

Judiciary

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 Obscenity and Stalking Laws.

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

Priority #: 2 Mineral Interest and Ownership.

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

Priority #: 3 Fentanyl and Controlled Substances.

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

Priority #: 4 Retail Theft Issues.

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

Priority #: 5 Agency Reports and Court Opinions.

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

Priority #: 6 Wyoming State Hospital.

The Committee will study issues with delays in conducting competency evaluations for defendants and restoring defendants to competency at the Wyoming State Hospital and

consider if counties should be reimbursed for housing these defendants until their transfer to the Wyoming State Hospital.

Priority #: 7 Probate Code.

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.

Appropriations

Standard Budget: \$50,000.00

Priority #: 1 Wildfire Response, Prevention, and Management Funding.

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

Priority #: 2 Sales and Use Tax Distribution.

The Committee will review sales and use taxes and direct distribution model funding and consider alternatives to provide stable and consistent local government funding. This topic may result in the Committee sponsoring legislation in the 2026 Budget Session to implement long-term, sustainable funding for local governments.

Priority #: 3 Developmentally Disabled Waivers.

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

Revenue

Standard Budget: \$56,000.00

Priority #: 1 Property Tax Issues.

The Committee will continue its work related to property tax issues. This topic will include reviewing recent property tax relief bills that were considered by the legislature and considering additional property tax reform options; reviewing how fair market value is determined, including the collection of property purchase data and a review of the property tax appeal process; a discussion on the implementation of Amendment A; and a review of government property tax exemptions.

Priority #: 2 Sales Tax Issues.

The Committee will consider issues related to sales and use taxes. This topic will include a review of the sales and use tax including how the taxes are distributed and a review of the existing exemptions. This subtopic will include a review of reporting requirements related to exemptions that are provided as economic incentives. The topic of sales tax distribution will be coordinated with the Joint Appropriations Committee to avoid overlap. This will also include a consideration of combining Chapter 15 (sales tax) and Chapter 16 (use tax) into one chapter in the Wyoming Statutes and a review of how sales tax is collected on ATV's and other vehicles.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Tax Structure and Administration.

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

Education

Standard Budget: \$57,000.00

Priority #: 1 School Finance Education.

The Committee will receive information from the Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration for purposes of educating the Committee on the education resource block grant model and recalibration recommendations prior to the 2026 Budget Session.

Priority #: 2 School Discipline.

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

Committee will also study other states' laws and the effect of school discipline on students.

Priority #: 3 Higher Education.

The Committee will study community college career and technical education (CTE) programs and higher education programs for supporting students. This study will explore start-up costs related to new CTE programs, identify how the full-time weighted equivalency enrollment calculation is determined for CTE courses, and receive information on the most common and in-demand programs in Wyoming. The Committee will also receive information and reports related to the Wyoming Works Program under W.S. 21-18-401, et seq., the Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Program pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1901, et seq., the Wyoming Innovation Partnership administered by Governor Gordon's Office, and the Hathaway Scholarship Program W.S. 21-16-1301, et seq.

Priority #: 4 Charter Schools.

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

Priority #: 5 K-12 Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

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

Priority #: 6 K-3 Literacy.

The Committee will study the reading assessment and intervention program under W.S. 21-3-401 and review evidence-based best practices in assessment and remedying reading

difficulties. The Committee may consider potential amendments to the reading assessment and intervention program to align Wyoming with best practices and evidence-based research to improve student achievement.

Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Agency/Department Reports and Reviews.

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

Priority #: 2 Eminent Domain.

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

Priority #: 3 Preventing Orphaned Water Rights.

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

Priority #: 4 Subleasing of State Trust Lands for Grazing.

The Committee will review 2023 HB0017, which was sponsored by the Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee and enacted into law during the 2023 General Session. The Committee will study the impacts the legislation has had on grazing lessees and the Office of State Lands and Investments and develop legislation that better reflects the intended effect of subleasing while providing for equitable compensation to state trust land beneficiaries.

Priority #: 5 Cloud Seeding.

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

Priority #: 6 Veterinary Technician Licensing.

The Committee will consider the role Veterinary Technicians play in the arena of veterinary medicine in the state of Wyoming, the scope of their allowed practice, and the parameters of their licensing.

Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

Priority #: 1 State Parks Topics.

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

Priority #: 2 Industrial Siting-Wildlife Mitigation.

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

Priority #: 3 Game and Fish Topics.

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

Priority #: 4 Public Lands Access/Corner Crossing.

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

Priority #: 5 Agency Reports.

The Committee receives reports from various agencies, including the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust, the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources, and the Wyoming Office of Tourism. The Committee will also receive updates on the appointment and work of the Commercially Guided Fishing

Boats Advisory Board in response to 2025 legislation. The Committee will review the reports and consider any necessary legislation in response to the reports.

Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions

Standard Budget: \$75,000.00

Priority #: 1 Elections.

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

Priority #: 2 Electricity.

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

Priority #: 3 Opportunity Zones and Regulatory Sandboxes.

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

Priority #: 4 Emergency Services/911.

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

Priority #: 5 Public Records/Open Meetings.

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

Priority #: 6 Elected Official Associations.

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

Priority #: 7 Uniform Commercial Code/Uniform Law Commission.

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

Priority #: 8 Workforce Housing.

The Committee may hear informational testimony for the development of state policy to support local governments, nonprofit corporations and the private sector in addressing Wyoming's unmet housing needs. We do not anticipate carrying forward any housing committee bills due to similar interim bills stalling in the past several sessions of the legislature.

Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs

Standard Budget: \$45,000.00

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 review work zone safety issues, including but not limited to, using cameras, increasing fines in work zones, and implementing other safety measures for Wyoming Department of Transportation employees and contractors when working on highway construction projects. The Committee will receive updates from the Wyoming Department of Transportation, which may include discussing permanent trailer registration and commercial air service. The

Committee will also determine if statutory updates are necessary to reflect outdated statutes and references.

Priority #: 2 Military Affairs.

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

Priority #: 3 Reports from Agencies, State, and Local Entities.

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

Minerals, Business & Economic Development

Standard Budget: \$37,500.00

Priority #: 1 Nuclear Energy.

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

Priority #: 2 Enhanced Oil Recovery and Carbon Dioxide Pipelines.

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

severance tax-funded loan programs that could support the development of infrastructure for fields suited to enhanced oil recovery production.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Energy Authority.

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

Priority #: 4 Agency Reports.

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

Labor, Health & Social Services

Standard Budget: \$40,000.00

Priority #: 1 Maternal Medical Care in Wyoming and Maternity Care Deserts.

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

Priority #: 2 Rural Emergency Services and Emergency Medical Services/Ambulance.

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

Priority #: 3 Restricting Use of AI to Determine Insurance Eligibility (Prior Authorization).

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

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

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

Priority #: 5 Traditional Medicine Inclusion in Health Care and Naturopathic Licensure.

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

Priority #: 6 Agency/Department Reports and Reviews.

The Committee will receive reports from various agencies and departments. The Committee will consider legislation in response to agency and department reports. The Committee will review prior legislation, agency reports, stakeholder feedback, and relevant data to address any additional legislative concerns not covered by the above priorities.

Management Audit Committee

Standard Budget: \$27,500.00

Priority #: 1 Major Administrative Rules.

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

Priority #: 2 Evaluation of Executive Branch Agency Programs

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

Priority #: 3 Update from the Wyoming Business Council.

The Committee proposes to receive an update from the Wyoming Business Council on small business development programs and efforts throughout the state. The Committee would also like an update on the Business Council's Business Financing Division and its Business Loan and Grant programs.

Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Standard Budget: \$30,000.00

Priority #: 1 Artificial Intelligence Governance.

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

Priority #: 2 Personal Data Privacy and Ownership.

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

Priority #: 3 State Engagement with Technology.

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

Priority #: 4 Previous Legislation.

The Select Committee will receive information pertaining to previously enacted legislation to update and improve on current laws. The Select Committee will consider updates to the existing decentralized autonomous organizations supplement and the Wyoming Decentralized Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act. The Select Committee plans to update current digital asset laws and review recent regulatory developments from federal agencies. The Select Committee aims to ensure that Wyoming's digital assets definitions align with federal guidelines. The Select Committee will consider updates relating to special purpose depository institutions (SPDIs) and how Wyoming's regulatory framework interacts with federal law. The Select Committee also intends to discuss legislation that would revise the current assessment and fee structure for SPDIs and allow for the conversion of SPDIs into other entities and vice-versa. The Select Committee will continue evaluating the implementation of the Wyoming Stable Token Act and may propose legislation to advance the stable token program. Potential legislative changes may include allowing the Wyoming Stable Token Commission to issue alternative-backed tokens and

modifying state law to comply with the federal Guiding and Establishing National Innovation in U.S. Stablecoins (GENIUS) Act.

Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Standard Budget: \$35,000.00

Priority #: 1 Investment Structure and Earnings.

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

Priority #: 2 Intergenerational Investment Fund.

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

Priority #: 3 Gaming Revenues & Investments.

The Select Committee will review revenues that the state collects from gaming and pari-mutuel activities in the state and consider whether those revenues (or a portion of them) should be deposited in investment funds or accounts to generate additional earnings. This topic is limited to gaming revenues and will not include consideration of gaming regulation in light of the newly created Select Committee on Gaming.

Priority #: 4 Statutory Updates and Duties.

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

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

Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology and Process

Standard Budget: \$15,000.00

Priority #: 1 General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Technology.

The Select Committee will review the Wyoming Legislature's use of technology, including but not limited to reviewing and updating, as necessary, the Legislature's current information strategy to guide technology development for the legislative branch.

Priority #: 2 General Responsibilities Relating to Legislative Process.

Review and recommend rule and process changes and other innovations to enhance the efficient, open and transparent operations of the Legislature.

Priority #: 3 Website Enhancements.

The Select Committee wishes to continue development of the Legislature's Website, including additional features and enhancements to improve the public's access to the legislative process.

Priority #: 4 Facilities Issues.

The Select Committee will coordinate, as needed, with the Capitol Square Exhibit and Wayfinding Subcommittee regarding facilities issues in legislative space.

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 Select Committee is charged by W.S. 28-11-301 with the following obligations: (1) monitor the assessment of statewide school facility needs, the prioritization of those needs and remediation of identified needs as undertaken by the School Facilities Commission (Commission) and State Construction Department (Department); (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to school facilities and Commission and Department programs and procedures to maintain

statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review and provide recommendations on proposed commission rules. This work will result in a budget recommendation for the 2027-2028 biennial budget to the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Governor not later than November 1, 2025, pursuant to W.S. 28-11-301(b)(v).

Priority #: 2 Respond to District Court Decision.

The Select 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 Select Committee's review will include consideration of any rule or statutory modifications necessary to align with that decision, or any other decision rendered over the course of the 2025 interim that may relate to K-12 school facilities.

Priority #: 3 Charter School Facilities.

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

Priority #: 4 Use of Funds on School Building and Facility Projects.

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

Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Standard Budget: \$20,000.00

Priority #: 1 Education and Juvenile Justice.

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

Priority #: 2 Health.

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

Priority #: 3 Update on Missing and Murdered Persons and Law Enforcement Jurisdiction.

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

Priority #: 4 Telecommunications on the Wind River Reservations.

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

Priority #: 5 Solid Waste and Irrigation Facilities.

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

Select Water Committee

Standard Budget: \$60,000.00

Priority #: 1 Interstate Agreements in the Colorado River Basin.

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

Priority #: 2 Aging Irrigation Infrastructure and Municipal Water Sources.

The Select Committee will discuss issues and remedies surrounding aging irrigation infrastructure and municipal water infrastructure. This will include discussion on the

lifespan of irrigation structures and systems, issues surrounding upkeep of this infrastructure, and what remedies could be made to ensure the structures and systems do not fall into disrepair in the future.

Priority #: 3 Prescriptive Easements for Irrigation Water Conveyance Systems.

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