



## STATE of WYOMING LEGISLATURE

# Memorandum

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**TO** Management Council

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

**SUBJECT** 2026 Interim Topics for the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee

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Below are the finalized interim topics and the meeting schedule for the 2026 interim for the Joint Minerals, Business, and Economic Development Committee. The topics are listed in a priority order as determined by the co-chairmen.

### **2026 INTERIM TOPICS**

#### **Priority #1 – Wyoming Business Council and Economic Development (5-7 hours per meeting)**

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 (3-6 hours per meeting)**

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 (2-4 hours per meeting)**

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 (1-3 hours total)**

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 (2-3 hours total)**

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

**Priority #6 –Unclaimed Property (2-4 hours total)**

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

**Priority #7 –Curling Stones (2-3 hours total)**

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

**Priority #8 –Agency Reports (2-3 hours total)**

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.

**Meeting Schedule and Budget**

The Committee requests the standard committee budget to accomplish this work. The Committee has scheduled three meetings: (1) April 27-28, Casper; (2) June 4-5, Casper; and (3) August 27-28, Cheyenne.



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