

Summary of 2017 Legislative Bills That Have **DIED** in Which WEA Had Interest — 3/7/2017 4:18 PM

| Bill Number | Title | Sponsors | Summary | WEA's Position | Current Status of Bill: • Bold = action taken today. • Red = dead bill. |
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| Specifics on any bill can be viewed at: http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2017/billreference/BillReference.aspx?type=ALL | | | | | |
| HOUSE BILLS: | | | | | |
| HB0037ENG | Teacher accountability. | State Ed Acct | Engrossed Bill: Eliminates teacher accountability requirements in Phase II of WAEA. Requires the SBE to promulgate R&Rs for the submission & approval of dist. teacher eval. systems. SBE will establish criteria for the eval. systems that provide dist. flexibility in design. Initial contract teachers will be evaluated in writing once/yr., using multiple methods & data protocols, w/an opportunity for feedbk. to improve performance. Continuing contract teachers will similarly be evaluated once/yr. until deemed effective under dist.'s system for 2 consecutive yrs.; then eval. could be every 3 yrs. On or before 6/1/19 and ea. June 1 thereafter, the statutorily-mandated rpt.s from dist. supt.s to their school bd.s will only include names of school & dist. leaders (not teachers) whose eval.s show them to be ineffective or in need of improvement. Makes conforming amendments to continuing contract status laws. Effec. 7/1/17. Amendment: Adds an add'l reason to existing statute to justify non-renewal or termination of any teacher: "Ineffective teaching as defined by board rule." | Support | No compromise was reached in Joint Conference Committee, so the bill had died. Late in the afternoon, the House voted to rescind its earlier vote to not accept the Senate amendment, and to reconsider concurrence. H voted NOT to concur: 13-47, so in the end, the bill died. |
| HB0054 | Taxable value of agricultural land. | Rep.s Lindholm, Allen, Blackburn, Blake, Hunt, Laursen, McKim & Zwonitzer, Dn., & Sen.s Driskill & Hicks | Requires that, for land to be considered "agricultural" for purposes of ad valorem taxation, the parcel must be ≥ 35 acres & otherwise qualify as ag. land, or ≥ 5 acres & < 35 acres & in addition to all other requirements to qualify as ag. land, the owner or lessee has derived annual gross revenues of not < \$5K from the marketing of ag. products produced on the parcel. the owner or lessee of the land must have annual gross revenues of not less than \$5,000 from the marketing of ag. products produced on the land. Effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: Replaces the bill's language with the new language in bold red above. Also repeals some existing statutory language re: certain parcels of land that are 35 acres or more. | Monitor | H COW: Failed 20-38-2-0-0 |

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| HB0067 | Determination of agricultural land for taxation. | Madden | Requires that, for land to be considered "agricultural" for purposes of ad valorem taxation, the owner must provide specified documentation to prove that at least 1/3 of his gross annual income earned in WY came from the marketing of ag. products from active ag. production, or from leasing to another person for ag. production, from that land. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | H: Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4 |
| HB0077 | In-state tuition-AmeriCorps service. | Rep.s Zwonitzer, Brown, Loucks & Pelkey | Allows Provides for persons who have served at least 12 mo.s in WY in AmeriCorps government civic service, as defined, to receive in-state tuition rates at UW & WY CCs. Effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: See changes in red above. | Monitor | S Did Not Consider in CoW |
| HB0101ENG | School districts-veterans employment preference. | Rep.s Hallinan, Clem & Madden, & Sen.s Von Flatern & Wasserburger | Engrossed Bill: Specifies that school dist.s are subject to the existing statute that grants hiring preference to veterans and surviving spouses. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | S Did Not Consider in CoW |
| HB0104 | Severance tax on coal. | Rep.s Hallinan, Biteman, Clem, Edwards & Halverson | Reduces the severance tax rate for surface coal produced on or after 7/1/17 from 7% to 6%. Effec. 7/1/17. | Opposed | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 1-8-0-0 |
| HB0105 | LSRA-limitations on appropriations. | Rep. Madden & Sen.s Burns & Von Flatern | Specifies the max. amt. of funds allowed in the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Acct. (LSRA), as well as the uses of the funds, including to resolve a biennium deficit of the Gen. Fund (GF) budget or of the School Foundation Program (SFP), or for a state financial emergency. Any excess must be credited to the GF. Not > 1/2 of the forecasted GF budget shortfall & SFP deficit shall be met by the funds in the acct. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | H: Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4 |
| HB0108 | School finance-K-12 class sizes. | Madden | Increases class sizes for K-3 to 24, and to 24 for K-12 for school block grant funding purposes. Effec. 7/1/17. | Oppose | H Did Not Consider for Introduction |
| HB0110 | Education-continuing contract status. | Rep.s Winters, Blackburn, Flitner, Hunt, Jennings, Miller, Northrup & Olsen , & Sen.s Agar, Bebout, | Any initial contract teacher employed on or after 7/1/17, who has been granted continuing contract status at the discretion of the employing school dist. &, beginning SY 2019-20, has performed satisfactorily on performance eval.s during this period of time, would be considered continuing contract, regardless of length of service. Effec. 7/1/17. | Oppose | H Did Not Consider for Introduction |

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| | | Christensen, Coe & Peterson | | | |
| HB0133 | Civics proficiency examination. | Rep.s Clem, Brown, Edwards, Halverson, Henderson, Lone & Miller, & Sen.s Coe, Meier & Pappas | <p>Provides legislative findings that: "... the study of Amer. civics encompasses what it means to be a good citizen, fosters an understanding of how govt. works and informs citizens on how they can participate and influence their government."</p> <p>In order to receive a HS diploma, associate degree, baccalaureate degree or, beginning in SY 2018-19, a HS equivalency certificate (HSEC), a student must satisfactorily pass an exam on the principles of the US & WY constitutions. Students in gr.s 9-12 must be given at least 1 opportunity/SY to take the exam. Students pursuing a HSEC must be given the opportunity to take the exam as part of the WY CCC's HSEC program. A student may take the exam as many times as necessary to pass it. Beginning SY 2018-19, the exam shall consist of 100 questions identical to the US citizenship & immigration services' citizenship exam. To pass, a student must correctly answer not less than 60% of the exam questions. This requirement is subject to a student's IEP under IDEA. Effec. 7/1/17.</p> | Monitor | Failed to pass out of H Education 4-5. H No report prior to CoW Cutoff |
| HB0134 | Taxable value of industrial property. | Clem | In order to provide an economic incentive, for the first 4 yrs. of use, reduces the taxable value of property used for industrial purposes. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | H:DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 1-8-0-0-0 |
| HB0135 | Government Nondiscrimination Act. | Steinmetz | Provides for "the protection of the free exercise of religious beliefs & moral convictions" by prohibiting the govt. from taking any action against a person who objects to marriage that is not between 1 man & 1 woman, & that such sex is determined by anatomy & genetics at birth. Such action specifically includes, among many other things, withholding, reducing, excluding, terminating or otherwise denying access or an entitlement to any state property, facility, educational institution.... Grants anyone who feels the prohibited action has been taken against them the right to judicial relief. Effec. 7/1/17. | Oppose | Recalled from Committee Pursuant to House Rule 5-6: 56-0-4-0-0. H Did Not Consider in CoW. |
| HB0136ENG | Campus carry. | Rep.s Biteman, Baker, Clem, | Engrossed Bill: Repeals gun-free zones (i.e., allows concealed carry of firearms) on/in any public college or univ. campus or | Oppose | S Failed COW: 13-17-0-0-0. |

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| | | Edwards, Jennings, Lone, Loucks, McKim, Piiparinen & Salazar, & Sen.s Bouchard, Case & Meier | facility, including for any athletic event, w/o written consent of the security service of the HE institution. Effec. 7/1/17. | | |
| HB0138 | School finance-class sizes 5. | Rep.s Northrup, Brown, Burkhart & Madden, & Sen. Driskill | Raises K-3 class size from 16 to 18. For school block grant funding purposes, changes class sizes to 18 for K-5; 22 for gr. 6-12 in SY 2017-18, then 23 in SY 2018-19, & 24 in SY 2019-20 & thereafter. Effec. 7/1/17. | Oppose | H Did Not Consider for Introduction |
| HB0150 | Tax credit scholarship program. | Madden | <i>[Essentially a voucher bill.]</i> Creates the Tax Credit Scholarship Program (TCSP). The State Supt. must recommend to the State Loan & Investment Bd. at least 1 applicant to act as a scholarship organization to operate a TCSP. The person selected by the Bd. will oversee up to \$3M/FY in donations for which parents can apply for a scholarship to send their child to private school. Specifies the preference order for awarding scholarships. The annual amt. that ea. student may receive is not more 1/3 of the statewide ave. per student amt. that is rec'd by school dist.s for the preceding school yr. Not more than 10% of the funds can be used by the operator for admin. costs. Requires rpt.s. Those mineral companies who donate to the program may apply for a tax credit on their coal or oil & gas severance taxes. Program sunsets effective 6/30/22. Effec. immed. | Oppose | H: Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4 |
| HB0162 | Property tax assessment rates. | Madden | Increases the property tax assessment rates for property used for industrial purposes & for all other property as specified and only thru 1/1/22, or sooner if certain conditions are met. Beginning 7/1/18, diverts 0.7% of Fed. Mineral Royalties that currently go to the School Fnd. Program to a newly-created Property Tax Refund Program acct. This diversion would sunset 7/1/23, or sooner if certain conditions are met. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | H Placed on General File. H Did Not Consider in CoW. |

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| HB0166 | Alcohol taxation-school funding. | Rep.s Connolly, Dayton, Furphy & Madden, & Sen. Anselmi-Dalton & Peterson | Increases the tax on alcoholic and malt beverages, as specified. Changes the distribution of those taxes: instead of 100% going into the Gen. Fund, 22% will go to Gen. Fund, & 78% will go to the School Fnd. Acct. <i>[Because of the rate increase, the net amt. going to the Gen. Fund would remain approx. the same as now.]</i> Effec. 7/1/17. | Support | H Failed COW: 8-51-1-0-0 |
| HB0168 | Tobacco tax. | Rep.s Connolly, Barlow, Dayton, Furphy, Kinner, Madden & Nicholas, B., & Sen.s Baldwin, Peterson, Rothfuss & Scott | Increases tobacco taxes. A portion of the tobacco taxes would go to the School Fnd. Program. <i>[The Fiscal Note to this bill estimates that approx. \$21M could be deposited in the SFP acct. in ea. of the next 3 FYs.]</i> | Support | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 4-5-0-0-0 |
| HB0176ENG | Veterans tuition waiver program requirements. | Rep.s Walters & Nicholas, B., & Sen.s Landen & Perkins | Engrossed Bill: Adds add'l requirements for eligibility for the existing HE tuition waiver program for veterans. Limits the waiver to use for a max. of 8 semesters at UW & the CCs for the purpose of attaining a bachelor's or associate's degree or certificate . Requires the vet. to file with UW or the CC an affidavit under penalty of perjury, stating the person has exhausted all educ. assistance funding from the VA for which the person is eligible. Applies only to applicants after the effec. date of the act; any person already receiving benefits under this statute will continue to receive them until the person is no longer eligible or the funding is exhausted. Effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: Adds attaining a "certificate" to the purposes of the tuition waiver. | Monitor | S Did Not Consider in COW |
| HB0189 | Higher education-nonresident tuition. | Rep.s Harshman, Bovee, Brown, Miller, Northrup & Paxton, & Sen.s Bebout & Perkins | Engrossed Bill: Directs UW trustees to establish a program under which undergrad. tuition charged to residents of either CO or NE at the time of enrollment shall 175% of the WY undergrad. tuition rate; the tuition shall maintain at 175% of resident tuition from initial enrollment thru all semesters of undergrad. enrollment so long as the student remains continuously enrolled as an undergrad. at UW. This act shall apply to students initially enrolling at UW for classes beginning on or after the effective date of this act. Effec. immed. | Support | S Failed 3rd Reading: 5-25-0-0-0 |

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| HB0191ENG | Hathaway expand Wyoming scholarships. | Rep.s Harshman, Brown, Kinner, Miller, Northrup, Paxton & Walters, & Sen.s Bebout, Perkins & Rothfuss | Engrossed Bill: Creates the Hathaway Expand WY Scholarship (HEWS). Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee comprised of the Gov., State Supt., UW Pres., & CCC ED, or their designees. Ea. yr., 2 students from ea. state contiguous to WY may be awarded a HEWS. Min. initial qualifications shall be all initial requirements applicable to a Hathaway Honors Scholarship, other than WY residency & grad. from a WY HS, as well as add'l requirements as specified. The scholarship will be for the cost of attendance at the eligible institution, but not to exceed the max. dollar amt. provided to students receiving a Trustee Scholarship at UW & subject to reduction. Scholarship available for max. of 8 FT sem.s. Sets requirements for continuing eligibility & reinstatement. Requires WDE to establish rules & regs. in consultations w/specified groups. Requires rpts. Requires a written agreement between the student & WDE that the student will work in WY for 1 yr. or attend grad. school in WY for every 4 acad. semesters for which they receive the scholarship, or to repay the scholarship amt. w/interest. HEWS awardees will qualify for in-state tuition at UW & CCs for ea. sem. they receive the scholarship. Effec. immed. | Support | S Failed COW: 1-29-0-0-0 |
| HB0196 | Teachers online credentialing system. | Rep.s Northrup, Brown & Piiparinen, & Sen. Wasserburger | Beginning immediately upon enactment of the bill, requires PTSB to use the ETS-created online licensure system. The Bd. may, in consultation with ETS, modify the online system as necessary to address the needs of the Bd. Effec. immed. | Monitor | H Did Not Consider for Introduction |
| HB0225ENG | Select committee on education funding. | Rep.s Harshman, Burkhart, Connolly, Flitner, Freeman, Madden, Miller, Nicholas, B., Northrup & Paxton, & Sen.s Bebout & Coe | Engrossed Bill: Creates a Joint Select Committee on Educ. Funding consisting of 14 legis. members as specified. Members would have to be named by 3/20/17. Comm. will study & recommend solutions to the projected budget shortfall in state ed. funding; will consider solutions necessary to provide funding for schools until the next recalibration of the block grant funding model. Will focus on 4 major issues: a) the potential for reductions in ed. spending; b) options for use of existing funds; c) consideration of diversions of existing revenue streams & investment income; d) options to increase revenues including options that are time-limited until the next recalibration. Comm. shall also study & recommend options for permanent funding solutions for school cap.con. & major | Support | S: Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to SR 5-4 |

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| | | | <p>maintenance. May form subcommittees. Must solicit input from School Finance Data Advisory Comm. Gov. will appoint 4 advisory groups to give input & recommendations; State Supt. will appoint 1 member to ea. group; specifies memberships of groups; Gov. & Supt. must consult w/WSBA before making appt.s. Specifies various state agencies that will provide assistance to the Select Comm. Select Comm. shall intro. legislation that is consistent w/its recommendations; may also recommend a special legis. session before 2018 budget session. May hire consultants as needed. Specifies min. # of mtgs. Must complete its work & recommendations NLT 9/1/17. Comm. will end 12/31/18. Appropriates \$109K to LSO for the Select Comm. & \$46K to the Gov. for the Advisory Groups. Effec. immed.</p> | | |
| HB0228 | Tax credit education savings accounts. | Rep.s Gray, Clem, Edwards, Jennings, Lone, Piiparinen & Salazar, & Sen.s Case & Meier | <p><i>[Essentially a voucher bill, nearly identical to HB 150 above.]</i> Establishes Tax Credit Education Savings Acct.s. The State Supt. must recommend to the State Loan & Investment Bd. at least 1 applicant to act as a scholarship organization to operate the program. The person selected by the Bd. will oversee donations for which parents w/a household income of < \$80K/yr. can apply for a scholarship to send their child to private school. The annual amt. that ea. student may receive is not > \$6K/yr. Not more than 5% of the funds can be used by the operator for admin. costs. Requires rpt.s.</p> <p>Those mineral companies who donate to the program may apply for a tax credit on their coal or oil & gas severance taxes. Effec. immed.</p> | Oppose | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 2-7-0-0-0 |
| HB0233 | State or school employment contract-compensation reduction. | Rep.s Miller, Allen, Clem, Larsen & Salazar, & Sen.Driskill | <p>Beginning 7/1/17, any employment contract with a "state employee" (which includes state, UW, CC, & school dist. employees) shall provide that the employee's compensation is subject to reduction as part of any general compensation reduction approved by the legislature. For purposes of this act, "compensation" includes not only salary, but also employee retirement contributions, employee retirement contributions pd. by the employer under a salary reduction arrangement & any other employee benefits provided by the employer. Beginning 7/1/17, any employment contract</p> | Oppose | H:Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4 |

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| | | | w/such employees shall include that provision. This does not apply to contracts executed prior to 7/1/17. Effec. 7/1/17. | | |
| HB0243 | School finance-capital construction funding. | H Revenue | Implements a sales tax on the following services (specifics of how each is defined are not listed here): agricultural, personal, business, amusement & recreation, legal, engineering & management, & communications. 100% of the income from this tax will go to the school cap. con. acct. No city, county, or town can impose a tax on these services. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 0-9-0-0-0 |
| HB0255 | Hathaway scholarship eligibility for noncitizens. | Rep.s Gierau, Blake, Connolly & Pelkey | Repeals a provision of existing statute that excludes certain noncitizens from Hathaway Scholarship eligibility; applies to Hathaway scholarships available to eligible HS students graduating SY 2016-17 and each yr. thereafter. Effec. immed. | Monitor | H Education Recommend ed Amend and Do Pass 5-4-0-0-0. H Placed on General File H COW: H Did Not Consider in COW. |
| HB0277 | Hathaway scholarship-application deadline extension. | Rep.s Henderson, Northrup, Paxton & Sommers | Extends eligibility of the Hathaway Scholarship application date to w/in 4 yrs. (instead of current 2 yrs.) of HS grad. Effec. immed. | Monitor | H Education Recommended Do Pass 7-2-0-0-0. H Placed on General File. H COW: H Did Not Consider in COW. |
| HB0283 | Higher education student recruitment planning. | Rep.s Harshman & Freeman | UW, CCC, & ea. CC must collaborate & develop a unified plan to provide a coordinated approach to the recruitment & retention of students graduating from WY HSs & from schools in states contiguous to WY. Must rpt. on their progress to JEIC by 9/30/17, & provide a final plan by 12/31/17. Effec. immed. | Support | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 3-6-0-0-0. |
| HB0287 | School finance amendments. | Rep.s Laursen & Lindholm, & Sen.s Driskill & Peterson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduces block grant funding to ea. school dist. by 8% for SYs 2017-18 & 2018-19 only; does not apply to Sp.Ed. or Transportation. Effective SY 2018-19 and thereafter, the Transportation reimb. amt. shall = the amt. spent in SY 2016-17 + any amts. provided under for buses purchased or leased prior to the effective date of this bill. On or after the effective date of this bill, no dist. shall purchase or lease a new bus with state funds unless WDE determines there is an emergency. Effective SY 2018-19 & thereafter, the Sp.Ed. reimb. amt. shall = the amt. spent in SY 2016-17 +100% of the amt. actually expended by the dist. during the previous SY for | Oppose | H No report prior to COW Cutoff. |

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| | | | <p>tuition for sp.ed. programs & services provided outside of the dist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increases the state sales & use taxes by one-half percent, effective beginning the mo. immed. following the date the LSRA is < \$5M. It is repealed under specified conditions. 100% of the extra sales tax will go to the School Fnd. Acct. Moves IFs into the block grant, & cuts the FTE multiplier by 60%, & repeals all current requirements & rpts. Moves the summer school/extended-day program into the block grant, & repeals all current requirements & rpts. Creates a Select Comm. on School Finance Recalibration from 3/15/17 thru 3/31/19, w/members as specified, to study recalibration of the funding model. Must rpt. & make recommendations in time for the 2019 Gen. Session. Appropriates \$120K for expenses. The sections of the bill pertaining to Transp. funding & to the Select Comm. are effec. immed. The remainder of the bill is effec. 7/1/17. | | |
| HB0292 | Community colleges-administrative procedure act exclusion. | Rep.s Olsen, Blackburn, Brown, Byrd, Henderson, Nicholas, B. & Zwonitzer, & Sen.s Anselmi-Dalton & Nethercott | Excludes WY CCs from coverage under the WY Administrative Procedure Act. Effec. 7/1/17. | Oppose | H: Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4 |
| HJ0005 | Mineral excise tax deposits-constitutional amendment. | Rep.s Hallinan & Blake, & Sen. Wasserburger | Proposal to amend the WY Constitution to require that mineral excise taxes imposed by the Constitution be deposited in the Gen. Fund, instead of the Permanent WY Mineral Trust Fund (PWMTF), during the period from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2025. During this period, these tax proceeds may then be spent by the Legislature for any purpose, including deposit to the PWMTF. <i>[Note: If the bill is passed by 2/3s of both houses of the Legis., it would then go</i> | Monitor | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 0-7-0-0-0 |

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| | | | <i>before the WY electors in the next general election for approval or rejection.]</i> | | |
| HJ0006 | Budget shortfall reserve accounts. | Rep. Madden & Sen. Von Flatern | Proposal to amend the WY Constitution to allow the Legis. to put money into 1 or more reserve acct.s to resolve future budget shortfalls, but limits the balance of all such acct.s such that they do not exceed the total of all Gen. Fund (GF) appropriations authorized for expenditure during the same fiscal biennium; any balance exceeding that will be transferred to the GF at the end of the biennium. Also limits the amt. of funds the Legis. may appropriate or transfer from such acct.s in any fiscal biennium for the purpose of resolving budget shortfalls & requires further limits on those appropriations to be established by law. Applies to the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Acct. as well as any other acct.s created to address budget shortfalls. <i>[Note: If the bill is passed by 2/3s of both houses of the Legis., it would then go before the WY electors in the next general election for approval or rejection.]</i> | Monitor | H: Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to HR 5-4 |
| HJ0007 | Property tax for school facilities. | Connolly | Proposal to amend the WY Constitution to allow up to a 6-mill state property tax for the construction & maintenance of public school facilities. <i>[Note: If the bill is passed by 2/3s of both houses of the Legis., it would then go before the WY electors in the next general election for approval or rejection.]</i> | Support | H: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4: 3-6-0-0-0 |
| HJ0009 | National speech and debate education day. | Rep.s Winters, Barlow, Gierau, Greear, Halverson, Harshman, Hunt, Lindholm, Lone, MacGuire, Olsen, Pelkey, Piiparinen & Sommers | A Joint Resolution recognizing National Speech & Debate Education Day, to be celebrated Mar. 3, 2017. | Support | S Did Not Consider for Introduction |
| SENATE BILLS: | | | | | |
| SF0020 | Student digital information privacy. | Education | Prohibits an officer or employee of a school dist. from requiring access to a student's/prospective student's [hereinafter referred to only as "student"] digital info. acct. Prohibits requiring the student to add anyone to their | Monitor | S postponed indefinitely |

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| | | | <p>contacts or chg. their privacy settings on a digital acct. Prohibits expelling, discharging, disciplining, failing, or refusing to admit or otherwise penalizing or threatening a student/prospective student for refusing to disclose info. or to take actions specified above. Prohibits waiver of student rights. Provides exceptions: 1) conducting an investigation w/o requiring release of the above-specified info.; 2) requesting or receiving permission from a parent of an underage student for from a legal-aged student to observe the contents of a digital info. acct., w/o requiring access to the acct. thru the prohibited means; 3) Viewing, accessing or utilizing info. about a student that is publicly available or self-reported; 4) obtaining a student's electronic communication device for purpose of providing IT support with the voluntary consent of the student.</p> <p>Nothing in this act applies to an acct. opened, created or provided by a school dist. if the student was provided advance notice the acct. may be monitored at any time by the dist. Nothing prohibits a student from self-disclosing the access info. if the student was provided advance notice that disclosure is voluntary. Parent must be notified ASAP but w/in 24 hrs. if dist. gains access to underage student's digital info. Effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: Added an exception to allow dist.s to view the elec. communication device in "the reasonable course of preventing or attempting to prevent immediate and serious bodily harm to any person."</p> | | |
| SF0034ENG | Student Personal Digital Information Protection Act. | Education | <p>Engrossed Bill: Creates the Student Personal Digital Information Protection Act. Applies to activities/programs of PreK-12 publicly-funded schools or programs, incl. developmental preschools, childcare & coop. ed. programs. An operator of a website, software, service or app. used, designed & marketed for preK-12 purposes, & who maintains or uses student data in a digital or electronic format, cannot, w/o parental consent: engage in behaviorally-targeted advertising based on student info. gathered from such services or sites; use info. gathered in its service or site to create a profile about a student except for school purposes; sell or trade student data, except as specified; or disclose</p> | Support | H Placed on General File. H Failed COW: 30-30-0-0-0. |

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| | | | student data. Provides for exceptions on use or disclosure, as specified. Operator must implement & maintain reasonable security procedures & privacy practices, & must certify the deletion of student data w/in a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days, if the program provider/school dist. requests deletion. Specifies applicability. Effec. 7/1/17. | | |
| SF0050ENG | Civics educational programs. | Appropriations | Engrossed Bill: The Dept. of State Parks & Cultural Resources may establish & support ed. programs which promote or develop civics, WY history, & other aspects of WY culture & natural resources. Effect. 7/1/17. | Support | H Did Not Consider in CoW |
| SF0065 | Sexual assault-position of authority. | Sen.s Boner, Driskill, Landen & Wasserburger, & Rep.s Barlow, Clausen, Kirkbride & Lindholm | In a category of sexual assault, expands the definition of a "position of authority" to include a "teacher, administrator, coach or any other person, except a student, who serves in or is employed by a public school district ..., including a charter school, or a private school ... if at the time of the offense": the victim is enrolled in/attends any school in the dist. in which the person is employed or serves, & the person has actual contact or interaction with the victim by virtue of the person's employment or service in the school or dist. Establishes the elements that constitute 3 rd degree sexual assault by a person in a position of authority. Establishes the penalties for conviction. Consent of the victim is not a defense; the fact that the actor & the victim are married to each other is not by itself a defense. Effec. 7/1/17. | Support | S No report prior to COW Cutoff |
| SF0073 | High school graduation requirements. | Sen.s Coe, Ellis, Pappas, Rothfuss & Wasserburger, & Rep. Northrup | For students graduating on or after 1/1/20 1/1/2021, requires an add'l yr. of math or computer science for high school graduation [bringing that requirement to a total of 4 yrs.]. Effec. immed. Amendment: Changed the graduating class that would have first been affected. | Oppose | S Failed COW 9-20-1-0-0. |
| SF0082 | Graduation requirement-CPR and Heimlich. | Sen. Landen, Hastert & Pappas, & Rep.s Byrd, Loucks and Zwonitzer | NLT SY 2018-19 2017-18, all school dist.s must provide basic CPR instruction in accordance with standards promulgated by SBE. Requires at a minimum that the instruction follows nationally-recognized guidelines for basic psychomotor skills & CPR skills training. Students must also be instructed in the use of purpose of an automated external defibrillator. Students graduating 1/1/20 5/1/21 or after must successfully complete the CPR course attend a CPR training in order to | Monitor | On Reconsideration, S Failed 3rd Reading: 13-16-1-0-0 |

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| | | | graduate. Effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: a) See changes in red above pertaining to dates, addition of “basic” descriptor, & “attend” rather than “complete” a training. b) Adds requirement for first aid for choking (Heimlich maneuver) in addition to CPR. | | |
| SF0095ENG | Early retirement. | Sen.s Meier, Driskill, Pappas & Perkins, & Rep.s Haley, Hunt, Jennings, Miller, Steinmetz & Zwonitzer | Engrossed Bill: Creates an early retirement option for certain state employees who meet extensive eligibility qualifications [NOTE: this offer does NOT include school dist. or HE employees—WEA is following this bill because of potential effects on the health of the WY Retirement System] . Offer expires 7/1/17. Once an employee applies for & is accepted for early retirement, the decision is non-revocable. Specifies procedures, as well as the payments and benefits that various early retirees will receive. Limits the # of vacant positions created by this offer that can be filled. Requires rpt.s. NLT Aug. 1 ea. yr., WRS is required to analyze ea. of its programs under which any employee takes early retirement under this act & certify any resulting actuarially unfunded liability. The State Auditor, w/in 60 days of receipt of the rpt., must certify the savings identified & transfer to the WRS, from the realized savings, up to the amt. of the unfunded liabilities for deposit into the appropriate state retirement plan fund. Effec. immed. | Monitor | H postponed indefinitely |
| SF0114 | Education reform. | Sen.s Scott, Bebout, Coe & Perkins | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases rdg. goal to 90% of all students rdg. on gr. level by the end of 3rd gr. Schools not mtg. that goal will submit an improvement plan, as specified, to WDE. • Increases class size for K-3 to an ave. of 17 in SY 2017-18, 18 in SY 2018-19, & 19 in SY 2019-20 and beyond. • Decreases IF program funding from current 60% per FTE to 30% in SY 2017-18 & 15% thereafter. • Authorizes use of Medicaid for SpEd services delivered pursuant to an IEP. • Changes block grant funding model: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Class sizes for Gr.s K-5 – 17 for SY 2017-18, 18 in SY 2018-19, & 19 in SY 2019-20 and beyond; ○ Class sizes for Gr.s 6-12 -- 22 in SY 2017-18, 23 in SY 2018-19, & 24 in SY 2019-20 and beyond; | Oppose | S No report prior to COW Cutoff |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elem. Core teachers -- 17 for SY 2017-18, 18 in SY 2018-19, & 19 in SY 2019-20 and beyond; ○ MS & HS Core teachers -- 22 in SY 2017-18, 23 in SY 2018-19, & 24 in SY 2019-20 and beyond; ○ Transportation--Effective SY 2017-18 & thereafter, 95% of prior yr. actual out-of-dist. travel expenses, & 100% state reimbursement of other prior yr. actual expenditures computed in 11 accordance with W.S. 12 21-13-320. ● Ea. dist. shall fill no more than 50% of the total vacancies of the following positions occurring in the dist. between 5/1/17 & 6/30/18: supt., asst. supt., business mgr., central office staff member, secretary, or clerical staff member. ● WDE must promulgate rules by 6/15/17 for SY 2017-18 to reduce school dist.s' transportation expenditures relating to operation & maintenance costs by 10% below SY 2015-16 expenditure levels, & by 12/31/17 for SY 2018-19 & thereafter to reduce such expenditures by 20% below SY 2015-16 expenditure levels. These required reductions shall be inclusive of required transportation funding reductions listed above in changes to the funding model. ● WDE must promulgate rules by 12/1/17 to reduce Sp.Ed. costs by 10% below SY 2015-16 expenditure levels per school dist. for SY 2018-19 & ea. yr. thereafter. For SY 2017-18, reimbursement for Sp.Ed. services shall not exceed SY 2015-16 expenditure levels per dist. Once the Medicaid state plan is amended to allow reimbursement for Sp.Ed. services, dist.s may seek reimbursement for allowable expenditures. The Medicaid program may seek & receive reimbursement from the School Fnd. Acct. for the state share of these Medicaid expenses. ● Requires WDE rpt.s to JEIC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By 9/1/17 on % of 2nd & 3rd gr. students, both statewide & by dist., rdg. at gr. level. Must also provide JEIC recommendations for improving rdg. proficiency; | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ By 9/1/17 on % of WY HS grad.s who require remedial course wk. at UW or any WY CC. Must also provide JECL recommendations to reduce remedial work required by WY grad.s. UW, CCC, & the CCs are invited to provide comments & recommendations for inclusion in the rpt.; ○ By 9/1/17 on % of WY HS grad.s w/ inadequate MA, rdg., or writing skills to function effectively in jobs suitable for HS grad.s. WDE must seek assistance of DWS & WY employers to create the rpt.; ○ By 9/1/17 on use of non-English language instruction, as specified, in WY public schools in gr.s K-2; ○ By 9/1/17 using available assessment data & other appropriate data aggregating WY students into appropriate groups to allow for comparisons between those groups. <p>Bill effec. immed.</p> | | |
| <u>SF0134</u> | School finance-class size waivers. | Sen.s Wasserburger & Bebout | Repeals the requirement that school dist.s provide evidence to the state of ave. student-teacher ratio; also repeals the associated waiver for those who can't meet the requirement. Effec. 7/1/17. | Support | H Education failed this bill 0-9. |
| <u>SF0135</u> | Education funds used for litigation. | Sen.s Burns, Bebout, Dockstader, Driskill & Landen, & Rep.s Burkhart, Lindholm & Walters | Prohibits school dist. bd.s of trustees from directly or indirectly spending any school dist. funds "for legal fees or other expenses in an action maintained by the dist. or by any other person against the state, political subdivision of the state or elected state official which challenges or questions the constitutionality or administration of the state's public school finance system, except in support of the state." Effec. immed. | Oppose | Did not pass S Education. S No report prior to CoW Cutoff. |
| <u>SF0145</u> | UW and community college boards of trustees-chairman. | Sen.s Nethercott & Bebout | Changes the title of the UW & CC Bd.s of Trustees' president to "chairman." Specifies that the UW Bd. of Trustees Exec. Comm. must be comprised of <u>at least</u> 3 members. Effec. 7/1/17. | Support | H Failed 3rd Reading: 23-35-2-0-0. |
| <u>SF0146</u> | Community college district board voting. | Nethercott | Specifies that action by the community college board must be determined by a majority vote of the members present . Effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: See change in red. | Support | H Did Not Consider in COW |

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| SF0152 | Hathaway student scholarships. | Sen.s Rothfuss, Coe, Pappas, Von Flatern & Wasserburger, & Rep.s Freeman, Furphy, Northrup & Paxton | Hathaway Scholarship may be used during any term, but only Fall & Spr. semesters will count toward computation of an academic yr. Creates new definitions. Beginning acad. yr. 2017-18, requires students to file a FAFSA in order to apply for the Hathaway. Removes limit of 8 semesters of eligibility. Changes some continuing eligibility conditions. Replaces semester max. \$\$ amt.s for ea. level of scholarship w/total max. amt.s for the entire college career. Effective 7/1/17, no new Provisional Opportunity Hath. scholarships shall be awarded; this is repealed effective 7/1/26. Any student receiving a Provisional Opportunity scholarship prior to 7/1/17 shall be entitled to continue to receive a scholarship under the limitations & provisions of the Opportunity scholarships. Changes reporting requirements. Limits the use of non-need-based Hath. scholarships to the cost of tuition & mandatory fees. Repeals provisions for movement between scholarship levels. Repeals several definitions & other conforming changes. Establishes total scholarship amt.s at initial eligibility levels. Effec. 7/1/17. | Support | S No report prior to CoW Cutoff |
| SF0157 | Education-continuing contract teacher status. | Sen. Peterson & Rep. Winters | [Mirror bill to HB0110 , which died in the House.] Any initial contract teacher employed on or after 7/1/17, who has been granted continuing contract status at the discretion of the employing school dist. &, beginning SY 2019-20, has performed satisfactorily on performance eval.s during this period of time, would be considered continuing contract, regardless of length of service. Effec. 7/1/17. | Oppose | H Education: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4. H Postponed Indefinitely. |
| SF0159 | Tax reform 2020. | Sen.s Rothfuss, Case, Coe & Peterson, & Rep.s Connolly, Harshman, Madden, Miller, Obermueller, Sommers & Wilson | The WY Legis. finds that the WY tax structure is disproportionate, w/mineral extraction historically providing approximately 65-70% of state tax revenues. To address the tax structure, the bill creates the Tax Reform 2020 Committee, consisting of the 10 legislative members as specified. The comm. is authorized to sponsor legislation for consideration by the WY Legislature, but must be approved by a majority of comm. members from ea. house. Specifies duties. Nothing in this bill shall be interpreted to require the comm. to attempt to solve the near-term revenue issues of WY or to specify that the objective of the comm. is to increase or decrease | Monitor | S No report prior to COW Cutoff |

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| | | | revenues. Requires rpt. by 12/31/18. Appropriates \$60K for the comm. Effec. immed. | | |
| SF0161 | Acquisition, exchange and sale of trust lands. | Hicks | Authorizes the Bd. of Land Commissioners to acquire, exchange or sell a fee title interest in trust lands provided that no acquisition or exchange, except an acquisition or exchange with the fed. gov't or any fed. agency, shall result in a net increase of trust lands greater than 10,000 acres above the total trust land acreage held by the state on 7/1/1999. Provides an exception. Effec. 7/1/17. | Monitor | S No report prior to COW Cutoff |
| SF0165ENG | School finance-education funding reductions. | Sen.s Landen, Burns, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Pappas & Perkins | <p>Engrossed Bill:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Institutes fractional ADM calculations. Pupils who attend at least 80% of an FTE basis shall be considered FT. ● For SY '17-18 only, changes the funding basis for employee health insurance premiums reimbursement, as specified, & specifies a separate appropriation to fund it, rather than coming from the SFP. ● For SY '18-19 only, the funding model amt. for core & specialist teachers shall be reduced based upon the actual # of core & specialist teachers employed by the school dist. in SY '16-17, & no dist. will receive funding for more than were actually employed in 2016-17; does not apply to minimum teachers or any calculation for alternative schools or small schools. ● Unless the funding model is recalibrated or an alternate funding model is adopted before SY '18-19, ea. dist.'s funding under the block grant model will be reduced for SY 2018-19 by 2.5%, excluding sp.ed. & transportation funding; likewise, if there is no new funding model prior to SY '19-20, ea. dist.'s block grant funding will be reduced 5%, excluding sp.ed. & transp. ● Transportation funding for SY '18-19 & thereafter will be = to an ave. of the amt.s the dist. rec'd for SY 2011-12, + amt.s for buses as specified. No new bus purchases or leases on or after 3/15/17 unless WDE first determines an emergency warrants it. ● Freezes Sp.Ed. spending at a max. of SY '15-16 levels, subject to "adjustment" by State Supt. per R&Rs to be | Monitor | H Did Not Consider in COW |

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| | | | <p>promulgated, as necessary to meet fed. MOE requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces funding for IFs from 60%/FTE to 45% for SY 17-18, & to 30% ea. SY thereafter. • Authorizes Medicaid reimbursement for dist. Sp.Ed. expenses, as specified. WDE & WY Dept. of Health are required to promulgate R&Rs. • Changes resourced amt.s for various block grant model components, as specified. • Repeals the previously approved ECA for SY '17-18. • Gives rulemaking authority to WDE & Dept. of Health for Medicaid reimbursement for Sp.Ed. Appropriates \$5M to WDE to ensure ea. dist.'s fed. MOE requirements are met, & to provide matching funds required for reimbursement by the Medicaid program. • Reductions implemented in this act are meant to be temporary, pending recalibration. Creates a Select Comm. on School Finance Recalibration, w/membership as specified, that will review the state educ. program & recalibrate the educ. resource block grant model "to determine if modifications are necessary to ensure the model remains effective & cost-based in light of changing conditions & modifications to law. If the comm. determines an alternative to the educ. resource block grant model should be reviewed & developed to more efficiently meet the constitutional duties of the legislature in providing K-12 educ. funding the committee shall not limit its study to a recalibration of the existing cost-based model." May hire consultants. Various state agencies & committees are required to provide any necessary info. Rpt. of recommendations & any associated legislation is required by 1/31/18. Appropriates \$80K for expenses. • The across the board cuts of 2.5% & 5% are effec. only if legislation has not been passed to provide for recalibration prior to 7/1/18 or 7/1/19, as appropriate. | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriates \$206M for employee health insur. premiums reimbursement for SY '17-18 only. WDE must adopt R&Rs for the reimbursement. <p>The sections of the bill re: Transportation funding, Medicaid reimbursement R&Rs & \$5M appropriation, Select Comm. & appropriation, & health insur. appropriation are effec. immed. All other portions effec. 7/1/17. Amendments: To adopt Substitute Bill #2, summarized as follows (many parts are identical to HB236):</p> <p>Revenue Stream Policy Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer an amt. from LSRA to restore School Fnd. Program Acct. (SFP) balance to \$100M ea. FY. Repealed if the LSRA unexpended, unobligated balance falls to < \$500M. • Common School Land Income Acct. guaranteed 5% spending policy amt. from Common School Perm. Land Fund Spending Policy Reserve Acct. • 1% severance tax will be diverted from Perm. Mineral Trust Fund & deposited into Gen. Fund, & an = amt. will be transferred from the Gen. Fund to the SFP for FYs 2019 thru 2022. • Stops existing transfers of funds as follows (i.e., we won't grow our permanent savings): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Repeals SFP Reserve Acct. (SFPR) & transfers of investment income swap of Fed. Mineral Royalties of up to 2% to SFPR; transfer balance in SFPR to Common School Perm. Land Fund Spending Policy Reserve Acct. ○ Stops transfer of funds from SFP to School Cap. Con. Acct. ○ Stop trip from School Cap. Con. Acct. to Common School Acct. w/in Perm. Land Fund. <p>K-12 Funding Reductions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutes fractional ADM calculations. Pupils who attend at least 80% of an FTE basis shall be considered FT. | | |
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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moratorium on approval or funding of any new alternative schools between 3/15/17 & 7/1/19. • Transportation funding for SY '18-19 & thereafter will be frozen at the amt. rec'd for SY '17-18, + amt.s for buses as specified. No new bus purchases or leases on or after 3/15/17 unless WDE determines an emergency warrants it. • Moves IF funding into the block grant model; reduces the multiplier from current 1.5 FTEs for 288 ADM prototypical elem. school to 0.9 FTE for SY '17-18 & to 0.45 for SY '18-19 & thereafter; also reduces the multiplier from current 1.5 FTEs for 315 ADM prototypical MS or HS to 0.9 FTE for SY '17-18 & to 0.45 for SY '18-19 & thereafter. Repeals current statute re: program requirements & reporting. • Moves extended-day & summer school funding into the block grant model; maintains current funding multiplier. Repeals current statute re: program requirements & reporting. • Changes resourced amt.s for various block grant model components, as specified. • Repeals the previously-approved ECA for SY '17-18. <p><u>New Revenue Streams:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the unobligated, unencumbered balance in LSRA is < \$500M, triggers a sales tax on services, as defined. 100% of the proceeds will go to School Cap. Con. acct. No city or county can impose a sales tax on service. • When the unobligated, unencumbered balance in LSRA is < \$500M, the existing sales tax exemption on food for home consumption is repealed. <p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeals the 16:1 student:teacher ratio for K-3. • Moratorium on creation of new alternative schools between 3/15/17 & 7/1/19. If it was approved before 3/15/17 but the facilities have not been built by 3/15/17, no design or construction funds can be spent on it by SFC | | |
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| | | | <p>until 7/1/19 or after. JEIC must conduct a study, as specified, of alt. schools, & rpt. by 11/30/18, including any recommended legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a Joint Select Comm. on Educ. Funding, w/membership as specified, that will review the state educ. program & recalibrate the block grant model “to determine if modifications are necessary to ensure it remains cost-based in light of changing conditions & modifications to law.” Shall also study & recommend solutions to the projected educ. budget shortfall, with focus on 3 major issues: options for use of existing unencumbered revenues; use of diversions of existing revenues/income; options to increase revenues. Must also study & recommend options for permanent funding solutions for school cap. con. & major maintenance. Must solicit input from the School Finance Data Advisory Comm. Gov. will appoint 3 advisory groups to provide stakeholder input. Select Comm. may hire consultants. Rpt. & recommendations required by 1/31/18. Will introduce legislation consistent w/its recommendations. Appropriates \$122.5K for Select Comm. expenses, & \$46K for Advisory Group expenses. Some sections effec. immed.; remainder effec. 7/1/17. | | |
| SF0171 | Civic proficiency examination-2. | Sen.s Pappas, Coe & Meier, & Rep.s Brown, Clem, Edwards, Henderson & Lone | <p><i>[Very similar to HB0133 above.]</i> Provides legislative findings that: “... the study of Amer. civics encompasses what it means to be a good citizen, fosters an understanding of how govt. works and informs citizens on how they can participate and influence their government.”</p> <p>In order to receive a HS diploma, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree, a student must satisfactorily pass an exam on the principles of the US & WY constitutions. Beginning SY 2018-19, the exam shall consist of 100 questions identical to the US citizenship & immigration services’ citizenship exam. To pass, a student must correctly answer not less than 60% of the exam questions. A student may take the exam as many times as necessary to pass it. This</p> | Oppose | S Failed COW: 13-17-0-0-0 |

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| | | | requirement is subject to a student's IEP under IDEA. Effec. 7/1/17. | | |
| SJ0006 | Public instruction constitutional amendment. | Sen.s Meier, Bebout, Burns, Driskill, Hicks & Peterson, & Rep.s Blackburn, Burkhart, Madden, Miller, Steinmetz and Wilson | Proposal to amend the WY Constitution to modify standards for judicial review relating to educ. funding. Would hold that "any finance system for public schools adopted by the Legislature shall be presumed to be valid & a rational basis standard of review shall be employed in any judicial proceeding to review the constitutionality of the school finance system." The wording that would go out to the public would say only, "This amendment would require greater judicial deference when reviewing challenges to legislative enactments related to the school finance system." <i>[Note: If the bill is passed by 2/3s of both houses of the Legis., it would then go before the WY electors in the next general election for approval or rejection.]</i> | Oppose | S No report prior to COW Cutoff |
| SJ0008 | School construction and renovation-constitutional amendment. | Sen.s Meier, Bebout & Peterson, & Rep.s Hunt, Kirkbride, Miller and Paxton | Proposal to amend the WY Constitution to authorize the legis. to require an individual school dist.'s bd. of trustees to impose a special property tax w/in the school dist. in order to receive state funds for the purpose of construction of public schools. facilities. The legis. may further condition receipt of the state funds on approval of the proposed project by the qualified electors of the school dist. on a ballot proposition. A vote against the proposition will conclusively determine that the proposed project is not necessary to meet min. school facility requirements imposed by the Constitution. In no event shall the state's obligation to provide funding for the construction of public school facilities exceed the amt. necessary to supplement the dist.'s special tax levy for the facilities to meet current facility standards and educ. suitability requirements adopted by the state. Any taxes collected pursuant to this section in excess of the school dist.'s cost of construction shall be remitted to the state. "The legislature would distribute the resulting revenue in a manner which would prevent wealth-based disparity among the state's school districts in the construction of public schools." <i>[Note: If the bill is passed by 2/3s of both houses of the Legis., it would then go before the WY electors in the next general election for approval or rejection.]</i> Amendments: Standing Comm. amendment | Oppose | S Further Amended, but then Failed 3rd Reading: 13-17-0-0-0 |

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| SJ0009ENG | Public school financing. | Sen.s Kinskey, Coe & Meier | <p>Engrossed Bill: Proposal to amend the WY Constitution to specify that the Legislature determines the adequacy of public school funding & prohibiting courts from requiring funding beyond that prescribed by law.</p> <p><i>[Note: If the bill is passed by 2/3s of both houses of the Legis., it would then go before the WY electors in the next general election for approval or rejection.]</i></p> | Oppose | H Education: DO PASS FAILED in Accordance with House Rule 5-4. H Postponed Indefinitely. |