

Judiciary

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Public Access to Court Records.

The Committee will study laws governing public access to court records for Wyoming courts and consider whether changes are needed to increase or improve access to public court records.

Priority #: 2 Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation.

The Committee will study laws concerning strategic lawsuits against public participation, including 2025 House Bill 223 and 2026 House Bill 103.

Priority #: 3 Title 6 and Criminal Code Review

The Committee will review the Wyoming Criminal Code to consider whether penalties for various offenses should be amended or updated. The Committee will also consider the adoption of a classification and gradation system for offenses and penalties in the Wyoming Criminal Code.

Priority #: 4 Escape from Adult Community Correctional Facilities.

The Committee will review issues related to escapes from adult community correctional (ACC) facilities and parole eligibility for offenders who escape from ACCs.

Priority #: 5 Traffic and Law Enforcement Issues.

The Committee will study issues related to law enforcement and serious traffic-related offenses, including vehicular homicide and driving under the influence and their penalties. The Committee will also consider establishing a blue envelope program for law enforcement encounters with persons with mental health issues.

Priority #: 6 Probate Code.

The Committee will review the Wyoming Probate Code and hear from practicing attorneys in the state as to whether changes and modernizations to the probate code are needed. This is a continuation of a topic the Committee considered in 2025.

Priority #: 7 Agency Reports and Court Opinions.

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

action. The Committee will consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports and opinions that are reviewed.

Appropriations

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Business Council.

In collaboration with the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee, the Joint Appropriations Committee (Committee) will conduct an interim study of the Wyoming Business Council (WBC) to evaluate its programs, governance, statutory authority, and alignment with local and regional economic development partners. The Committee will evaluate the history and original charge of WBC, prior WBC reports, comparative structures used in other states for economic development, and options to clarify the mission and roles. The Committee anticipates that the interim review will develop a strategic direction for the WBC and determine which of its activities should be retained, modified, or eliminated. The Committee will also assess the benefits, distribution methods, and long-term funding sources for a countywide consensus funding program to assist communities with predictable capital planning resources. The intended outcome is to develop a cohesive statewide strategy of economic development and community infrastructure to support development with draft legislation for the 2027 General Session. The Joint Appropriations Committee will concentrate its review of the Wyoming Business Council on a review of programs and the associated appropriations, while the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee will focus its efforts on governance and statutory authority.

Priority #: 2 Wyoming Retirement System.

The Committee will undertake a comprehensive review of the Wyoming Retirement System (WRS), including an actuarial review on the funded status of each plan, historical COLA practices, and sustainable mechanisms for retiree benefit adjustments. The analysis will compare how peer states structure adjustments and consider options such as ad hoc payments, investment performance-based dividends, and funded ratio triggers, with actuarial modeling to protect long-term sustainability. The Committee will receive testimony from stakeholders and retirees. The goal is to consider fiscally responsible statutory guardrails that enable periodic adjustments when the plan's financial health permits, without relying on General Fund dollars. This topic may result in draft legislation for the 2027 General Session.

Priority #: 3 State Commission for the Deaf and Blind.

The Committee will review current state spending, service delivery effectiveness, and community needs to determine whether revisions to service delivery are reasonably expected to improve coordination and outcomes for blind and deaf persons, including a review of the feasibility and value of establishing a State Commission for the Deaf and Blind. This topic may result in draft legislation for the 2027 General Session.

Priority #: 4 Statutory Responsibilities.

The Committee will receive and review dozens of reports required by law from state agencies. In particular, the Committee will monitor the allocation and expenditure of authorized Rural Health Transformation Program funding. The Committee will conduct a statutory clean up focused initially on the distribution of revenues for gaming and liquor and codify budget development provisions historically included in biennial budget bills with the intent to modernize statutory language. In particular, the Committee will receive information at a joint meeting with the Joint Education Interim Committee and provide a recommendation on the K-12 external cost adjustment (ECA) in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o), scheduled as a remote, half-day meeting on September 15. The Committee will target interim work products that can be advanced as legislation in the 2027 General Session. This item is scoped for a concise, time bound review during the interim.

Priority #: 5 Salaries Set by Statute.

The Committee will review the salaries and compensation structures established in statute for judges, elected officials, district attorneys and county and prosecuting attorneys. The Committee will evaluate whether current salary levels set in statute and state contribution models are adequate and equitable to recruit and retain qualified individuals for these positions. The Committee may examine recruitment, retention, and workload impacts across the judicial branch and elected offices resulting from statutorily set salaries. The Committee will consider alternative policy or funding frameworks to promote consistency, sustainability, appropriate salary adjustments and fiscal predictability beyond the current biennium. This topic may result in draft legislation for the 2027 General Session.

Revenue

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Property Tax Reform.

This topic will include a range of property tax cleanup options to include more robust long term property tax reform enhancements. This will include the discussion of legislation to address the potential of the people's initiative as well as alternative revenue options to replace residential property tax. This topic will also include a

discussion of the possibility of implementing base year assessments for property tax, fair market value at transfer, and a review of recent legislation related to property tax. In addition, there will be a review of potential changes to the personal property tax.

Priority #: 2 Electricity Taxation.

This topic will include consideration of the imposition of a tax on the production of electricity. This discussion will include a review of the work of the electricity tax subcommittee from 2024 and bills that were prepared in response to that subcommittee. These discussions may also include related topics including a severance tax on wind energy facilities, distribution of sales tax on large electrical loads, the implementation of a choice electric program, and a review of the taxation of wind turbines and whether the related property is taxed as agricultural or industrial property.

Priority #: 3 Governmental Property Tax Exemptions.

This topic will include a review of the current property tax exemptions for property used for a government purpose and potential revisions that may be required to ensure the uniform application of the exemptions for governmental property.

Priority #: 4 Other Tax Issues.

The Committee has been made aware of several other miscellaneous issues related to the implementation and administration of taxation in Wyoming. Each topic will likely not take more than one or two hours of Committee time but there are a number of different topics that the Committee may address. The topics that the Committee would like to discuss include: tax exemption reporting requirements; motor vehicle registration taxes; linear infrastructure taxation, modified netback valuations for purposes of the severance tax; property tax credits for education; implementation of a property tax relief authority; sales tax collection on ATV's and similar vehicles; and the implementation of rules for penny rounding.

Education

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Educational Basket of Goods.

The Committee will study the educational basket of goods and how it relates to the uniform student content and performance standards established by the State Board of Education. This study will include reviewing life skills contained under the common core of skills and ensuring students are ready for post-high school pathways. The Committee will also study if the statewide student assessment accurately measures the educational basket of goods and how to ensure Wyoming's scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress do not drop between fourth and eighth grade. The Committee will

consider the requirement for school districts to provide gifted and talented instruction and evaluate the consistency and efficacy of those programs.

The Committee, in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o) and (u), will also review information necessary to make its recommendation on an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model for school year 2027-2028. The Committee will meet jointly with the Joint Appropriations Committee to receive required reports and information under W.S. 21-13-309(u).

Priority #: 2 Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Programs.

The Committee will study how the community colleges and the University of Wyoming (UW) are preparing students for post-secondary education and the workforce through dual and concurrent enrollment programs. The Committee will receive information regarding the agreements between the school districts and colleges and UW, the allocation of funding between the post-secondary institutions and districts, including revenue from boards of cooperative educational services, what courses are offered, participation rates, and the opportunities for students across the state to participate in these programs.

Priority #: 3 Virtual Education.

The Committee will study virtual education programs in the state, including how they are funded, how students are counted within the districts' average daily membership, and how students are reported in assessment and accountability systems.

Priority #: 4 State Administrative Review.

The Committee will study how the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE), the Wyoming State Board of Education, Wyoming Charter School Authorizing Board, and the Professional Teaching Standards Board work together for public education in the state. The Committee will consider administrative efficiencies and statutory changes, if necessary.

Priority #: 5 Artificial Intelligence in Education.

The Committee will study artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on schools. The Committee will consider proactive approaches to AI in the classroom and current guidance from the WDE, if any. The Committee will focus on AI initiatives and opportunities, policy guidance, workforce readiness, privacy and security, professional development and innovation.

Priority #: 6 School Discipline.

The Committee will continue study of this topic, including review of 2026 House Bill 65, K-12 public school discipline, sponsored by the Committee during the 2026 Budget Session. The Committee will study federal law, Wyoming Statutes, WDE rules, and local school district policies regarding school discipline, the use of restraints and seclusion, and how to best provide the least restrictive educational environment for students pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The Committee will also study other states' laws and the effect of school discipline on students.

Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Non-Certified Pregnancy Testing of Cattle and Proactive Herd Management.

The Committee will review the current requirements for pregnancy testing cattle and consider providing an exemption to permit non-certified persons to perform pregnancy tests on cattle that are not being sold as bred cattle. The Committee will also explore the positive impacts of non-veterinarians conducting livestock pregnancy testing via blood tests or providing ultrasounds via trained technicians.

Priority #: 2 Review of State Land Recreation Rules and Regulations.

The Committee will compare the recreation rules used for federal public lands and state public lands. The Committee will consider legislation that would make state public lands accessible for recreation purposes.

Priority #: 3 Update on Electronic Identification of Cattle.

The Committee will review the requirements to use electronic identification of cattle provided under the USDA Traceability for Livestock Moving Interstate Rule. The Committee will review the confidentiality requirements created under 2021 HB 229, Livestock identification choice act, and how the Committee may support agricultural producers that do not wish to use electronic identification.

Priority #: 4 Preventing Orphaned Water Rights.

The Committee will continue discussing the issue of orphaned water rights that began during the 2025 interim. The Committee will explore the process of establishing irrigation district subdivisions, hear from irrigation district managers regarding existing mechanisms to prevent orphaned water rights, and consider legislation addressing areas in water rights law where water rights may become orphaned.

Priority #: 5 Fence-Out Laws for Livestock.

The Committee will review fence-out and fence-in rules and statutes in Wyoming and consider adding additional laws allowing county sheriffs to intervene in cases where repeated offenses have occurred. The Committee will also explore how Wyoming fence-out laws may intersect with rivers and other bodies of water.

Priority #: 6 Review of State Treasurer's Land Leasing Policies.

The Committee will explore and compare state land leasing rates and returns for different categories of leases.

Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources

Standard Budget: \$67,500.00

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Game and Fish Department Budget.

The Committee will study issues associated with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department budget and its funding sources. The Committee will review methods for ensuring the sustainability of future funding for the Game and Fish Department and game and fish related programs and activities in the state.

Priority #: 2 Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources Updates.

The Committee will study issues associated with the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, including nonmotorized trails, state archives, Wyoming State Museum issues, visitor management systems, and mineral leasing at state parks.

Priority #: 3 Landowner Habitat Issues.

The Committee will examine programs associated with wildlife, habitat, and hunting access issues from landowners.

Priority #: 4 Wyoming Game and Fish Department Updates.

The Committee will receive updates from and study issues related to the Game and Fish Department, including trapping, commercial outfitting, and fishing outfitters.

Priority #: 5 Seminoe Pumped Storage Project Proposal.

The Committee will receive information associated with the proposed Seminoe pumped storage project for energy storage.

Priority #: 6 Agency Reports.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies related to travel, recreation, wildlife, and cultural resources, including entities related to arts, humanities, and the Office of Tourism. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports.

Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions

Standard Budget: \$75,000.00

Priority #: 1 Electricity/Public Service Commission Issues.

The Committee will review issues related to electricity and the Wyoming Public Service Commission. Proposed electricity topics for the 2026 interim include the continuation of the 2025 interim electricity discussion with a specific focus on electric reliability concerns and capacity for large electric loads, and education regarding choice electric models. Proposed topics regarding the Public Service Commission include small water utility system viability, civil penalties for pipeline safety violations, and general enhancements to the Public Service Commission's operations and activities.

Priority #: 2 Fraud Protection.

The Committee will review issues related to fraud protection. Several related topics were proposed for the 2026 interim, including insurance fraud, general fraudulent corporate filings, duties of registered agents and requiring data collection, deed fraud and title theft prevention, fraudulent public official filings to county clerks, and fraudulent liens and filings related to real property. The Committee will determine specific fraud protection topics to be addressed and will take input from the Secretary of State, county clerks, other elected officials, and citizens.

Priority #: 3 Public Records/Open Meetings.

The Committee will continue to review statutes and requirements related to public records and open meetings. The Committee will consider previous complaints in areas related to the cost imposed by government entities on records requests, and ignorance and disregard of public records and public meetings statutes by public officials. This topic will include a review and comparison of public records and open meeting requirements provided in other states.

Priority #: 4 Election Review.

The Committee will continue to review issues related to elections, including topics like pen and paper ballots, ballot harvesting, hand count verification of equipment, and previously proposed legislation related to election issues. The Committee will proceed with the goal of maintaining secure and accessible elections in Wyoming and will take input from the Secretary of State, county clerks, other elected officials, and citizens. Additionally, the Committee hopes to spend a portion of one meeting discussing the next redistricting process.

Priority #: 5 911 Funding.

The Committee will continue work and discussions held during the 2025 interim regarding the transition and funding for a Next Generation 911 system in Wyoming and hear progress status updates of the study and grants required by the enacted 2026 Senate File 32, 911 funding. The Committee will proceed with the goal to continue developing a transition and funding path for a Next Generation 911 system in a way that is effective and achievable for Wyoming.

Priority #: 6 Transparency For Public Dollars.

The Committee will review options for strengthening oversight of taxpayer dollars distributed to agencies, nonprofits, and associations, including enhanced reporting of all public fund expenditures. The Committee will review how funds flow beyond direct government operations and review reporting standards and statutes with the goal of promoting accountability, preventing waste, and ensuring public dollars align with legislative intent and public trust. Related is a request by the Wyoming Board of Certified Public Accountants for a small change to the CPA Practice Act to increase the supply of CPAs by recognizing work experience as a component of CPA requirements.

Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Transportation and Highways.

The Committee proposes to study transportation and highway related issues that the Wyoming Department of Transportation identified. The Committee will study how the Wyoming Department of Transportation is currently funded and explore solutions to reduce the department's current budget shortfall. The Committee will study the license plate replacement cycle. The Committee will review highway safety issues, including but not limited to, discussing commercial motor vehicle inspections, studying tire chain laws, and increasing safety in work zones on highways. The Committee will also determine if statutory updates are necessary to reflect outdated statutes and references.

Priority #: 2 Military Affairs.

The Committee proposes to study issues that the Wyoming Military Department presented to the Committee. The Committee will study barriers for military members and their families who have TRICARE insurance coverage in accessing mental health services. The Committee will study what death benefits are available to members of the Wyoming National Guard, including differences between benefits offered under state and federal law. The Committee will also determine if statutory updates are necessary to reflect outdated statutes and references.

Priority #: 3 Other Topics.

The Committee proposes to study several additional issues, including strengthening statewide coordination of the geographic information system to improve consistency and data governance across agencies, reviewing Wyoming's state-specific Workers' Compensation Experience Modification Rate and the rate's impacts on a company's safety record when bidding on projects or entering into master service agreements, and evaluating potential statutory updates to the Wyoming Underground Facilities Notification Act, including liability, enforcement, and exemptions. The Committee will examine the costs associated with contracting with the Wyoming Department of Transportation and evaluate how those costs affect Wyoming contractors during the bidding process.

Priority #: 4 Reports from Agencies, State, and Local Entities.

The Committee will receive reports from agencies, including the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Wyoming Highway Patrol, Wyoming Transportation Commission, Public Safety Communications Commission, Wyoming Military Department, and Wyoming Veterans Commission. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports received.

Minerals, Business & Economic Development

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Business Council and Economic Development.

The Committee will undertake a comprehensive review of the Wyoming Business Council and its structure, operations, and programs. The Committee will review economic development in Wyoming, including the role that local communities and local economic and community development organizations play and should play in economic development in Wyoming. The Committee anticipates this study will include a review of local economic development programs, including consensus block grant funding. The Committee will coordinate with the Joint Appropriations Committee on this topic concerning the funding of the Wyoming Business Council and economic development generally.

Priority #: 2 Energy Dominance and Expansion.

The Committee will explore ways to expand Wyoming's role and dominance in the energy industry. The Committee will study regulatory and financial barriers to energy expansion and new projects. This study will include a review of industrial sovereign zones, energy funding, permitting, and staffing at relevant state agencies.

Priority #: 3 Industrial Siting Bonding and Exemptions.

The Committee will study issues associated with bonding and funding for impacts associated with the industrial siting process. The Committee will also study exemptions to the industrial siting process for reusing mining sites for industrial and manufacturing.

Priority #: 4 Oil and Gas—Produced Water Reuse.

The Committee will study issues associated with the reuse of produced water in oil-and-gas operations and the regulation of the reuse and sharing of produced water.

Priority #: 5 Colorado River Curtailment and Economic Impacts.

The Committee will receive information on the economic impacts of a potential curtailment of water use in the Colorado River basin.

Priority #: 6 Curling Stones.

The Committee will study the sourcing of curling stones in Wyoming.

Priority #: 7 Agency Reports.

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

Labor, Health & Social Services

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Workers Compensation.

The Committee will hear testimony regarding workers' compensation laws in Wyoming and develop a stronger understanding of prevailing challenges to fulfill workers' compensation benefits in Wyoming. The Committee will consider amending the Wyoming Workers' Compensation Act to classify public safety communications workers as first responders.

Priority #: 2 Rural Health Transformation.

The Committee will review the funds that may be provided to Wyoming through the Rural Health Transformation Program created by the One Big Beautiful Bill and consider how the funds could be invested to stabilize rural communities. The Committee will discuss the requirements for Wyoming to receive funds from the Rural Health Transformation Program and consider legislation for requirements that Wyoming does not currently meet.

Priority #: 3 Maternity Care Issues.

The Committee will receive information on current issues in maternity care, including midwifery regulations and ongoing health care provider closures. The Committee will review the scope of practice of certified professional midwives (CPM) in Wyoming. The Committee will explore expanding the CPM scope of practice to include women in good health and preventative reproductive care, as well as including limited prescriptive authority with oversight from the Wyoming Board of Medicine. The Committee will also examine Wyoming's rural maternity deserts and ongoing closures of hospitals and maternity care units.

Priority #: 4 Health Care Provider Shortage and Accessibility of Health Care.

The Committee will examine factors that contribute to the rising cost of health care across Wyoming, including how Wyoming's Medicaid policies and payment structures affect the ability of rural health care providers to recruit and retain staff.

Priority #: 5 Behavioral Health Problems.

The Committee will investigate major challenges facing behavioral health professionals in Wyoming, such as the ongoing shortage of behavioral health professionals in the state and a lack of clinical training slots for Wyoming students. The Committee will develop a greater understanding of behavioral health care availability and consider legislation to strengthen Wyoming's behavioral health workforce.

Priority #: 6 Cancer Treatment.

The Committee will discuss the coverage of prescription drugs for advanced metastatic cancer and consider legislation prohibiting step therapy for advanced metastatic cancer.

Management Audit Committee

Standard Budget: \$27,500.00

Priority #: 1 Review of 2026 Legislation.

Reconsideration of 2026 legislation, to include SF0063 – Administrative rules-legislative review, and HB0083 – Legislative subpoena-penalty.

Priority #: 2 Review of audit processes.

Review of special district audit processes, non-compliance and challenges faced by districts. Secondly, review of Livestock Board theft prevention resources.

Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Standard Budget: \$30,000.00

Priority #: 1 State Engagement with Technology.

The Select Committee will examine opportunities for state agencies and political subdivisions to incorporate digital asset technologies into their operations, workflows, and public services. The Select Committee will consider the State's use of technology and may propose legislation regarding e-residency, a digital ledger filing system, cryptographic signatures, and the modernization of registered agent statutes. The Select Committee will evaluate legislation to restructure the Wyoming Stable Token Commission into a Wyoming Digital Asset Authority, broadening its role to serve as the centralized administrator for all Wyoming government-issued digital assets.

Priority #: 2 Wyoming Stable Token and Digital Asset Development.

The Select Committee will examine the adoption and integration of the Frontier Stable Token (FRNT) into Wyoming commerce, taxation, and state government processes. The Select Committee will consider legislation to clarify the FRNT's status as a cash equivalent for state purposes, support the tokenization of real-world assets, and address the development of yield-bearing stable tokens. The Select Committee will also review the regulatory framework governing stablecoins issued within Wyoming, including the capacity of the Wyoming Division of Banking to certify a comprehensive oversight structure with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) under the GENIUS Act.

Priority #: 3 Artificial Intelligence Governance.

The Select Committee will study artificial intelligence (AI) governance and assess the State's role in developing AI legislation while supporting responsible innovation. The Select Committee will examine issues related to automated decision-making, the state government's use of AI, and other considerations, including the legal status of AI-generated documents.

Priority #: 4 Personal Data Privacy and Ownership.

The Select Committee will examine recent developments in data privacy and data ownership, review other states' legislative approaches, and consider potential legislation related to consumer data privacy, digital identity, and associated protections. This review will include the right to use virtual private networks as a component of digital privacy protections, the Wyoming GRANITE Act (2026 House Bill 70), and 2026 House Bill 181, Biometric data and license plate readers-regulation..

Priority #: 5 Previous Legislation.

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

Banking and Financial Institutions - The Select Committee will examine developments

relating to Special Purpose Depository Institutions (SPDIs), including capital requirements and national recognition of Wyoming SPDIs by other states. The Select Committee will also review open banking frameworks, the implementation of Wyoming's virtual currency kiosk regulations following the enactment of 2026 House Bill 75, and may consider statutory refinements as warranted.

Cryptocurrency Mining and Energy Infrastructure - The Select Committee will examine potential legislative changes affecting large-scale energy users, including cryptocurrency mining operations and related regulatory and infrastructure considerations. This review will include examination of third-party power generation arrangements and the policy framework governing direct power contracts between large-scale energy consumers and independent generators.

DAOs and DUNAs - The Select Committee will consider updates pertaining to decentralized autonomous organizations and the Wyoming Decentralized Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act (DUNA) and may evaluate statutory updates to clarify existing provisions.

Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Standard Budget: \$35,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Duties.

As part of the Select Committee's statutory purview under W.S. 28-11-201, the Select Committee intends to continue its study and work as follows:

- Study and monitor implementation of the state's investment policies by the State Loan and Investment Board and the Investment Funds Committee;
- Prepare and submit recommendations to the Legislature to improve statutes and policies related to the investment of state and local government funds;
- Study and develop expertise regarding the investment of public funds and capital financing, including monitoring the implementation of state capital financing policy by the State Building Commission and other state entities, if any;
- Monitor the investment of state funds in any specific purpose investments.

Priority #: 2 Optional Statutory Duties.

To the extent relevant issues arise during the interim, the Select Committee also may consider the procurement of consulting services to assist the Select Committee, review budgets and expenditures related to state investment policy, and review budgets and expenditures related to state capital financing policy.

Priority #: 3 Unclaimed Property.

The Committee will study issues associated with the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act and whether changes are needed to modernize the regulation of unclaimed property.

Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities.

The Committee is required by statute to review federal policies or actions that may impact the management, development, or use of the state's natural resources. The Committee is also authorized to develop and introduce legislative responses to federal policies and actions that are necessary to protect the state's interests including issues related to the structure of ownership of federal lands within the state.

The Committee will explore issues relating to wild horse management on the Wind River Indian Reservation and in Wyoming, including studying the federal Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. The Committee will study the federal regulations governing the timber industry and mineral permits and explore solutions for streamlining permitting to increase mineral and timber production and sales within Wyoming including increasing the United States Department of Agriculture's Good Neighbor Authority on public lands in Wyoming. The Committee will receive updates on any Congressional action taken on resolutions enacted during the 2026 Budget Session.

Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology and Process

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 Legislative Technology Oversight.

The Select Committee will review the Wyoming Legislature's use of technology. This includes evaluating and, as necessary, updating the Legislature's information strategy to guide technology development within the legislative branch. The committee may also participate in the selection of new laptop computers for legislators.

Priority #: 2 Legislative Process and Procedures.

The committee will review and recommend rule changes, process improvements, and other innovations to enhance the efficiency, openness, and transparency of the legislative process. This review will include consideration of legislative rules and statutes governing bill catch titles.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Public Television Tower System.

The committee will receive an overview of the Wyoming Public Television (WPTV) tower system, including a statewide tower map and information detailing WPTV's role in

emergency alert distribution and statewide service coverage. This topic will provide a general understanding of the system's scope, structure, and operational role across Wyoming.

Priority #: 4 Facilities Issues.

The Select Committee will coordinate, as needed, with the Capitol Square Exhibit and Wayfinding Subcommittee on facilities-related issues affecting legislative space.

Priority #: 5 Review of Committee History and Future Direction.

The committee will review the history and purpose of the Select Committee, evaluate its ongoing role, and consider whether changes to the committee's scope or continuation are warranted.

Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 Large Project Funding Legislation.

The Committee will review grant applications for large projects recommended by the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Account Board and the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Account Board and sponsor legislation to fund projects based on available funds. This topic represents the Committee's responsibilities under W.S. 28-11-401(b) to review and sponsor legislation for Board-recommended large projects.

Priority #: 2 Review of Ongoing Projects.

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

Priority #: 3 Review of the Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Trust Fund.

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

Select Committee on School Facilities

Standard Budget: \$27,500.00

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities.

The Committee is charged by W.S. 28-11-301 with the following obligations: (1) monitor the assessment of statewide school facility needs, the prioritization of those needs and

remediation of identified needs as undertaken by the School Facilities Commission (Commission) and State Construction Department (Department); (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to school facilities and Commission and Department programs and procedures to maintain statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review and provide recommendations on proposed commission rules. This work will result in a budget recommendation for the 2027 supplemental budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2026, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

Priority #: 2 Respond to Court Decision.

The Committee will consider the ruling in Wyoming Education Association v. State of Wyoming, No. 2022-CV-0200788 (Wyo. 1st Jud. Dist. Ct., Feb. 26, 2025) and consider any potential response related to K-12 public school facilities. The Committee's review will include consideration of any rule or statutory modifications necessary to align with that ruling, or any other judicial decision rendered over the course of the 2026 interim that may relate to K-12 public school facilities.

Priority #: 3 Enrollment Relationship to Routine and Major Maintenance.

The Committee will study major and routine school facility maintenance, including the equity of current funding formulas across school districts. The study will examine how enrollment, including average daily membership, affects routine and major maintenance funding, particularly in districts experiencing declining enrollment. The Committee will also review maintenance needs for facilities constructed prior to current adequacy standards, including enhancements that exceed those standards, and circumstances where districts lack sufficient resources to address major maintenance issues that may pose health, safety, or emergency concerns. The Committee will consider potential statutory changes, if necessary.

Priority #: 4 Infrastructure Needs.

The Committee will study governing requirements for temporary classroom facilities on school district property, and the State's and a school district's obligations in the study or construction of public infrastructure not on school district property, including but not limited to sidewalks and roads. This study will also include reviewing site coordination efforts to avoid or minimize disruption to community systems. The Committee will consider what solutions are the most efficient use of funds and the State's responsibility in constructing and maintaining this infrastructure.

Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

Priority #: 1 General Tribal Relations.

As part of the Select Committee's statutory purview under W.S. 28-11-601, the Select Committee will continue to host discussions and listening sessions with the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, tribal, State, and federal governmental agencies, educational institutions, and communities to address the services and needs on and around the Wind River Reservation.

Priority #: 2 State Tribal Policy

The Select Committee will discuss policy frameworks that might guide relations between the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, and the State of Wyoming. The Select Committee will consider methods adopted by other states to achieve the same goal, including the Centennial Accord from the State of Washington.

Priority #: 3 Minors' Access to Alcohol

The Select Committee will discuss and receive testimony regarding minors accessing alcohol from locations off the Reservation. The Select Committee will examine current criminal penalties and fines for providing alcohol to minors, as well as the consequences of minors accessing alcohol.

Priority #: 4 Emerging Tribal Topics.

The Select Committee will discuss and receive updates on emerging tribal topics that may include healthcare, energy, infrastructure, education, wildlife management, taxation, and solid waste.

Select Water Committee

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Stormwater Infrastructure.

The Select Committee will study stormwater infrastructure around the state. This would include discussion on stormwater drainage, fees to implement stormwater infrastructure, stormwater management, and urban flood control.

Priority #: 2 Cost and Administration Improvements for Water Projects.

The Select Committee will study options to improve and streamline water projects administered by the Wyoming Water Development Office. This would include discussion on costs associated with water projects, administrative changes, and possible statutory or rule changes.

Priority #: 3 Colorado River Impacts on the State of Wyoming.

The Select Committee will study the impacts of the expiration of the Colorado River Compact, with discussion to include possible effects on agriculture and water needs in the State of Wyoming.

Priority #: 4 Consumptive Use of Water.

The Select Committee will study consumptive use of water. This would include discussion on consumptive use of water, destruction of water, and how consumptive use of water affects water supply in the State of Wyoming.

Priority #: 5 Transfer of Lands to the State of Wyoming.

The Select Committee will study ways to transfer lands around reservoirs to the State of Wyoming, with discussion on the process of how to transfer lands with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Priority #: 6 Statutory Responsibilities and Agency Concerns.

The Select Committee is required by statute to monitor the water development program, review project contracts, prepare annual legislation and review water related statutory revisions. The Select Committee is also required by statute to review and make recommendations regarding the project funding list under the Safe Drinking Water Revolving Fund program. The Select Committee will consider any water related concerns brought forward by state agencies within the scope of the committee's statutory duties.