



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

**DATE** March 17, 2026

**TO** Members, Management Council

**FROM** Senator Brennan, Co-Chairman  
Representative Ottman, Co-Chairman

**SUBJECT** 2026 Interim Topics Proposed for the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee

The Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Committee met on March 4, 2026 to discuss proposed interim study topics. This memorandum represents the list of proposed priorities for the Committee for the 2026 interim. If approved, the Committee intends to study these topics in three meetings, prior to the 2027 General Session.

### **2026 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Workers Compensation (Four Hours)**

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

#### **Priority #2 – Rural Health Transformation (Five Hours)**

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 (Five Hours)**

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 (Six Hours)**

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 (Five Hours)**

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 (Four Hours)**

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

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

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

Meeting 1: May 14-15 (Casper)

Meeting 2: September 3-4 (Casper)

Meeting 3: October 1-2 (Riverton)

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



Senator Brennan, Co-chairman



Representative Ottman, Co-chairman