

Other Committee Interim Topics

Joint Judiciary Committee

Priority #: 2 Public Meetings and Public Records

The Committee will undertake a two-year study of the public meetings and public records statutes to modernize statutes in light of changes to the law, technology and to promote realistic transparency.

Joint Appropriations Committee

Priority #: 6 Statutory Requirements and Receipt of Reports

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies, as provided by law, including: • Receive and provide a recommendation on the K-12 external cost adjustment (ECA); • Receive a report on higher education study on baccalaureate degrees; and • Receipt of status report from the State's government efficiency contractor, or responsible parties within the executive branch; • Review performance compensation programs for the Wyoming Retirement System and State Treasurer's Office in accordance with 2019 House Bill 222 (2019 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 57).

Joint Revenue Committee

Priority #: 2 State Fiscal Structure Diversification

Continuing from the 2018 interim, the Committee will analyze Wyoming's revenue streams and study the implications of the existing state fiscal structure and its relationship to economic diversification. This topic will include a consideration of the long-term planning options for funding public education and general government services given the current state fiscal structure. This topic will include a review and update of the tax structure guidebook considered by the Committee in the 2018 interim.

Priority #: 3 Tax Studies

The committee will continue to consider modernization and reform of the state sales tax system, including potentially revenue neutral reductions in the tax rate coupled with expansion of the tax base. This topic will include: A. Electricity taxation modeling: Renewables, wind and solar, and possibly other generation sources. B. Study of the transitional difficulties of raising the valuation factor to address the limitations that the counties and cities have trying to raise money via mill levies. C. Study of the needs of the Department of Revenue and other state agencies for efficient revenue collection and modeling. This study shall include a report from Department of Revenue on future needs of the department in terms of staff and information technology systems. The report shall include expected costs to implement the report recommendations, identify potential funding sources and propose a plan and timeline for implementation of the report recommendations. D. A review of the existing property classes and a consideration of the issues surrounding the creation of one or more additional property classes.

Priority #: 4 Assessment and Review of Recent Revenue Bills

The Committee will review recent legislation related to revenue that was brought by the

Committee or by individual legislators for a determination by the Committee of how to proceed. This topic will include: A. 2019 House Bill 220 – National retail fairness act. B. 2019 House Bill 68 – School funding revenue C. 2019 House Bill 67 – Sales tax revisions D. 2019 House Bill 66 – Lodging tax E. 2019 House Bill 233 – Income tax F. The optional municipal tax and other local revenue options. G. 2019 House Bill 138 - Sales tax payments

Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee

Priority #: 3 State Lands

(A)The Committee will review the appraisal process used for state lands. This review will include a comparison of the appraisal process to the private sector process and the efficiency of the current process. This topic may also include instituting a formal process for disputing appraisals.

(B) This topic will also include issues related to the potential for the exchange of isolated school parcels. Committee activity will be in conjunction with federal action to complete a land swap.

(C) The topic will include consideration of development of a program to prioritize the exchange of landlocked trust lands that block state lands.

Select Committee on School Facilities

Priority #: 1 Statutory Responsibilities

The Select Committee is charged by statute to: (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 and department; (2) develop knowledge and expertise among its members relating to statewide facility adequacy; (3) prepare budget recommendations addressing statewide building and facility needs; and (4) review commission rules.