Handbook on Public Meetings and Records

Proposed Interim Topic: Continuation of electricity discussion from 2025 interim, with specific focus on electric reliability concerns and capacity constraints related to large electric loads.

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 139 Exempting specified retail electric sales from regulation and HB 174 Wyoming choice electric program

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) are non-profit corporations dedicated to ensuring the reliability, security, and stability of the bulk power system (electric grid). Recent reports from these organizations highlight a looming risk to Wyoming with the potential of power shortages beginning as early as 2028. Extractive industries, such as trona/soda ash, are particularly vulnerable to disruptions in the power supply.

Expected goal or result:

This interim topic would continue work by the Joint Corporations Committee from the 2025 interim, with a direct focus on reliability threats to Wyoming, including concerns being raised by large industrial customers to safeguard operations.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 hours. Half day educational session at the first meeting, with 2 hours at each subsequent meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

NERC 2025 Long-Term Reliability Assessment and WECC 2025 Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy

Proposed Interim Topic: Deadline for Municipal Audits

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

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Related Bills:

16-4-121

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming Statute 16-4-121 sets the timeline and audit requirements for cities and towns in Wyoming. This topic involves moving the deadline for municipal audits from December 31 to March 31st of each year. The municipal clerks, treasurers and finance officers believe this is necessary due to the lack of certified auditors and the increasing complexity of these audits.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this topic would be to modify W.S. 16-4-121 to move the deadline for municipal audits to March 31st.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that this topic would take approximately 2 hours committee’s time.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

W.S. 16-4-121

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming-Designed Health Coverage Options for Low-Income Working Adults

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming faces persistently high uninsured rates, especially among low-income working adults in retail, hospitality, agriculture, energy, and other sectors where jobs often lack affordable health benefits. At the same time, uncompensated care at hospitals and clinics continues to strain local providers, county budgets, and privately insured families through higher premiums. What would a Wyoming-designed coverage solution for low-income working adults look like, built around our state’s values?

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this study is to explore options that reduce the number of uninsured working adults and ease pressure on hospitals and local governments, while respecting concerns about long-term state costs and dependence on Washington. Rather than a simple “yes or no” to standard Medicaid expansion, legislators would examine a menu of conservative-leaning design tools—such as modest premiums, health-account-style contributions, limited benefit packages, and strong work-supportive features.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

5-6 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The committee could review data on uncompensated care, county indigent care spending, and premium trends, and take testimony from rural hospitals, EMS agencies, small businesses, and affected workers.

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Chestek, Ken

Proposed Interim Topic: Nonpartisan county offices

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0037

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

All county-wide elected offices are currently elected in partisan elections. However, for most or all offices (outside of the County Commissioners), the qualifications to hold those offices don't relate very well to partisan affiliations. The County Clerk, for example, runs all elections; partisan preferences should not be considered. County attorneys, coroners, etc. should be chosen on the basis of their skills, not partisan preferences. Should county officers be elected in non-partisan ways?

Expected goal or result:

Legislation making all County elected offices (other than County Commissioners) non-partisan.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Cooper, Ed

Proposed Interim Topic: Campaign Finance

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SJ2 Upholding the principles of federalism

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Fifty years of court rulings have usurped state authority to set campaign finance regulations. States have made numerous attempts to regulate the flood of out-of-state and dark money in state elections. The courts have said no. The interim topic on campaign finance would include a review of campaign finance rulings and a study describing what Wyoming can legally do to address out-of-state and dark money in state and local elections.

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Expected goal or result:

Full review of court cases and allowable state actions around campaign finance. Example: Maine law to prevent foreign corporations from spending in state ballot elections ruled unconstitutional in *CMP v Maine Commission* (1st Cir. 2025). Discussion of federalism and how to retain state sovereignty over campaign finance legislation. Proposal for campaign finance reform legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Presentation of results of survey of court rulings around campaign finance + review of campaign finance statutes in Wyoming -- what Wyoming can do and what Wyoming already tries to do: 1.5h Proposed legislation: .5h Discussion of proposed legislation + expert testimony: 1.5h

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review of applicable campaign finance rulings from SCOTUS and federal courts. Review of Wyoming campaign finance statutes.

Crago, Barry

Proposed Interim Topic: Registered Agents Fraud

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF0082

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Requiring changes to the duties of Registered Agents. collection of data

Expected goal or result:

This topic was too timeconsuming and encompassing to do it justice during the session committee meetings. I suggest we take some time and determine if it's reasonable and appropriate to do.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Dockstader, Dan

Proposed Interim Topic: Development Review and Permitting Procedures

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 HB140

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This topic will explore methods, procedures and options for improving local development review procedures. While development review is a local issue, the legislature can provide options and resources that would speed up and make these processes more efficient. This effort is a direct continuation of the work done by the Regulatory Reduction Task Force. It aims to improving streamlining and improving efficiency and effectiveness local development review procedures.

Expected goal or result:

The objective of this topic is to develop legislation that enhances the speed, efficiency, and overall effectiveness of local development reviews. This topic seeks to establish support and funding for a statewide digital permitting system. In addition to accelerating the review cycle, such a platform would provide critical transparency; applicants could track their permits in real-time, knowing exactly where they are in the queue and when approval is expected.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that this topic would take approximately 8 hours of the committee’s time. This topic offers a vital opportunity to improve inter-agency integration, exploring how state entities—such as the State Fire Marshal’s Office—can more seamlessly coordinate with local jurisdictions during the development process.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

One focus will be reviving the concepts in HB-140 from the 2026 Budget Session. This bill which missed the House introduction deadline to authorize third-party inspectors to conduct building permit reviews. By replacing opaque manual processes with a digital interface, the state can significantly reduce the friction and frustration often associated with local development.

Proposed Interim Topic: Recall of Elected Municipal Officials - amendments

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 HB22

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

In the 2026 Legislative Session, House Bill 22 (Recall of Elected Municipal Officials) which established procedures for the recall municipal elected officials. The timing of these recall elections are established in HB-22. Many of the municipalities affected by HB-22 contract with their respective county clerks to conduct their municipal elections. The County Clerks would also be expected to run recall elections.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this topic is to modify the election schedule set forth in HB-22 to better coordinate with County and Town Clerks and minimize the cost of these elections. After discussions with the County

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Clerks and Town Clerks, we believe there needs to be additional discussions regarding the timing and management of these recall elections.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that this topic would take approximately 4 hours committee’s time.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

2026 House Bill – 22 Recall of Elected Municipal Officials

Guggenmos, Joel

Proposed Interim Topic: Title/Deed Fraud Protection

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Deed Fraud and Title Theft Prevention. Home Theft is becoming a major problem, and with the advent of AI, it has become an even bigger threat to Wyoming property owners. We need to put the structure in places so that Wyoming property owners have the option to put protections in place to avoid becoming a victim of deed fraud and title theft.

Expected goal or result:

To consider the proposed solution to this problem, which is The Wyoming ROCK Notice Act. The Wyoming ROCK Notice Act would create Title 34, Chapter 30 of the Wyoming Statutes. It establishes a new recordable instrument that property owners can voluntarily file in the chain of title. The act is organized into seven articles: general provisions, filing by natural persons, filing by entities, legal effect, duration and removal, title insurance obligations, and administration.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Wyoming ROCK Notice Act Registered Owner Contact and Key (ROCK) Notice

Larsen, Lloyd

Proposed Interim Topic: Develop the frameword to reject frivolous and fraudulent filings

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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Yes

Related Bills:

2026 HB104

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

County clerks receive filings against public officials including judges from individuals without legal standing stating the public official owes them millions of dollars for a preceived wrong doing. These filings go into the land records and are permanent. As well in similar fashion the Secretary of State receives filings using the UCC framework, the clerks or Secretary of State have the ability or authority to reject such a filing. At least 27 states have the ability to reject these filings

Expected goal or result:

Develop a framework that county clerks and the State Secretary of State can use to reject frivolous and fraudulent filings.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

6 hours over 3 meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

2026 HB 104, Deputy Secretary of State Colin Crossman's white paper "Combating paper terrorism in Wyoming filing offices".

Locke, Tony

Proposed Interim Topic: Transparency for Public Dollars

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I respectfully request the Corporations Committee include enhanced reporting of all public funds and expenditures as an interim study topic to strengthen oversight of taxpayer dollars distributed through agencies, nonprofits, and associations. As funds flow beyond direct government operations, transparency gaps can emerge. Reviewing reporting standards and statutes would promote accountability, prevent waste, and ensure public dollars align with legislative intent and uphold public trust.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to identify enhancements to reporting standards and statutes to ensure clear and consistent tracking of funds, aligned with legislative intent, and responsibly managed.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

W.S. § 9-4-103 – Account of Expenditures; Public Inspection Wyoming Public Records Act (W.S. §§ 16-4-201 to 16-4-205)

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Proposed Interim Topic: Public Service Commission SUPPORT/ENHANCEMENTS

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Joint Corporations Interim Committee will request a discussion and review with Public Service Commission (PSC) concerning current laws, processes, and procedures used by the PSC. The objective is to identify any enhancements and/or clarification the legislature can provide in support of the PSC's activities moving forward.

Expected goal or result:

If enhancements are identified, legislation in support of the PSC.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

5 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Options/Enhancement for real property Title Protections

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I respectfully request the Corporations Committee consider an interim study on options to enhance state and local statutes and rules governing real property title protections. With rising concerns about title fraud and recording errors, a review could identify improvements to strengthen safeguards, modernize processes, and protect property owners by ensuring a secure and reliable title system.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to identify and recommend a bill draft with enhancements.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Public open records for non-profits that represent government entities

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

There are Wyoming non-profit private organizations that have been acting as agents on behalf of local government entities. They should be subject to open records statutes when using taxpayer funds to represent government organizations

Expected goal or result:

Transparency. It is our money and not having an opportunity to review financial and contracts creates a lack of scrutiny by the public as to how our money is being spent.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

List of non--profit organization who have acting as agents for government entities over the last three years.

Proposed Interim Topic: Fraudulent liens

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

There are reports of fraudulent liens and filings related to real property. We also should look at real estate wholesaling and how it can take unfair advantage of inexperienced and elderly property owners.

Expected goal or result:

Legislation to protect the private property owners from fraudulent liens and filings against their property.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 days, 2-1/2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

I will provide background information at a later date.

Proposed Interim Topic: Duties of registered agents-amendments

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

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Related Bills:

2026 SF0082

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Relating to corporations, partnerships and associations; modifying the duties of registered agents; requiring registered agents to maintain the names of all owners of each entity; providing exceptions

Expected goal or result:

Duties of the registered agent; duties of the entity will be defined.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

McKeown, Troy

Proposed Interim Topic: Whole County Apportionment for the Wyoming House of Representatives

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

Senate File 114 2026

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

SF 114 is an apportionment and redistricting bill that returns the Wyoming House of Representatives to the Wyoming Constitutional prescription while adhering to required deviation. This bill lays out a specific formula for returning Wyoming's house districts to the county lines, and apportioning representatives proportional to representation.

Expected goal or result:

Find a county-based map that works within the population requirements of federal court rulings while respecting the Wyoming Constitution's mandate for districts based on county lines. SF 114 restores the voice of rural counties while protecting the interests of more dense counties.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

The Senate Corporations, Elections, and Political Subdivisions Committee suggested that this topic may be appropriate for a double interim topic.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

<https://www.raineycenter.org/policy-brief/counties-and-representation-in-the-wyoming-legislature>

Singh, Daniel

Proposed Interim Topic: Unlimited Liability Company

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

N/A

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I am suggesting consideration of creating a new entity in Wyoming - The Unlimited Liability Company (ULC), based loosely on a Canadian entity choice. Wyoming has an estimated 40,000 sole proprietorships. Those businesses are limited in tax elections because they have no structure. A ULC could be a great intermediary step between a sole proprietorship and an LLC. This structure would allow for easier estate planning and business sales.

Expected goal or result:

The goal will be to present legislation to the 2027 general session that would allow for ULCs to be an entity choice beginning 7/1/2027.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This may be considerable, but worthwhile for many Wyoming businesses.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Smith, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Choice Electric Program

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 174 (2026)

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Choice electric models the legislation to Choice Gas. The goal is to allow the Wyoming citizens to choose what type of electric they want their power distributor to purchase on their behalf.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to give choice to the people of Wyoming and not be forced into funding political energy sources that have been subsidized. It is easy to say that people may want wind and solar but are they willing to pay for it if it wasn't subsidized? I believe that this option to allow the people to choose what type of power they are willing to pay for would help drive and keep real supply and demand on the power sources that matter most to the people of Wyoming.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

HB174 Understand the concept of Choice Gas

Thayer, Pam

Proposed Interim Topic: Fire Suppression Code Review for Commercial Buildings

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Fire suppression & life-safety code requirements are central to occupant protection in commercial buildings & multifamily housing across Wyoming. The state establishes minimum standards through adopted International Codes & plan review by the Wyoming State Fire Marshal, while local governments may assume enforcement authority under home-rule provisions if standards are maintained. This topic would evaluate the balance between statewide consistency & local control, the impacts of development.

Expected goal or result:

To determine whether Wyoming’s fire suppression and life-safety requirements, administered by the Wyoming State Fire Marshal and local jurisdictions, ensure consistent public safety while minimizing unnecessary regulatory barriers to commercial development and the timely construction of needed housing. Prioritize clear, consistent, and flexible fire and life-safety standards to protect Wyoming residents, support housing development, and drive statewide economic growth

Estimated Committee time for topic:

A. Review and Learn on Topic - 2/3 Hours 1) Statewide Code Framework — Wyoming (current as of 2025/2026) 2) Authority & Local Enforcement — “Home Rule” and Local Codes 3) Fire Suppression Systems in Commercial Buildings 4) Life Safety Considerations Beyond Fire Suppression 5) Housing & Life Safety in Residential/Needed Housing Context B. Steps forward - 2/3 Hours 1) Consolidate Findings 2) Develop Policy Recommendations 3) Review and Refine TOTAL of 4 to 6 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Participant could be the following - Wyoming State Fire Marshal, City/County Building Departments, Wyoming Association of Fire Chiefs, Wyoming Contractors, Wyoming AIA, Wyoming Business Alliance, Wyoming Community Development Authority, Local Housing Authorities, and Community Organizations

Webb, Joe

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Proposed Interim Topic: Public Records Act Revisions

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF0049; HB0151

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Deficiencies in the Wyoming Public Records Act continue to hinder transparency across Wyoming. Citizens are being charged unnecessary fees for electronic records. Some records are not accessible that should be. Litigation remains a challenge due to the lack of an attorney fee recovery provision. And questions linger regarding the role of the ombudsman. It's time for a comprehensive review and update to Wyoming's public records laws.

Expected goal or result:

Fees should be eliminated for records produced electronically, capped for electronic records produced by physical medium (USB drive, etc.), and limited to actual print costs for physical copies above a threshold amount. Categorical exceptions for records related to taxpayer funds should be eliminated. Attorney fees and costs should be recoverable in public records litigation by a requester who successfully sues for wrongfully withheld records. And the ombudsman's role should be clarified.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours (probably two 2-hour sessions).

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

SF0049, HB0151, and the relevant portions of last year's interim committee and task force meetings.

Yin, Mike

Proposed Interim Topic: Mandatory Insurance Fraud Reporting

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming is only one of two states without insurance fraud reporting statutes. Forty-eight states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico have insurance fraud reporting laws to protect consumers. To protect consumers, Wyoming should statutorily require insurance fraud reporting, which helps uncover fraudsters and organized crime rings.

Expected goal or result:

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Adopt insurance fraud statutes similar in part or in whole of the model National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) Insurance Fraud Act that was recently updated in the fall of 2025.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

<https://ncoil.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/NCOIL-Insurance-Fraud-Model-November-2025.pdf>

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Brown, Landon

Proposed Interim Topic: TRIP Research Report Presentation to the Committee

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

AGC of Wyoming has partnered with TRIP—a private, nonprofit organization that researches, evaluates, and distributes economic and technical data on surface transportation issues—to compile a comprehensive report that examines road and bridge conditions, traffic safety and funding needs in the state with Wyoming-specific data and information.

Expected goal or result:

We would like to present this report to the committee for the education of the members and the legislature as a whole and in conjunction with any efforts to address the funding shortfall to the highway system.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hours, early in the interim, if possible

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

TRIP’s website: www.tripnet.org

Proposed Interim Topic: Railroad Safety

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0114 Railroad Safety, 2026 Session

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Federal regulatory rollbacks have reduced track inspections from twice weekly to twice monthly, while train lengths have grown to 18,000 feet — blocking crossings, delaying emergency response, and increasing derailment risk. HB0114 (2026) proposed state standards for train length, crossings, wayside

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detection, and inspections. This interim would examine Wyoming's options for state-level rail safety oversight.

Expected goal or result:

The committee should evaluate: (1) establishing a Wyoming state rail safety inspection program partnering with the FRA, including available federal grant funding used by 31 other states; (2) appropriate state standards for train length, blocked crossings, and track inspection; and (3) a legislative proposal ready for the 2027 session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Sufficient time to receive testimony from all relevant stakeholders, including railroad companies, WYDOT, labor representatives, and local emergency services, and to thoroughly review federal regulatory changes and other states' approaches to rail safety oversight.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

HB0114, 2026 session National Academies TRB study on train length:
<https://www.nationalacademies.org/projects/TRB-CAAS-22-03> Utah Legislature report: "Rail Safety Inspection: State Participation" (Aug. 2022): <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2022/pdf/00003048.pdf> FRA State Rail Safety Participation Grant Program: <https://railroads.dot.gov/railroad-safety/partnerships-programs/state-safety-participation-program>

Proposed Interim Topic: Tricare Subsidies for Mental health providers

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

A study is proposed to examine barriers to service for mental health services for service members and their families in Wyoming who have TRICARE for insurance coverage. There is a hypothesis that TRICARE's reimbursement for mental health providers may not be competitive enough to incentivize providers to join the network, leading to a shortage of accessible care.

Expected goal or result:

This study would analyze the current landscape of licensed mental health professionals in the State of Wyoming, identifying barriers to service for our Members/Veterans/families who have TRICARE for insurance.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Strengthening Wyoming's Interstate Chain Law Penalties

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The statutory fine for violating Wyoming’s chain law is \$250 for noncompliance, and \$750 if the violation results in a crash that closes the highway. These penalties may not provide sufficient deterrence, particularly given the economic and public safety consequences of winter closures on I-80.

Expected goal or result:

Increasing chain law penalties to better align with other Wyoming safety related fines (ELP/Blow over). Direct increased chain law fines into a dedicated highway safety fund for winter outreach, education, and compliance efforts to reduce crashes, closures, and fatalities on Wyoming roads.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: WYDOT’s Revenue Framework

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Department will outline its existing funding framework. The department will review recent legislative efforts taken to address budget deficiencies. The Department would like to explore potential options to meet current and future funding needs.

Expected goal or result:

To identify the Department’s resource deficiencies and operational pressures.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours split between interim meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

HB0082 Wyoming interstate study and safe highways investment act HB0136 Pari-mutuel wagering-highway fund, HB0137 Skill based amusement games-highway fund

Chestek, Ken

Proposed Interim Topic: Railroad Safety

Contact Person:

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Yes

Related Bills:

HB0037

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming has been lucky so far not to have a catastrophic train derailment, but the toxic and hazardous materials moving along our rail lines puts us at great risk. There are a number of ways to reduce the risk, including limiting train lengths, requiring the deployment and use of "wayside detectors" to detect hot wheels, dragging equipment and other defects, and requiring visual inspection of train lines twice per week. The committee can learn about these technologies and consider mandating them

Expected goal or result:

Investigation into possible solutions to the multiple problems presented by the current situation, potentially leading to legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

An initial hearing of 60-90 minutes to take evidence to determine the nature and scope of the problem, and to brainstorm possible legislative solutions. If the committee decides to proceed further with the topic, it could require another 2-3 hours of reviewing legislation, hearing more testimony and working the bill.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Geringer, Rob

Proposed Interim Topic: Proposed Wyoming GIS Coordination and Governance Structure

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This topic would evaluate strengthening statewide GIS coordination to improve efficiency, protect existing state investments in geospatial data, and better support public safety, infrastructure planning, taxation, natural resource management, elections and economic development. It would examine formalizing coordination between the State ETS and UW, establishing a Geographic Information Officer, and advisory structure representing state, local, tribal, federal, academic, and private stakeholders.

Expected goal or result:

Propose legislation to formalize a coordinated GIS governance structure that improves efficiency, reduces duplication, protects prior state investments in geospatial data, clarifies leadership through a

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GIO, and establishes a representative advisory framework to ensure consistent data standards, accountability, secure data sharing, and long-term statewide collaboration across agencies and stakeholders.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours of committee time

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The committee should review a basic overview of what GIS is and how it supports agencies at all levels; a summary of current GIS roles, funding, and coordination between ETS and UW; any existing statutory authority; examples from other states with formal GIS governance structures; and potential fiscal impacts, including duplication, risks, efficiency gains, and protection of prior state investments

Jarvis, Julie

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Airport Infrastructure Funding

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming's aviation system supports \$3.5 billion in annual economic activity across the state. The State's 40 public use airports are all capital constrained and have critical needs to improve safety and to provide infrastructure for critical services like aerial firefighting, air ambulance, aerial land management, aerial agriculture services, etc. While user-fee based funding from the Federal Aviation Administration provides funding for airport's most critical needs, it is not enough to cover...

Expected goal or result:

Should the committee identify opportunities to improve the current funding model for airports through their study, a new or revised funding model to support critical airport infrastructure may be created.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 – 2 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming Aviation Capital Improvement Program, Title 10, 2026 South Dakota Senate Bill 76, any research from LSO on how other states fund airport infrastructure.

Knapp, Christopher

Proposed Interim Topic: VSA Officers Review

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review at the status of VSA officers including coverage and compensation to meet national standards

Expected goal or result:

Ensure Wyoming is meeting the needs of veterans services in Wyoming

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hra

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Kolb, John

Proposed Interim Topic: Elimination of license plate replacement cycle

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF112 , 2026

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

SENATE FILE NO. SF0112, 2026 Elimination of license plate replacement cycle

Expected goal or result:

Elimination of license plate replacement cycle

Estimated Committee time for topic:

total of 4 hr.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

SENATE FILE NO. SF0112

Larsen, Lloyd

Proposed Interim Topic: One Call Statutes

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Prior to the August 2025 Transportation meeting the Contractor's association approached me with concerns within the One Call Statutes that are impacting their projects. I re-read the applicable statutes 37-12-301 thru 37-12-307 and found them to be conflicting and then reached out to agencies and entities engaged with oversight and enforcement and concluded we do not give clear direction in statute and there may be some question whether we are complying with statutes in our enforcement effort

Expected goal or result:

Continue the effort started in the last quarter of 2025 to work with those impacted by 811, those who currently have oversight of the act, and those who are enforcing compliance to add definition and clarity to the statutes. This would include: Underground Utility Operators, Excavators (contractors), One Call Notification Center, Attorney General, Public Service Commission, Municipalities, and Counties

Estimated Committee time for topic:

5-hours over 2 meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Summary of statutes governing Article 3. Damage to underground public utility facilities document created by Representative Lloyd Larsen and LSO attorney Ian Shaw.

Proposed Interim Topic: Experience Modification Rate

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB-168

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Industry and Contractors are being ask to submit their Worker Compensation Experience Modification Rate (EMR) for the purpose of determining the company's safety record when bidding on projects or as completing Master Service Agreements. Each state based on their worker's compensation statues have varying formulas used to determine a company's EMR, and lack conformity for appropriate comparison, but most important EMRs are not intended to be an indicator of a company's safety record.

Expected goal or result:

To amend the states statutes to prohibit the use of EMR's as a safety record indicator for construction projects in Wyoming. Also we need to make sure a company doesn't whose employee was injured as a result of a 3rd party's action doesn't have that incident be attributable to their EMR.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours over two meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

1.) 2026 HB-168 2.) Indiana 2025 HB1214 3.) Texas 2023 HB679 4.) Virginia 11-9.8

Proposed Interim Topic: Experience Modification Rating and Contractor Bidding

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 168 2026 session

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Workers' compensation rates and policies impact industry in Wyoming and across the country. Specifically, the Experience Modification Ratings (EMR). This rating is misused as a potential stand-in to evaluate a company's safety record causing some companies in Wyoming to lose out on projects because a contractor excludes them from bidding due to this practice. The interim topic could evaluate options for Wyoming to improve the system and examine HB 168 and look at other solutions.

Expected goal or result:

Improvements to make the Wyoming workers' compensation laws more business friendly without compromising the safety of employees. This could result in one or more pieces of legislation for the 2027 general session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Two hours.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review of HB 168. Indiana's SB 408 from the 2025 session. Statutes 27-14-201 around nonchargeable events. Wyoming's constitution Article 10 Section 4.

Proposed Interim Topic: Review of 811 statutes

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

AGC of Wyoming would like to take a look at the Wyoming Underground Facilities Notification Act (811, Call Before You Dig) to make possible changes to statute related to operator liability, the enforcement

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structure, and exemptions to the act. Rep. Lloyd Larsen has studied the statute and has begun to compile a stakeholder workgroup of involved stakeholders to discuss possible changes.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this topic would be to have draft legislation for consideration at the 2027 General Session that makes beneficial changes to the operation and enforcement of the 811 statutes.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours, later in the interim if possible, to allow the stakeholder workgroup to complete their work.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming State Statute 37-12-301 to 31-12-307. Wyoming’s 811 organization’s website: www.onecallofwyoming.com.

Pappas, Stephan

Proposed Interim Topic: WYDOT Foundations, Statutory, and Work Zone Safety Updates

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Agency requests one day to introduce the committee to the various departments within WYDOT through internal subject matter experts. During the remainder of the interim, the Agency will present statutorily required updates, work zone safety topics, and work zone safety enforcement measures.

Expected goal or result:

To familiarize new committee members with the Department's statutory mandates, efficiencies, and achievements. Increase knowledge of the agency and its impact on the State/Country. Potential tours of facilities and the need for upgraded buildings. Update on the project prioritization model. Continued discussion and refinement of potential funding legislation. Presentations on statutorily required updates, and review safety measures to improve highway safety in work zones.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour for WYDOT Foundations and 3 hours for statutorily update and work zone safety.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Protecting Wyoming's Electric Grid from Various Threats

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming has paid close attention to power resilience, primarily to ensure we have the power to fuel demand. The other component of resilience is the ability to survive in a contested environment and our Nation's (Wyoming's portion included) electric grid is extremely vulnerable to multiple threat vectors. This interim study would explore ways to protect portions of our electric grid from various threats and work to make Wyoming's portion of the grid more resilient (Hardened).

Expected goal or result:

A bill that starts the process of identifying vulnerable critical infrastructure, with the potential of funding some hardening requirements

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3-6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Assessing the Threat from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP): Executive Report." Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States of Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack, Washington, D.C., July 2017 The President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council – Surviving a Catastrophic Power Outage. Dec 2019 Domestic Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (DEMISO), Resiliency Guide, 2022 Grid Vulnerability Assessment: Steve Chill and Mike Swearingen

Proposed Interim Topic: Commercial Vehicle Inspections

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Wyoming Highway Patrol will present the need to modify and update these specific statutes.

Expected goal or result:

The Wyoming Highway Patrol is requesting a statutory change to W.S. 31-5-104 and W.S. 31-5-225 that would grant Commercial Vehicle Inspectors the authority to stop and perform CVSA inspections.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 Hours split between interim meetings.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Study on Service Group Life Insurance for State Active Duty

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This proposal calls for a comparative study of the death benefits available to members of the Wyoming National Guard. The study will analyze the differences between the benefits provided under state law for members on State Active Duty versus those provided under federal law.

Expected goal or result:

The primary objective is to identify any potential shortfalls in the state’s benefit package to help ensure the families of Guard members are equitably supported, regardless of the duty status at the time of death.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Removing obstacles to achieve energy dominance in Wyoming

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF 123 Wyoming energy dominance fund.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming has a proven history of being a leader in energy innovation and is uniquely positioned to execute on transformative energy-related projects during the current federal administration. This study proposes to review current and proposed projects that align with the goal of achieving energy dominance.

Expected goal or result:

Identification and removal of regulatory hurdles and other barriers that delay industry's ability to enhance domestic production and reduce energy costs. Potential items of review include current and future projects associated with the Wyoming Energy Authority's Energy Matching Fund and, assuming passage, Energy Dominance Fund; discussion of a longer term fund to support large projects; permitting and staffing review at the Department of Environmental Quality and Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

President Trump's Executive Orders on "Unleashing American Energy" dated January 20, 2025

Boner, Brian

Proposed Interim Topic: ISC Bonding Requirements

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Consideration of some sort of advance payment/bonding requirement by a developer in the ISC local distribution process. Long lead times for some equipment such as fire trucks has led to challenges in that the ability of local governments to acquire needed equipment in a meaningful timeframe (e.g. before the construction activity is complete).

Expected goal or result:

Legislation or rulemaking that early payment of local distribution funds in certain circumstances.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

ISC local distribution statutes

Campbell, Kevin

Proposed Interim Topic: Coalbed methane/Industrial sovereign zones

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0120

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Discuss using coalbed methane to manufacture high value hydrogen, ammonia and carbon black.

Expected goal or result:

include coalbed methane as a feedstock in Wyoming's clean energy production.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 - 1.5 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The different requirements in statutes between gas and coal.

Case, Cale

Proposed Interim Topic: Sourcing curling stones in Wyoming

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Wyoming Geological Survey recently issued a social media post indicated that the mineralogy found in existing curling stones that are currently sourced only in two locations in Scotland and one in Wales is also present in igneous rocks found in Wyoming. These granites include the Sherman Granite, the Laramie Anorthosite, and the Sage Hen Granite. I would propose that the Minerals, Business & Economic Development Committee work with the Wyoming Geological Survey to evaluate whether curling

Expected goal or result:

I would propose that the Minerals, Business & Economic Development Committee work with the Wyoming Geological Survey to evaluate whether curling stones can be sourced in Wyoming.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Wyoming State Geologist and the Wyoming Geological Survey

Cooper, Ed

Proposed Interim Topic: Childcare as an Economic Driver

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Lack of childcare supply is a barrier to parents who want or need to work, to businesses, and to communities. Childcare supply is an important piece of economic infrastructure in Wyoming, leading to workforce availability. Childcare providers are the businesses behind the businesses that can help solve this problem. The WY Interagency Working Group on Childcare identified the barriers at play and actions that can be taken by state agencies, local governments, the businesses to improve access.

Expected goal or result:

Members from the working group will present data and information identifying actions that have and can be taken by state agencies, local governments, the business community, philanthropies, and the state legislature. This would be an informational/educational opportunity for the committee to contemplate future actions the legislature might take to support this important piece of the economy.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

45 mins - 1 hr

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

https://wyoleg.gov/InterimCommittee/2024/10-202404297-03DFSReport_AccesstoWYChildCare_Final_04_15_24.pdf <https://wycf.org/childcare-grant/>

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<https://employerchildcarenavigator.org/> <https://growthlab.hks.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/childcare-policy-brief-july-2024.pdf>

Crum, Gary

Proposed Interim Topic: Business Council Restructure

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF125 & SF0001 & HB001

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Joint Minerals Committee evaluate the WBC and its programs for possible restructure

Expected goal or result:

Develop legislation for committee sponsorship and consideration during the 2027 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Heiner, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: Domestic Preference for Resident General Service Contracts

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Title 16 does have a resident preference for procurement of goods and services for "public works." The definition of "public works" limits the existing 5% preference to residents to construction/renovation type projects. Under Title 9, State Agencies do not have a similar resident preference, but this is purely discretionary. The vast majority of state service and good contracts through A&I are not required to have any domestic preference.

Expected goal or result:

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Allowing preference opportunities for Wyoming companies will support the economy. While this could result in apparent cost increases for state contracts, it is actually a savings mechanism that keeps Wyoming expenditures within local economies.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One or two days during the interim to discuss would be sufficient.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Testimony from interested stakeholders would be beneficial.

Jones, Stacy

Proposed Interim Topic: Wholesaling of Real Estate

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Should wholesaling of real estate be regulated. there are indications that some of these operations are preying on the elderly.

Expected goal or result:

Consider legislation to protect consumers from predatory actions by Wholesalers.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 days - 2-1/2 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

I will work on providing back up information. But to see what Pennsylvania has done, go to:
<https://www.parealtors.org/resources/wholesaling-overview/> Oklahoma has statutes to address the issue. Here's that link:
<https://www.billtrack50.com/billdetail/1788249#:~:text=This%20bill%20amends%20Oklahoma's%20Real,regulations%20for%20real%20estate%20wholesalers>

Proposed Interim Topic: Economic impacts to Wyoming from a potential water curtailment on the Colorado River system

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

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SF 84 Voluntary water conservation program

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Interim topic is also requested by Senator Hicks, Representative Wylie and Representative Davis. A broad coalition of the energy and minerals industry, agriculture, local governments, and economic development request an interim study to better understand economic impacts to Wyoming from a potential water curtailment on the Colorado River system. Proposed study includes a half-day joint meeting with the Select Water Committee.

Expected goal or result:

As of February 2026, snowpack in the Upper Colorado River Basin is significantly below normal at 61%. The Colorado River system is facing critical shortages with Lake Powell’s water inflow projected at 52%. Water shortages could begin as early as December 2026 if drought conditions persist. Once potential risks to Wyoming are better understood, the coalition proposes to work with the respective committees to develop legislation aimed at protecting Wyoming water users and interests.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 hours. Half-day joint session with the Select Water Committee, with 2 hours at each subsequent Joint Minerals Committee meeting

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Reports from the Upper Colorado River Basin system, including reports from the US Geological Survey, the Department of the Interior, the Wyoming State Engineer’s Office and the Wyoming Water Development Commission.

Knapp, Christopher

Proposed Interim Topic: Industrial Siting Exemption on Coal Permit Land

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Working with Wyoming Coal Companies we are seeking an exemption of Industrial Siting for large construction projects that would be located on coal mine permit property, or property adjacent to permit property owned by the company. We have met with DEQ and they recommended adding language to 35-12-119. Exemptions; Information required.

Expected goal or result:

Goal would be to get the stakeholders in agreement with the proposed statute for exemption. The stakeholders would be Coal Companies, Counties, Municipalities and Special Districts.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I think this could take an hour at 2 different meetings. I think the statute change is very simple. We will need support from Counties, Municipalities and special districts that may have questions. Those areas would be mostly Campbell, Converse, Sweetwater, Lincoln Counties.

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Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WY Statute 35-12-102, 35-12-107, 35-12-119

Larson, J.T.

Proposed Interim Topic: Unclaimed Property Law Update

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Revisions to Wyoming's Unclaimed Property Act, enacted in 1993, are needed to include new types of properties. Approximately 2/3rds of all unclaimed property (UP) in WY is tied to liquidated cryptocurrency, despite no mention of cryptocurrency in UP statutes. In addition, we would like to amend existing notice requirements to allow for electronic mail notification, provide a streamlined process for small claims and provide additional clarity and transparency in processes and procedures.

Expected goal or result:

Clarify existing law and make it easier for Wyoming citizens to receive money and other types of unclaimed property owed to them.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This shouldn't take more than a couple of hours of time during committee meetings.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

LSO worked with the STO office in 2022 to prepare a repeal/replace provision. We would utilize some of this proposed language.

Nethercott, Tara

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Economic Development Structure Review

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This proposed interim topic would allow for a continued examination of the future structure, mission, and governance of the Wyoming Business Council, along with the broader role of the State of Wyoming

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in economic development. The study would provide an opportunity to review how state level efforts align with and support local and regional economic development organizations, including considerations related to funding mechanisms, accountability, statutory authority, and program performance.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the committee’s consideration should be to clarify and strengthen Wyoming’s economic development framework by ensuring appropriate alignment between state and local efforts, establishing clear roles and responsibilities, improving transparency and accountability, and identifying potential statutory or structural reforms. The desired outcome is a cohesive statewide economic development strategy that maximizes return on public investment and supports sustainable economic growth.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that the committee would require a deep dive during the 2026 interim, including time for stakeholder testimony, agency presentations, and committee deliberation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Current statutes governing the Wyoming Business Council; Recent performance audits and annual reports; Comparative analyses of economic development governance structures in peer states; Historical appropriations and program funding data; Input from local and regional economic development organizations; Previous legislative studies or task force findings related to economic development structure.

Riggins, J.R.

Proposed Interim Topic: Industrial Siting Council Impact Payments to Bonds

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review the DEQ - ISC Impact payment language and require it to be bonds

Expected goal or result:

ISC impact payments need to be set up as bonds at permitting to be released to those who are impacted upfront of the competition of the projects.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

DEQ- Industrial Siting Council Impact Payment rules and regulations

Rothfuss, Chris

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Proposed Interim Topic: Oil and Gas Produced Water Reuse

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Topic will focus on produced water reuse and water sharing between oil and gas operators for reuse within the industry. Industry is requesting approval for more reuse and permitting more facilities. Reuse of produced water can reduce cost for disposal and reduce use of fresh water. Water sharing would allow increased reuse. The statutes are not clear on whether any agency in WY has authority to permit water pipelines and reservoirs for reuse when water is transferred/shared between operators.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the evaluation of water sharing of produced water for reuse in the industry is to modify the statute to grant authority to the OGCC to manage produced water reuse that includes water sharing/transfers between operators and permit infrastructure such as water pipelines and reservoirs when used for reuse within the oil and gas industry. The OGCC currently has statutory authority to permit produced water reuse for an operator using their own water. OGCC and DEQ agree on the topic.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I propose up to three hours during the interim. Approximately two hours to study the issue and an hour to evaluate proposed revisions to the statute and work a bill.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

None, all information on current statutory authority, details on produced water reuse, and the proposed language desired to authorize produced water reuse and water sharing/transfers will be provided by the OGCC during the interim committee meetings or by other parties involved such as the DEQ and oil and gas operators or their association.

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Brennan, Evie

Proposed Interim Topic: Long Term Care

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Consider how Wyoming’s public and private sectors are preparing for an increase in its older adult population. Wyoming’s median age is rising rapidly. The population age 65 and older in Wyoming is expected to grow by another 10% from 2024 to 2030, while the total population is projected to increase by less than 2% during that period. What is Wyoming doing to help folks age in their homes, and what else should be considered? What is PACE Light, and how can it help Wyomingites age in place?

Expected goal or result:

Consideration of rates and programs to mitigate cost to The State, while helping citizens age in place. Is there capacity within those programs and services to take on more demand as our state continues to age? Are we presenting a full continuum of care for our citizens? How do we incentivize workforce to engage in senior care? We recommend engaging the state’s nursing homes, senior centers, Assisted Living Facilities, and home service providers so our communities are ready for what is ahead?

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Four hours over two meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming Department of Health’s Long Term Care Study, 2023 - <https://wyoleg.gov/InterimCommittee/2017/10-1016APPENDIX12.pdf> Census Estimates on Wyoming’s Future - https://www.wyomingnews.com/news/local_news/census-estimates-show-wyoming-faces-rapid-population-aging-outpacing-all-other-states/article_e6b5c3b8-9f6d-4390-bb28-1edec4b1bd33.html Wyoming Healthy Aging Data Report - <https://healthyagingdatareports.org/wy/wyoming-healthy-aging-data-report/>

Proposed Interim Topic: Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Family Leave

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

In 2024, 639 babies were born preterm. Delivering a pre-term baby is stressful for families. Following birth, a NICU stay may also be required. Parents want to be by their newborn's side, but this can be difficult when they also must earn a paycheck. Parents must choose between making sure their family stays afloat or sometimes even keeping their jobs, and being with their child. When a baby must be hospitalized out of state, this is exacerbated. Family medical leave for NICU could help.

Expected goal or result:

Learn what paid family medical leave (specifically for NICU families) is. In evaluating whether NICU paid family medical leave is right for Wyoming, the committee could consider: • Paid vs unpaid • Amount of time off • Business/employee size • How a NICU policy could differ from the federal FMLA law •

Funding model

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

www.marchofdimes.org/peristats/reports/wyoming/report-card www.thesouthern.com/news/new-illinois-law-provides-job-protected-leave-for-newborns-in-nicu/article_5717f73e-ba9e-5191-82cd-be31014c6ead.html www.usatoday.com/story/life/health-wellness/2026/01/28/colorado-nicu-parents-babies-premature-paid-leave/88158921007/ www.employmentlawworldview.com/colorado-provides-first-of-its-kind-paid-neonatal-care-leave-what-employers-need-to-know-for-january-1-2026-effective-date-us/

Proposed Interim Topic: Expanding Midwifery Scope to Address Rural Maternity and Women's Health Care Gaps in Wyoming

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review expanding Wyoming CPM scope of practice to include well-woman and preventive reproductive care, along with limited prescriptive authority under Board oversight. Wyoming faces some of the nation's most severe rural maternity deserts and ongoing hospital and maternity unit closures. Current statute limits midwives to pregnancy-only care despite accredited training. Updating statute would improve timely access, reduce preventable complications, and strengthen rural health infrastructure.

Expected goal or result:

The goal should be to update Wyoming statute so CPM may provide well-woman and preventive reproductive care consistent with their education and national certification standards. The result would be improved rural access in areas facing provider shortages, earlier detection and treatment of preventable conditions, reduced unnecessary emergency visits, and carefully defined limited prescriptive authority under Board oversight to support continuity of care across the lifespan.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

Approximately 2–3 committee meetings during the 2026 interim, including time to review national scope models, maternal health data, and input from the Board of Midwifery and rural healthcare providers.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Washington State midwifery statutes permitting well-woman care and limited prescriptive authority; HRSA rural maternal health and workforce shortage data; Wyoming maternity desert and hospital closure reports; national CPM competencies and MEAC standards; and ACOG/ACNM guidance on collaborative reproductive care models.

Proposed Interim Topic: Modify Workers Compensation Statute

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

W.S. 27-14-102

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This interim topic seeks to amend the W.S. 27-14-102 to classify public safety communications workers as first responders. These people are the initial point of contact for every emergency, managing the critical window between a 911 call and the arrival of field units. Like police officers and firefighters, dispatchers are routinely exposed to high-stakes trauma and the acute emotional stress. Implementing this change recognizes the role these professionals play public safety infrastructure.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this topic would be to modify W.S. 27-14-102 to include public safety communications workers as first responders.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that this topic will take approximately 3-4 hours of the committee's time.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

None

Proposed Interim Topic: Problematic Gaming and Program Funding

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

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HB0171 - Funds for problem gaming treatment-amendments;

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Problematic Gaming has become an issue for many across the state and their legislators. Concurrently, funding for public health, preventative services, 988 and behavioral health continues to be an ongoing concern. The proposed interim topic is to use a percentage of the Gaming Commissions proceeds in order to address the growing gaming problem and fund related programs.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the topic should be to propose a funding structure which adds to the funding counties need for preventative and public health services, fully fund the 988 lifeline trust , as well as fund the growing need for treatment which is burdening behavioral health providers.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours depending on the information requested by the committee.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Though "problematic gaming", is the term used in past bills and committee meetings, Gambling Disorder (312.31/F63.0) is classified under "Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders" in the DSM 5-TR while Gaming Disorder was listed as a mental health disorder in the ICD-11. Due to the diagnostic criteria of problematic gaming, including 988 and treatment programs should be considered, as well as funding structures enacted in other states.

Proposed Interim Topic: diagnostic and supplemental examination for breast exams

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This interim topic would focus on diagnostic and supplemental examinations under certain health benefit plans. This would address when a women needs follow up examination after an abnormal mammogram or pap-smear.

Expected goal or result:

The goal would be to consider legislation around this topic to prevent further cost by not having these exams done.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: coverage of prescription drugs for advanced metastatic cancer

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This would look at prohibiting step therapy for advanced metastatic cancer and allow for other more appropriate treatment options.

Expected goal or result:

legislation that allows for more options and less hoops for those with metastatic cancer.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: SNAP Education

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

Budget bill

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

For over 30 years SNAP Education (SNAP-Ed) has provided nutrition education to Wyomingites with limited resources and partnered with community organizations to make healthier choices more accessible. Programming covered every county and the reservation in Wyoming. After federal funding ended nationwide in October 2025, SNAP-Ed was included in the Department of Family Services budget to continue the program. SNAP-Ed helps families eat healthier on a budget, aligning with DFS assistance programs.

Expected goal or result:

As a result of consideration, the committee will have a better understanding of the way SNAP-Ed helps low-income families decrease hunger and improve health, as well as the value SNAP-Ed brings to communities. Consideration will result in a committee bill that, with passage, will fund SNAP-Ed and ensure that Wyomingites with limited resources have access to education that can help them make healthier choices for themselves and their children, while managing tight budgets.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program website. Cent\$ible Nutrition Program has been the Wyoming SNAP-Ed program since it started in the state. Visit the About page for details: <https://uwyo.cn.org/about/>

Proposed Interim Topic: Behavioral Health Workforce Clinical Training Site Shortage

Contact Person:

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WICHE Commissioners

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming faces a shortage of behavioral health professionals. As we work to train and attract more behavioral health professionals to Wyoming, one way to do that is to ensure there are adequate clinical training slots available, particularly for Wyoming students. Wyoming currently has only two clinical psychology internships in the state for a total of three slots. There is a shortage nationwide for such slots and increasing the number available in Wyoming could be a recruiting tool.

Expected goal or result:

Committee education on these issues in Wyoming and possible legislation to establish a Wyoming Rural Psychology Internship Consortium.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce (Hawai'i): <https://www.wiche.edu/strengthening-the-behavioral-health-workforce/>

Proposed Interim Topic: CPR in schools

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Research by the American Heart Association has proven that. CPR saves lives. 42 states have adopted CPR certification as requirement in public schools. We ask the legislature to consider the merits of CPR certification and if appropriate move forward with a committee sponsored bill.

Expected goal or result:

A committee sponsored bill for introduction in the 2027 legislative session

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

AHA will provide the committee with research and demonstrations

Campbell, Elissa

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Proposed Interim Topic: Midwifery

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Deep dive into the medical oversight, regulation, and accountability of midwives. Violations of Midwifery Standards of Care, Violations of Nursing Standards of Care, Violations of Code of Ethics for Nurses, Violations of unlicensed-supervised-students/interns per Wyoming Statutes. Investigate excessive time delays in investigating claims of violations (lack of staffing resulting in claim investigations being two-years out).

Expected goal or result:

Understanding of the midwifery system, oversight, regulations, standards of care, and loss of life from violations. Recommendations on Board staffing, medical oversight, and maintaining standards of care.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 to 8 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Massage Therapist State Licensing

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Establishing statewide standards and regulations for massage therapy to ensure consistency, consumer protection, and professional licensing requirements.

Expected goal or result:

Establishing statewide standards and regulations for massage therapy to ensure consistency, consumer protection, and professional licensing requirements.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 to 8 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Clouston, Ken

Proposed Interim Topic: Medicaid Nursing Home Asset Limit

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Study whether Wyoming's \$2,000 Medicaid asset limit should be modernized and increased to support our state's seniors. The review would examine impacts on eligibility, administrative burden, program integrity, and access to care.

Expected goal or result:

The Committee should determine whether updating Wyoming's Medicaid asset limit would improve access to coverage, and to develop policy options for legislative consideration.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

The committee should devote 2 hours of time to the topic during the interim, exclusive of time outside of committee meetings reviewing materials.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Committee should review current Wyoming Medicaid eligibility requirements, the history of CMS-standardized Supplemental Security Income (SSI) resource limits, which have not changed since 1989 and are not indexed to inflation, and CMS options for state flexibility. The Committee should also consider testimony from the Wyoming Department of Health, Wyoming nursing homes and other long-term care providers, and the state's senior citizens.

Proposed Interim Topic: Review of Rural Healthcare Transformation funds and programs

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of the program status and role out

Expected goal or result:

Learn what the funds are to be used for immediately and in the future

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

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Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Dept of Health

Proposed Interim Topic: Review of Rural Healthcare Transformation funds and programs

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

340B Hospital Transparency

Expected goal or result:

Work with all parties involved on applying Hospital Transparency on the pharmaceutical applications

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

we will need input from WHA, Dept Health, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Medicine, probably input from insurance companies

Proposed Interim Topic: 1332 Waiver for WY Reinsurance Program

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming should pursue a Section 1332 reinsurance waiver to reduce individual market health insurance premiums in Wyoming. Montana and Alaska achieved ~10–20% reductions without direct state funding, using insurer assessments and federal pass-through funds. Review other states' models, funding mechanisms, and applicability to Wyoming to improve affordability and reduce uncompensated care on our providers and hospitals.

Expected goal or result:

The committee's consideration should result in legislation enabling the WY Department of Insurance administer a state reinsurance program.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

I anticipate this will take 2-4 hours of consideration to weigh a decision on whether legislation would be appropriate, as well as additional time for review outside of the meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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1. Montana reinsurance program reports to CMS: : <https://mtreinsurance.org/section-1332-montana-state-innovation-waiver-reports/> 2. MT 2023 Reinsurance program Annual Operations and Finance Report, which details the funding mechanisms 3. Alaska program application and reports: <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ins/Section1332.aspx> 4. CMS files on various states' waiver participation and results: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/ccio-data-brief-042024-508-final.pdf>

Proposed Interim Topic: Row the Boat

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

request to look at affordability of health care issues in Wyoming

Expected goal or result:

Would like input from providers, insurance companies, and associations on ideas and challenges to affordable healthcare in Wyoming

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

input from interested parties, I would like to a preformed list of ideas and challenges, with solutions

Proposed Interim Topic: Medicaid Spending Policy

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I would like to discuss the possibility of setting a spending policy for reimbursement of Medicaid. The committee would in policy decide on the rate, say 90% of Medicare rate

Expected goal or result:

Spending policy would eliminate why some programs are at 60% and others at 105%. It may allow better budgeting and planning for the department and the legislature. We would look if a program is worth funding, and if so, we would have the budgeted amount set.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Department of health can bring us the fiscal notes associated with different % sets, also the benefits and negative effects of this proposal.

Dockstader, Dan

Proposed Interim Topic: Modernizing the practice of pharmacy

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF0121 Wyoming Pharmacy Act amendments.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This interim topic submission proposes modernizing pharmacy practice in Wyoming to better leverage pharmacists' expertise. By expanding the scope of pharmacy services, the state can help address care gaps and mitigate provider shortages, improving access to essential healthcare for all residents.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the committee's consideration should be to implement policy changes that empower pharmacists to practice at the top of their education, training, and experience, expanding their roles in patient care. This would result in improved healthcare access, reduced provider shortages, and more efficient delivery of essential services across Wyoming.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Given the complexity of modernizing pharmacists' scope of practice and anticipated challenges, the committee should plan to devote at least a half of a meeting to this topic. This will allow for thorough discussion, stakeholder input, and careful consideration of proposed policy changes.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The committee should review resources from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) for comprehensive guidance on pharmacy practice modernization and effective regulatory approaches. Additionally, consulting Cicero measures will provide valuable, data-driven insights on the impact of expanded pharmacy services. These resources will support informed, evidence-based policy decisions.

Proposed Interim Topic: Prompt Payment from Health Insurers

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Prompt payment laws regarding insurer payment of healthcare claims.

Expected goal or result:

The Committee should advance legislation to ensure prompt payment for healthcare claims from health insurers.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour of committee time

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Existing Wyoming law regarding payment timelines (W.S. 25-15-124 and related provisions), interstate comparisons of existing payment timelines, federal claims processing standards, and testimony from healthcare providers, insurers, WY Medicaid, and the WY Department of Insurance.

Guggenmos, Joel

Proposed Interim Topic: Dangers of EMF exposure, opt out of Smart Meters

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Legislatures and the public need awareness and accurate data about reports of harm, injury and disability when considering infrastructure and device decisions. As CT Senator Blumenthal noted in 2019 regarding lack of health and safety research for 5G, “we’re flying blind.” Data documenting harm has never been collected. Following the 2010 deadly gas explosion in CA, emails were released indicating that there is knowledge that smart meters are causing harm. Smart meters are becoming more common

Expected goal or result:

Consider bill draft to offer citizens the opportunity to opt out of utility smart meters as they can greatly affect health of sensitive individuals and children.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Autologous or direct blood donations

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2025-HB0135

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Autologous and/or Direct Blood Donations. This would allow people to use their own blood for their own use, or use their blood for a specified purpose/user.

Expected goal or result:

Studying and finding the best way to give the people the ability and right for Autologous and/or Direct Blood Donations

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

I will provide material to the committee members.

Haroldson, Jeremy

Proposed Interim Topic: Medicaid increase of assets

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I want to look at and study the need to increase the asset limit for medicaid eligibility.

Expected goal or result:

Reset the asset limit

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours 2 meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Heiner, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: Car Seat Laws

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Current car seat laws in Wyoming require a child to be in a booster seat until a certain age regardless of the size of child. This may not be safe for a larger child. In Utah's current requirements, no age is mentioned, only "Use the booster seat until the seat belt fits correctly and until the child is 4'9". Child booster seats manufacturers no longer reference age, but suggest a size and weight instead.

Expected goal or result:

Revise the Wyoming statute to reference size of child rather than age to conform with recommendations of child booster seat manufacturer's

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours total

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Recommendations from child booster seat manufacturers

Ottman, Pepper

Proposed Interim Topic: Medical freedom

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

It is unbelievable to me that WYOMING held a special session to protect medical freedom but was unable to do so, and continues to NOT protect medical freedom.

Expected goal or result:

I would like to see a broad medical freedom bill, like the one passed in Idaho:
<https://blog.idahoreports.idahoptv.org/2025/04/04/responding-to-veto-legislature-passes-new-medical-freedom-bill/>

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

See this article: <https://blog.idahoreports.idahoptv.org/2025/04/04/responding-to-veto-legislature-passes-new-medical-freedom-bill/>

Proposed Interim Topic: Adult Day Cares

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The opportunity for individuals to stay out of nursing facilities by having a place to socialize, be monitored, and at lower cost. Business friendly, local control, addressing topics such as prohibiting septic and wells for the county facilities. etc.

Expected goal or result:

To provide additional services for individuals to have elder care for their loved ones.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

DOH

Rodriguez-Williams, Rachel

Proposed Interim Topic: Health Care Affordability

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

We are deeply concerned about the rising cost of healthcare and the impact its having on families, employers, and the long term stability of Wyoming's health care system. We believe that affordability and access must improve together. We are committed to working with policymakers, providers and community partners to address the underlying cost drivers in our health care system and to support solutions that strengthen care for every Wyoming family.

Expected goal or result:

As you are looking for solutions to escalating costs of healthcare, we strongly encourage you to include medical costs in your interim focus. 1. Evaluation of Medical Cost Variation Across Health Care settings to find affordable solutions. 2. Reducing Healthcare costs through strengthened workforce training capacity in nursing, pa education, and medical resident program. 3. Healthcare facilities and provider purchasing practices and economies of scale.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This is a pressing and important issue that may need a full day or two committed to it.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Detransitioners Bill of Rights

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The State has a compelling government interest in protecting the health and safety of its citizens, especially vulnerable children and adolescents. Detransitioners were subjected to an experimental course of treatment to alter their bodies to align with their perceived sex or their perceived gender. The Detransitioner Bill of Rights advocates for five core rights for detransitioners: Informed consent Effective care Insurance coverage Legal restoration Justice

Expected goal or result:

Draft a Detransitioners Bill of Rights for WY

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Long Term Care Financing

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

With Medicaid costs rising, there are private funding options that should be promoted. Also, community care may appear to be least costly, but not to those who provide care. Options like the Long Term Care Partnership and Health Savings Accounts coupled with private long term care insurance and how it works is a public good. I am available to provide the committee with detail information about how these programs can result in less Wyomingites needing Medicaid in the future.

Expected goal or result:

Slowing the growth of long term care Medicaid expenditure and improved care for those needing services

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Long term care partnership success in other states. Statistics on the increase in needs such as dementia care.

Salazar, Tim

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Proposed Interim Topic: Rural Health Transformation policy actions

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB122

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

If approved, we have agreed to pursue the following State Policy Actions in our Rural Health Transformation application: - Implementing the Presidential Fitness Test (WDE) - Implementing the SNAP waiver (DFS) - Requiring nutrition continuing medical education (Board of Medicine) - Implementing Physician Assistants licensing compact - Increasing scope of practice for pharmacists - Increasing scope of practice for dental hygienists Some of these are already in progress.

Expected goal or result:

Monitoring progress of what is being implemented, but also considering statute for the items that aren't.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 meetings, 1 hour update per meeting

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Department's Rural Health Transformation application. HB122, which directs Joint Labor to consider interim topics related to RHTF.

Steinmetz, Cheri

Proposed Interim Topic: 340B

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This interim topic would examine the financial, operational, and patient-access impacts of the federal 340B program on Wyoming hospitals and rural providers. The study would evaluate how program participation supports care for underserved populations and identify any state policy considerations to ensure the program continues to strengthen rural health access and financial stability.

Expected goal or result:

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The Committee's consideration should result in an improved understanding of the 340B program, including how savings are used and their importance in protecting various health services, pharmacy access, and the ability of Wyoming hospitals to serve vulnerable patients. WHA is hopeful this will result in legislation that ensures the program remains a viable, well-understood tool to keep healthcare local and accessible for Wyoming residents.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Approximately one half meeting day. Given the committee's limited schedule, this could be addressed through a focused educational overview, review of Wyoming-specific uses and data, and stakeholder input.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The committee should review HRSA 340 program guidance and stakeholder input from hospitals, pharmacies, pharmaceutical companies, and patient advocates. Reviewing federal policy developments and other states' legislative approaches, such as in Arkansas, may also be helpful to inform balanced consideration. WHA is happy to compile and provide resources as appropriate.

Styvar, Clarence

Proposed Interim Topic: Guardianship Protections

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 HB101

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Rep. Styvar would like the Joint Labor Committee to consider resurrecting and studying Guardianship Protections outlined in 2026 HB101 and the proposed amendment. Please see supplemental materials submitted with this topic request.

Expected goal or result:

Develop and sponsor legislation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Please see supplemental materials submitted with this topic request.

Thayer, Pam

Proposed Interim Topic: Medicaid's Role in EMS and Rural Health Workforce

Contact Person:

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

It would examine how Wyoming’s Medicaid policies and payment structures affect the ability of rural hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and EMS agencies to recruit and retain staff. The study would gather data and stakeholder input on how reimbursement levels, administrative requirements, and coverage gaps contribute to workforce shortages, and explore targeted policy options to stabilize and strengthen the rural health workforce

Expected goal or result:

Identify ways Medicaid reimbursement, eligibility, and administrative rules are contributing to rural workforce shortages in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and EMS. Quantify the impact of these shortages on access, quality, and cost of care in rural communities. Develop practical, fiscally responsible policy options—such as targeted payment changes, simplified processes, or focused coverage reforms—to help stabilize and strengthen the rural health workforce.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3-5 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming Department of Health materials, including the Medicaid Annual Report (enrollment, provider participation, expenditures) and the Primary Care Office workforce analyses on shortages and recruitment tools. The Rural Health Transformation Program application and related documents, which detail current rural workforce challenges, EMS analysis, and planned investments in training and pipeline development.

Proposed Interim Topic: Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Fund: Long-Term Sustainability and Accountability

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB 122

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

It would examine how Wyoming’s new Rural Health Transformation resources can be structured to reliably stabilize care in frontier and rural communities over time, rather than just plugging short-term budget gaps. The study would look at governance, allocation formulas, and performance measures to

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ensure that funds support essential services like hospitals, clinics, and EMS while delivering clear value for patients, taxpayers, and local economies.

Expected goal or result:

It would explore options such as transparent reporting, community input, and measurable outcomes (e.g., access, workforce, and financial stability) so legislators can track whether investments are improving rural health and adjust course as needed.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

6 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Wyoming's own Rural Health Transformation application and project narrative, including town hall summaries and the four major goals (right-sized care, workforce, improved health, and technology), plus any CMS award documents and guidance. State-level data on rural health status and disparities, such as County Health Rankings & Roadmaps for Wyoming and HRSA/MCHB state overviews, to show which communities are most in need and track outcomes over time.

Wasserburger, Jacob

Proposed Interim Topic: adoption

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I would like the committee to study and welcome our adoption organizations to speak with the committee and let us know if they have any issues they deal with in laws that make adopting a child difficult in the state of Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

Making it easier and more affordable for families to adopt a child or give up their child if they choose to not abort it.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Heiner, Scott

Proposed Interim Topic: Legislating in Budget

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

We are seeing more bills put into the budget bill, specifically in the 300 sections. This bypasses the proper process, removes public testimony and leads to legislation that is not properly vetted through the committee process.

Expected goal or result:

I would like to see Joint Rules that tighten the restriction of legislating through the budget bill

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Kolb, John

Proposed Interim Topic: Gaming

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

- Continued discussion to create uniformity among laws governing pari-mutuel, skilled games and sports wagering.
- Continued discussion on the structure, organization of the Wyoming Gaming Commission within the executive branch, including resources, staffing and oversight.
- Clarification of Title 6 Gambling laws, IE. Sweepstakes, Prediction Markets.
- Consolidation of Skill Based Amusement, Online Sports Wagering, and Pari-Mutuel Wagering statutes

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Expected goal or result:

- Create statutory uniformity with laws pertaining to legal wagering and gambling activity, IE ages requirements, and any additional “side boards”
- Organizational consideration of the Wyoming Gaming Commission, IE a professional paid board - vs – volunteer board.
- Define and clarify what constitutes illegal gambling for better clarity and enforcement of criminal statutes. Consideration of adding Sweepstakes and Prediction Markets.
- Grouping all programs the commission oversees into one title

Estimated Committee time for topic:

32 Hours / Four - Eight Hours Meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

- §6-7-101 –106: Gambling §9-24-101 –106: Online Sports Wagering §11-25-102 –104: In General, Definitions §11-25-201–209: Pari- Mutuel Wagering Wyoming Gaming Commission Administrative Rules.
- §11-25-301 –306: Skill Based Amusement Games

Larsen, Lloyd

Proposed Interim Topic: Affordability of private health insurance

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Families who don't have health insurance through their employer, and who don't qualify for subsidies through the health insurance exchange are face with monthly premiums in excess of \$4,000. These policies also require a high deductible. These high costs are impacting our businesses, professionals, and most everyone outside public/government employment, forcing many to go without insurance.

Expected goal or result:

Create a task force for the interim to study the cost of health insurance and the forces in play driving the cost upward at such a significant rate. The task force should include members from the insurance industry, the Wyoming insurance commission, hospitals, Wyoming Dept. of A&I's employee group insurance, Wyoming Dept. of Health healthcare financing. 3-members from the Senate and 3 members from the House

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 meetings during the interim with a requirement to report findings back to the Joint Labor and Health Committee in November, and make recommendations on options to consider that would reduced the high premiums, such as allowing individuals and families to participate in the State's insurance plan.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Pendergraft, Ken

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Proposed Interim Topic: Amendment of Elected County Official Salaries and Reimbursement

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

18-3-107(a)(i)(D), (a)(ii)(D), (d), and (f), 5-1-110

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Legislature should address salaries for elected county and prosecuting attorneys and their deputies for recruitment and retention, fair market compensation, and cost of living. It should review the State's reimbursement for services provided through these offices. As salaries are tied to the judiciary, their salaries should be reviewed. The four year lock should also be reviewed.

Expected goal or result:

To adjust salaries and State contribution.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3-5 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WCPAA has documentation to provide support, testimony from county prosecutors and commissioners. Comparable state and local positions.

Mgt Audit Committee

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Laursen, Dan

Proposed Interim Topic: Administration rules legislative review

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

continue discussion on bill that failed SF63

Expected goal or result:

bring a bill

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Lien, Jayme

Proposed Interim Topic: Audit Special Districts, non compliance

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Reviewing how the Audit process works for our Special Districts, Noncompliance stats and enforcement

Expected goal or result:

to help audit special districts that are in non-compliance

Estimated Committee time for topic:

undetermined

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The non compliance report from the DoA

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Crago, Barry

Proposed Interim Topic: Registered Agent Amendments

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF0082

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I am proposing that the legislature continue the work on modernizing and expanding the registered agent statutes to include building a framework for detecting and stopping fraud within the business filings at the Secretary of State's office. This will, in part, be a discussion of modernizing the Secretary's technology to include advanced fraud detection and registration software. Also amend the scope of registered agent activities (to include cryptographic registered agency and signature).

Expected goal or result:

Modernization and anti-fraud legislation.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Could be considerable, but not more than 4-6 hours.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed amendments to SF082.

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Consumer Data Privacy

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Evaluate if Wyoming should adopt a consumer data privacy statute and determine the appropriate scope, thresholds, and enforcement structure. While we have strong privacy protections in other areas, we do not have a comprehensive consumer data privacy law giving residents clear rights over their

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personal data. 20+ states regulate how businesses collect, use, sell, and share personal info. In an age of increasing technology in all areas, it is important that we establish our baseline rights.

Expected goal or result:

Develop a Wyoming Consumer Data Privacy Act-give Wyoming residents core rights over personal data while keeping compliance realistic for small businesses and avoiding major loopholes that plague some states. Explore concepts such as only collecting data required to deliver the service the consumer is expecting and using the data for only that purpose, giving consumers rights like a single deletion request the plethora of data brokers, and supporting opt in instead of opt out for data collection.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) State Privacy Data Tracker
<https://iapp.org/resources/article/us-state-privacy-legislation-tracker> State Data Privacy Act
<https://epic.org/documents/the-state-data-privacy-act/>

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Agricultural Data Rights

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Agricultural producers increasingly depend on digital tools that generate valuable operational data. This data is often stored and controlled by large technology or equipment companies without being de-identified. Agricultural data rights protect economic sovereignty. Now, without protections, this data can be used with or without the producer's knowledge for input price discrimination, insurance underwriting decisions, lending decisions, commodity market profiling and more.

Expected goal or result:

Develop an Agricultural Data Rights Act to clarify ownership of data generated by modern equipment and digital platforms. Producers should control access to their agricultural data, with clear opt in requirements. Any monetization of aggregated data should include compensation back to those producing the data. The act should cover at least machine (e.g. combine and planter) produced and tracking (virtual fence, remote animal health tracker, animal numbers) of livestock. This is a property rights

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Colorado HB 26-1270 <https://fastdemocracy.com/bill-search/co/2026A/bills/COB00008530/> (only the data privacy parts) Nebraska LB525 - Agricultural Data Privacy Act
[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=59601,](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=59601)
<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/109/PDF/Intro/LB525.pdf>

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Rothfuss, Chris

Proposed Interim Topic: Education/Frontier Stable Token

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming could define the national benchmark for innovation where finance, security, and efficiency converge in the education sector by utilizing the Wyoming frontier stable token to pay for education. Developing funding infrastructure will improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability. Blockchain-based payments reduce administrative overhead, automate scholarship and grant disbursements, and streamline reconciliation across agencies and institutions.

Expected goal or result:

The state could stimulate fintech development, attract technology investment and talent by building modern payment rails. Consideration should evaluate regulatory compliance with state and federal financial laws, cybersecurity protections, data privacy safeguards, and integration with existing systems. If implemented responsibly, a frontier stable token could offer a secure, transparent, and forward-looking mechanism for distributing public education funds.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Two-three hours during committee meetings.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Multiple stakeholders have a vested interest and must be engaged for this work to be effective. We recommend a working group to fully research and vet opportunities for the full committee to consider.

Proposed Interim Topic: Interest-Bearing Stable Tokens

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

N/A

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The ability for stablecoins to bear interest (alternatively “yield” or “rewards”) to holders is currently being debated at the federal level. It is possible that the Wyoming Stable Token Commission – as an instrumentality of the State – may have the ability to distribute interest to holders of Wyoming Stable

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Tokens (WYST) through exemptions. Further legal research is required for conformance with federal and State law, as well as technical diligence and financial projections.

Expected goal or result:

Determination of whether statutory updates are required to explicitly authorize the Commission to issue an interest-bearing stable token under the WYST framework, inclusive of any updates to the basket of permitted investments at W.S. 40-31-106(a).

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Less than four (4) hours. There should be an expectation that the Commission should provide a report – informed by the Attorney General’s Office, external counsel, and agency resources – on the feasibility of issuing an interest-bearing version of WYST.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

GENIUS Act (promulgated), CLARITY Act (House bill), Responsible Financial Innovation Act (Senate bill).

Proposed Interim Topic: Virtual Currency Cash Equivalency

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

N/A

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The ability to use Wyoming Stable Tokens (WYST) within the State (i.e. across agencies) may be limited by existing statute. WYST is currently characterized as a Virtual Currency at W.S. 34-29-101(a)(iv). However, divisions like the Unclaimed Property division in the State Treasurer’s Office can handle Intangible Property at W.S. 34-24-102(a)(x) that includes “Monies, checks, drafts, deposits, interest, dividends and income;” but not Virtual Currencies nor Digital Assets (per W.S. 34-29-101(a)).

Expected goal or result:

Statutory updates to explicitly enable State agencies to utilize WYST, whether through “cash equivalency” or by agency-by-agency review and amendment.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Four (4) to six (6) hours, depending on the ability for the Commission to review other statutes, engagement from other agencies, and available support from LSO.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

As an example of where “monies” may limit adoption of WYST, please see Uniform Unclaimed Property Act at W.S. 34-24-101, and Title 18, Chapters 3 & 4 governing Counties.

Proposed Interim Topic: Crypto Kiosk Regulation

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Related to 2026 legislation:

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Related Bills:

HB75

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Pending the passage of HB75 from the 2026 Wyoming Legislative Session, it is prudent to discuss the regulation of crypto kiosks proposed by Wyoming Banking Commissioner Jeremiah Bishop. HB 75 gives the Wyoming Banking Commissioner rulemaking authority over the crypto kiosk industry. This interim topic offers legislators a chance to examine the rules promulgated and whether any should be brought into statute.

Expected goal or result:

Consideration of how the rules promulgated are working, and if additional rulemaking or licensure of these machines should be considered.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2026/01/10/bitcoin-crypto-atm-scam-fraud-regulation.html>

<https://ago.mo.gov/attorney-general-hanaway-launches-investigation-into-companies-using-bitcoin-atms-to-scam-missourians/> <https://www.governing.com/policy/fearing-scams-states-add-regulations-to-crypto-atms> <https://www.mass.gov/news/ag-campbell-sues-bitcoin-kiosk-operator-for-facilitating-crypto-scams-against-massachusetts-consumers>

Proposed Interim Topic: Allow legal privilege for AI-created documents.

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The following article illustrates the need for legal clarity on whether (and in what circumstances) an artificial intelligence-created document may be afforded attorney-client privilege:

<https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/ai-created-documents-sent-to-attorney-arent-privileged-judge-says>

Expected goal or result:

Clarifying legislation to be presented for consideration in the 2027 general session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours total. Should be a short bill.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

<https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/ai-created-documents-sent-to-attorney-arent-privileged-judge-says>

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Singh, Daniel

Proposed Interim Topic: Unlimited Liability Company

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I am suggesting consideration of creating a new entity in Wyoming - The Unlimited Liability Company (ULC), based loosely on a Canadian entity choice. Wyoming has an estimated 40,000 sole proprietorships. Those businesses are limited in tax elections because they have no structure. A ULC could be a great intermediary step between a sole proprietorship and an LLC. This structure would allow for easier estate planning and business sales.

Expected goal or result:

The goal will be to present legislation to the 2027 general session that would allow for ULCs to be an entity choice beginning 7/1/2027.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

This may be considerable, but worthwhile for many Wyoming businesses.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Second Tier Money Transmitter License

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0075 - Virtual Currency Kiosks

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The bill above passed, yet we need to consider creating a second tier of money transfer license that is specifically geared toward Virtual Currency Kiosks. This is for two reasons: 1. Virtual currency is treated differently in statutes and the bill creates a barrier to entry for small operators that we should at least examine for policy purposes.

Expected goal or result:

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To determine whether a second class of MTL license is 1. Necessary and 2. required to be in statute (or could be addressed by Banking Commission in rules).

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Digital Taxonomy Act.

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0160 (2026), 26LSO-0488. Digital Assets W.S. 34-29-101 Uniform Commercial Code — Title 34.1 Wyoming Stable Token Act W.S. 40-31-101 Wyoming DUNA Act W.S. 17-32-101 Digital Identity Act 40-30-101

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Digital Taxonomy Act (HB0160, 26LSO-0488) is Wyoming's Digital Asset Classification Act for distributed ledgers. It establishes classification rules, lex situs, and jurisdictional nexus specific to distributed ledger technology, distinct from the existing Digital Assets Act (W.S. 34-29-101). The Act harmonizes Wyoming's 40+ digital asset statutes into a revenue-aware architecture, positioning Wyoming to replicate Delaware's corporate law revenue model in the digital asset domain.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the interim topic should be a bill draft.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Digital Taxonomy Act (proposed Title 43) — Proposed as Title 43, Chapters 1–3 (W.S. 43-1-101 through 43-3-201), introduced as HB0160 (2026), 26LSO-0488.
<https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2026/HB0160>

Proposed Interim Topic: Registered AI Agent Act

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0160 (2026), 26LSO-0488. Wyoming DUNA Act W.S. 17-32-101 Wyoming DAO Supplement W.S. 17-31-101 Digital Identity Act W.S. 40-30-101 Wyoming Stable Token Act W.S. 40-31-101

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The Registered AI Agent Act establishes a new Wyoming entity form for AI agents operating on distributed ledgers. It provides statutory registration through the Secretary of State, establishing Wyoming nexus and associating liability to a registered human principal. The Act enables series separation of liability for intellectual property and revenue streams, and generates recurring state revenue through registration fees and annual report assessments paid in Wyoming stable token.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of the interim topic should be a bill draft.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The Registered AI Agents Act has a relation to Chapter 3 of the following: Digital Taxonomy Act (proposed Title 43) — Proposed as Title 43, Chapters 1–3 (W.S. 43-1-101 through 43-3-201), introduced as HB0160 (2026), 26LSO-0488. <https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2026/HB0160>

Proposed Interim Topic: Digital Taxonomy Act

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

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Expected goal or result:

The goal of the interim topic should be a bill draft.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Digital Taxonomy Act (proposed Title 43) — Proposed as Title 43, Chapters 1–3 (W.S. 43-1-101 through 43-3-201), introduced as HB0160 (2026), 26LSO-0488.
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Proposed Interim Topic: Real-World Asset Study

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

N/A

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Real-World Assets are assets represented on a blockchain and have an extrinsic value, rather than cryptocurrency with an intrinsic value. In addition to financial instruments like stablecoins, RWAs include the tokenization of hard assets – e.g. gold, livestock, oil, etc. Given WY’s leadership in digital assets, the launch of the Wyoming Stable Token in Jan 2026, and valuable hard assets in-state, the Committee may want to research the benefits available to WY for tokenizing such assets in State.

Expected goal or result:

Determine whether a State-based RWA program may (1) be feasible under a State-run initiative, possibly through the Wyoming Stable Token Commission; (2) provide financial returns to the State; and (3) continue fortifying Wyoming’s digital asset legislative framework.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Estimated at eight (8) to twelve (12) hours.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

CLARITY Act (House bill), Responsible Financial Innovation Act (Senate bill), New Hampshire Stable Token Study Commission (remit includes RWAs), Paxos Gold (existing tokenized gold product).

Cap Fin & Inv Committee

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Gierau, Mike

Proposed Interim Topic: Public Employee Retirement

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0001H3099HB0165 HB0001H3103 HB0001H3104 HB0001H3105

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

(Additional Sponsors: Representatives Harshman, Sherwood and LBrown Senator Pappas.) Review options to provide responsible financial adjustments for Wyoming public employee retirees through the Wyoming Retirement System. Examine ad hoc payments, investment-performance-based dividends, and funded-ratio triggers. Consider actuarial impact, statutory constraints, historical COLAs, and long-term system sustainability.

Expected goal or result:

The goal should be to develop a fiscally responsible statutory framework that: • Provides a mechanism for periodic retiree benefit adjustments when the system’s financial health supports it. • Protects the long-term actuarial soundness of WRS. • Avoids reliance on General Fund dollars. • Establishes clear guardrails tied to funded ratio and investment performance. • Restores predictability and confidence for retirees after nearly two decades without benefit adjustments. 2027 Draft Legislation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Estimated two to three meetings (or portions thereof), including: • One meeting for background briefing (actuarial overview, funded status, historical COLAs, investment performance). • One meeting for policy option presentations and stakeholder input. • Optional additional time for drafting and refinement of potential legislation.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

- Wyoming Retirement System actuarial valuation reports (most recent available).
- Historical COLA statutes and legislative history (pre-2008 adjustments).
- Investment performance reports, including recent returns compared to the 6.8% assumed rate of return.
- Funded ratio data by plan.
- Comparative analysis of how peer states structure retiree adjustment mechanisms.
- Fiscal impact modeling scenarios prepared by WRS actuaries for various adjustment structures.

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Wharff, Robert

Proposed Interim Topic: GNA and horses

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The BLM/FS wild horse and burro program is oversubscribed and underfunded West-wide. Where this has been the case elsewhere at BLM and FS, cooperating with the states and tribes through GNA cooperative agreements or contracts has helped all involved achieve mutually beneficial results. As is the case with all GNA agreements, the state would have to front the funds to do the work and any projects executed by the state/counties/tribes would have to comply with all federal laws and regs.

Expected goal or result:

A look into the possibilities to utilize GNA with BLM and achieve management AML's for wild horses within our state. What are the issues that face this, what are the costs, what are the problems we will face. A likely multi year look that is thoughtful and forward planning.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 hours over a few different meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

GNA agreements structured between state agencies and BLM as well as management numbers set across the state - where we are at and what we want to be at.

Nat Resource Funding Committee

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Campbell, Elissa

Proposed Interim Topic: Fire protection Districts

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0144

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Continuation of HB0144 - 2026 Fire protection districts mill levies-amendments

Expected goal or result:

Continuation of HB0144 - 2026 Fire protection districts mill levies-amendments

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Landen, Bill

Proposed Interim Topic: Student ADMs and their relation to major maintenance levels in Districts

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Given several bills related to students who are no longer attending school in the district still using district facilities, we need to review how the major maintenance formula deals with ADMs. The cost of maintaining a building does not change with the reduction of students in it.

Expected goal or result:

Possible change in major maintenance payments to schools.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Additions to State Statute

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No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Consideration of possible statute additions regarding governing requirements for the constructions of school buildings and facilities, or the placement or use of temporary classroom facilities on school property; and the school district's obligation in the study and/or construction of roadways and sidewalks that are not reasonably necessary for the safety of school children and not located on or contiguous to school property.

Expected goal or result:

Foster collaboration and cooperation between school district, local, and state officials when undertaking a school facility capital construction project to ensure efficient use of state funds.

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour of each meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Additions to State Statute

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Consideration of possible statute additions regarding the cooperation of school districts, local governing entities, and the State Construction Dept. in coordinating the siting of a new school building or facility in which the school is to be located, to avoid or mitigate existing and potential traffic hazards and leverage local knowledge of the available utility infrastructure to reduce utility costs to the project, and to avoid or mitigate disruption of the local utility systems

Expected goal or result:

Foster collaboration and cooperation between school district, local, and state officials when undertaking a school facility capital construction project to ensure efficient use of state funds.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One hour of each meeting.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Facilities/Technology/Process Committee

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Case, Cale

Proposed Interim Topic: Wyoming Public Television Tower System

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Wyoming Public Television operates more than 50 broadcast towers providing statewide public television service, emergency alert distribution, educational programming, and legislative coverage. Licensed through Central Wyoming College, the network functions as a statewide public infrastructure asset. This topic would provide a general overview of the system's scope, structure, and operational role across Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to provide legislators with a clearer understanding of the statewide tower network and its role in education, public safety communications, and rural service delivery. The intent is informational and focused on awareness of existing operations.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

One meeting block.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

A system overview, statewide tower map, and information outlining the network's role in emergency alert distribution and statewide service coverage. If the committee meets in Fremont County, an optional tour of the Wyoming Public Television facility and/or tower site could also provide helpful context.

Water Committee

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Boner, Brian

Proposed Interim Topic: Stormwater fees

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

SF 116

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Municipal Surface Drainage Fee/Tax Authority

Expected goal or result:

A compromise to protect fee payers from large fee increases while giving municipalities the flexibility they need to provide for this infrastructure.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Previous Committee work on this topic

Crum, Gary

Proposed Interim Topic: Storm Water Drainage

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 SF116

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Discussion and evaluation of surface water drainage issues.

Expected goal or result:

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Develop legislation for committee sponsorship and consideration during the 2027 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Davis, Bob

Proposed Interim Topic: Colorado River Compact Impacts to the State of Wyoming

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

See what the impacts are of the Colorado River Compact and how it effects agriculture and other water needs in Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

To identify any necessary statutory changes and develop legislation to address possible issues.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2+ meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Fornstrom, Justin

Proposed Interim Topic: Water use for hydrogen production

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

HB0116

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Discuss and decide if hydrogen production is a good use of the Wyoming water and investigate if there is a need to regionalize rules.

Expected goal or result:

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Provide rules and regulations on the topic of hydrogen and water. Clearly define a set of guidelines for the State Engineers Office.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Hicks, Larry

Proposed Interim Topic: Reduce cost and improve administration of the Small Water Project Program

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 SF 70 Omnibus Water bill construction

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Improved and streamline the Small Water Project Program administered by the Wyoming Water Development Office. This will result in reduced cost to the agency and sponsor in the implementation of the program.

Expected goal or result:

Statutory and/or rule changes on the administration of the Small Water Project Program administered by the WWDO

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1-2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

SF 70 guidance to the WWDO in evaluating the Small Water Project Program.

Lawley, Martha

Proposed Interim Topic: Stormwater Management

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

WAM requests continuation of the 2026 discussion by studying stormwater management and urban flood control as an interim topic. Communities face aging infrastructure, rising compliance demands, and uncertain long-term funding. An interim review within the water funding study would assess governance, costs, and sustainable models before any further statutory changes.

Expected goal or result:

The goal of this topic is to draft legislation to clarify funding mechanisms and identify options for addressing municipal stormwater and flood control efforts.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

It is estimated that this topic will take 8 hours of the committee's time

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

NA

Love, Taft

Proposed Interim Topic: Storm Water Run Off

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

2026 SF116

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

I would like to have SF116 and every aspect of Storm Water Run Off including infrastructure, maintenance, fees and taxes imposed etc. as an interim topic.

Expected goal or result:

Develop legislation for committee sponsorship.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Strock, Tomi

Proposed Interim Topic: state engineer-consumptive water use study

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

requiring the state engineer to conduct a study on water use.

Expected goal or result:

the goal would be for the state engineer to complete a study on water uses that permanently remove water from the water cycle.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Draft topics – not final

Tribal Relations Committee

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Johnson, Steve

Proposed Interim Topic: Gaming and HHR taxes

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Related to 2026 legislation:

Yes

Related Bills:

Gaming topics discussed in the previous interim Select Gaming Committee.

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Allow referendum to repeal gambling in counties that allow now. Pull tax on HHR machines- tax collected at POS. Pull tax coffee can reserve account to be used to address problems associated with gambling, law enforcement, mental health, infrastructure, family services, education. Limit HHR machines allowed per permitted track. Address I-net gambling.

Expected goal or result:

Get a handle on the expansion of gaming-gambling in Wyoming.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

8 days

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Posey, Ivan

Proposed Interim Topic: State/Tribal Policy

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Related to 2026 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Start discussion on developing policy between the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes and the State of Wyoming

Expected goal or result:

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Enhance current relations

Estimated Committee time for topic:

two days

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Current policies between tribes and states nationwide. Review Washington State and Tribe Accord.

Draft topics – not final