



2020

Wyoming State Economic Scorecard

See how Members of Wyoming's State Legislature are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. It is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES.

THE FOUNDATION CONDUCTS COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS OF VOTING RECORDS.

THE FOUNDATION'S GOAL IS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC AND BRING AWARENESS TO LAWMAKERS.

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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Wyoming's elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker's record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club's immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limited government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing term limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examined votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation, and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN WYOMING IN 2020

The Foundation’s study examined over 1,000 floor votes and, in the end, included 15 Wyoming House votes and 11 Wyoming Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted - signified as an “X” on the scorecard - though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was

ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0% scores are, by default, ranked #60 in the House and #30 in the Senate. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2020 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Wyoming House and Wyoming Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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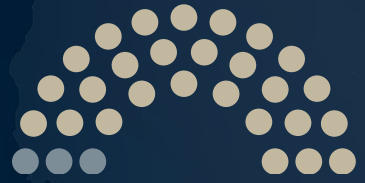
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Wyoming Senate Snapshot

30 MEMBERS

27 Republicans

3 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 46%

Average Democrat Score: 28%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Bo Biteman (SD-21) | 100%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS (From Left)

Senator James Anderson (SD-28) | 12%

Senator R.J. Kost (SD-19) | 12%

Senator Jeff Wasserburger (SD-23) | 12%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Liisa Anselmi-Dalton (SD-12) | 55%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Michael Gierau (SD-17) | 7%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	
POINTS					14	7	11	9	16	8	8	7	7	5	8	
Agar, Wyatt	SD-20	R	66%	66%	14	7	11	X	X	-	-	7	7	X	-	8
Anderson, James	SD-28	R	12%	12%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	27
Anselmi-Dalton, Liisa	SD-12	D	55%	55%	14	7	11	-	16	-	-	-	7	-	-	11
Baldwin, Fred	SD-14	R	19%	19%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	25
Bebout, Eli	SD-26	R	31%	31%	-	7	-	-	X	-	-	7	7	5	-	18
Biteman, Bo	SD-21	R	100%	100%	14	7	11	9	16	8	8	7	7	5	8	1
Boner, Brian	SD-02	R	52%	52%	14	7	11	-	-	8	-	-	7	5	-	13
Bouchard, Anthony	SD-06	R	83%	83%	14	7	11	-	16	8	8	7	7	5	-	4
Case, Cale	SD-25	R	62%	62%	-	7	X	9	16	8	8	-	7	-	-	9
Coe, Hank	SD-18	R	22%	22%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	X	-	23
Dockstader, Dan	SD-16	R	59%	59%	14	7	11	-	-	8	-	7	7	5	-	10
Driskill, Ogden	SD-01	R	24%	24%	14	7	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	21
Ellis, Affie	SD-08	R	71%	71%	14	7	11	9	X	-	-	7	7	5	-	5
Gierau, Michael	SD-17	D	7%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	30
Hicks, Larry	SD-11	R	67%	67%	14	7	11	-	16	-	-	7	7	5	-	7
Hutchings, Lynn	SD-05	R	92%	92%	14	7	11	9	16	8	8	7	7	5	-	2
James, Tom	SD-13	R	92%	92%	14	7	11	9	16	8	8	7	7	5	-	2
Kinsky, David	SD-22	R	37%	37%	-	7	11	-	-	-	-	7	7	5	-	14
Kost, R.J.	SD-19	R	12%	12%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	27
Landen, Bill	SD-27	R	22%	22%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	X	-	23

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Moniz, Glenn	SD-10	R	37%	37%	-	7	11	-	-	-	-	7	7	5	-	14
Nethercott, Tara	SD-04	R	33%	33%	14	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	17
Pappas, Stephan	SD-07	R	35%	35%	-	7	-	-	16	-	-	-	7	5	-	16
Perkins, Drew	SD-29	R	26%	26%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	5	-	20
Rothfuss, Chris	SD-09	D	23%	23%	-	7	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Schuler, Wendy	SD-15	R	19%	19%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	25
Scott, Charles	SD-30	R	53%	53%	14	7	-	X	-	-	8	7	7	5	-	12
Steinmetz, Cheri	SD-03	R	68%	68%	14	7	11	-	16	8	-	-	7	5	-	6
Von Flatern, Michael	SD-24	R	28%	28%	-	7	-	9	-	-	-	-	7	5	-	19
Wasserburger, Jeff	SD-23	R	12%	12%	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	27

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HB 47

RELAXED RULES ON TAX HIKES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill makes it easier to raise sales taxes. First, it reduces the number of municipalities within a county, from two-thirds to one half, that is needed to propose a 1% tax increase to voters. It also authorizes counties to submit a proposition to voters to make the “5th penny” tax permanent. And the bill allows municipalities to include another 1% tax (the 6th penny) to be used for general revenue, whereas current law only allows the sixth penny to be used for a specific purpose. The Wyoming House passed this bill, 42-16, on March 9, 2020. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 16-14, the next day.

HB 74

PERMIT MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

In an effort to provide customers with more affordable options for energy, this bill would authorize permits for small modular nuclear reactors in Wyoming. This is a strong, pro-

growth move that will offer energy flexibility and innovation to the state. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 29-1, on March 9, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 56-3, on March 10, 2020.

HB 134

TAX AND SPEND TOURISM SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes a 5% sales tax on lodging services. Most of the new tax revenue is required to be spent promoting tourism in the county, city, or town where the tax was collected. This tax and spend tourism scheme will ultimately result in over \$18 million in taxpayer dollars being spent picking winners and losers in the private sector. This is not a core function of government. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 16-13, on February 28, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 47-13, on March 2, 2020.

HB 142

SUBSIDIZING MEAT PACKING PLANTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

By providing loans and grants, this bill subsidizes

certain mid-sized meat processing plants that sell products in export markets (international and interstate). Government should not be picking winners and losers in the private sector. The Wyoming House passed this bill, 54-4, on February 27, 2020. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 21-6, on March 11, 2020.

HB 200

NEW LOW-CARBON REGULATORY SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would require the state’s Public Service Commission to establish energy portfolio standards that would require utilities to produce a specified percentage of their output to be low-carbon electricity by 2030. Such a mandate will force taxpayers to pay more, either through rate increases or higher taxes. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 17-10, on March 10, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 41-18, on March 11, 2020.

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DEFUND THE WYOMING CULTURAL TRUST FUND

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the state budget would reduce spending by \$1.3 million for the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund and the Wyoming Humanities Council. Such activities conducted by these programs are best left to the private sector. This is not a core function of government. The Wyoming Senate failed to pass the amendment, 8-22, on February 19, 2020.

SF 1 AMDT 2030

DEFUND THE WYOMING BUSINESS COUNCIL

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the state budget would reduce spending by over \$61 million by defunding the Wyoming Business Council, the state's main economic development agency. Such institutions allow politically-connected businesses to receive government favors at the expense of taxpayers. This is not a core function of government. The Wyoming Senate failed to pass the amendment, 6-24, on February 19, 2020.

SF 53

GOOD PROPERTY TAX CUT

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This pro-growth bill provides a simple tax exemption of \$3,300 on business property. It can only be applied to one jurisdiction if the business operates in more than one county. This proposal would lead to a net tax decrease of over \$2 million per year. The Wyoming Senate failed to pass the bill, 15-15, on February 24, 2020.

SF 70

NEW WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE REPORTING

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill provides new transparency and oversight rules to help expose waste, fraud and abuse in state government. It requires the creation of a system where government employees can report abuse. It also includes whistleblower protections and a provision to enable the public to file similar reports. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 25-5, on February 27, 2020. The bill died in the Wyoming House.

SF 85

TAX CUT ON URANIUM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This modest, pro-growth bill would have provided severance tax relief based on the spot market price of uranium, leading to a net tax cut of over \$100,000 a year. The Wyoming House passed this bill, 45-15, on March 11, 2020. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 22-4, on the same day.

SF 123

PRICE CONTROLS ON LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth bill would have required all long-term care insurance carriers to justify rate increases to the Wyoming Insurance Commissioner. The government should not supersede the market when determining the fairness of industry prices. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 29-1, on February 27, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 54-5, on March 11, 2020.

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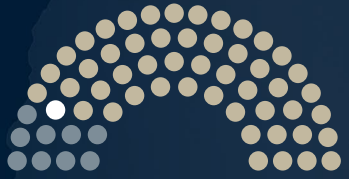
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Wyoming House Snapshot



60 MEMBERS

50 Republicans

9 Democrats

1 Independent

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 56%

Average Democrat Score: 18%



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep Mark Jennings (HD-30) | 95%



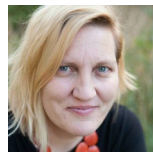
LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep Patrick Sweeney (HD-58) | 16%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep Michael Yin (HD-16) | 32%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep Sara Burlingame (HD-44) | 10%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
POINTS					9	7	3	12	7	5	10	4	4	10	10	7	5	3	4	
Barlow, Eric	HD-03	R	51%	51%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	7	5	3	-	28
Blackburn, Jim	HD-42	R	61%	61%	9	-	3	12	-	X	10	-	4	10	-	X	X	3	-	18
Blake, Stan	HD-39	D	18%	18%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	52
Brown, Landon	HD-09	R	44%	44%	-	7	3	-	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	7	-	3	-	36
Burkhart, Jr., Donald	HD-15	R	52%	52%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	7	-	3	-	27
Burlingame, Sara	HD-44	D	10%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	60
Clausen, Aaron	HD-06	R	61%	61%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	7	5	3	-	18
Clem, Scott	HD-31	R	83%	83%	X	7	3	12	7	5	10	-	X	X	10	7	-	3	-	7
Clifford, Andi	HD-33	D	13%	13%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	58
Connolly, Cathy	HD-13	D	27%	27%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	48
Crank, Thomas	HD-18	R	33%	33%	-	-	3	-	-	-	10	-	X	X	-	7	5	3	-	43
Dayton-Selman, JoAnn	HD-17	D	18%	18%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	52
Duncan, Shelly	HD-05	R	56%	56%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	7	-	3	-	23
Edwards, Roy	HD-53	R	82%	82%	9	7	3	12	7	5	10	-	4	-	10	7	5	3	-	8
Eklund, John	HD-10	R	27%	27%	-	-	3	-	-	-	10	-	4	-	-	7	-	3	-	48
Eyre, Danny	HD-19	R	54%	54%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	7	5	3	-	26
Flitner, Jamie	HD-26	R	66%	66%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	10	7	-	3	-	16
Freeman, John	HD-60	D	13%	13%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	58
Furphy, Dan	HD-14	R	38%	38%	-	-	3	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	7	5	3	-	39
Gray, Chuck	HD-57	R	92%	92%	9	7	-	12	7	-	10	4	4	10	10	7	5	3	4	2

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Greear, Mike	HD-27	R	50%	50%	-	7	3	X	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	7	-	3	-	29
Haley, William	HD-46	R	32%	32%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	45
Hallinan, Timothy	HD-32	R	56%	56%	9	-	3	12	7	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	5	3	-	23
Harshman, Steve	HD-37	R	33%	33%	-	-	X	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	43
Henderson, William	HD-41	R	28%	28%	-	-	3	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	X	7	X	3	X	47
Hunt, Hans	HD-02	R	70%	70%	9	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	-	10	7	5	3	-	14
Jennings, Mark	HD-30	R	95%	95%	9	7	3	12	7	-	10	4	4	10	10	7	5	3	4	1
Kinner, Mark	HD-29	R	49%	49%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	7	-	3	-	30
Kirkbride, Dan	HD-04	R	35%	35%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	40
Larsen, Lloyd	HD-54	R	42%	42%	-	-	3	-	-	5	10	-	4	10	-	7	-	3	-	37
Laursen, Dan	HD-25	R	81%	81%	9	7	3	12	7	-	10	4	4	-	10	7	5	3	-	10
Lindholm, Tyler	HD-01	R	78%	78%	-	7	3	12	7	-	10	-	4	10	10	7	5	3	-	11
Loucks, Carl	HD-59	R	42%	42%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	37
MacGuire, Joe	HD-35	R	35%	35%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	40
Miller, David	HD-55	R	85%	85%	9	7	3	12	7	-	10	4	4	10	10	X	-	3	-	5
Newsome, Sandy	HD-24	R	45%	45%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	7	-	3	-	34
Nicholas, Bob	HD-08	R	35%	35%	-	-	3	-	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	7	5	-	-	40
Northrup, David	HD-50	R	57%	57%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	7	5	3	-	22
Obermueller, Jerry	HD-56	R	45%	45%	-	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	10	-	7	-	3	-	34
Olsen, Jared	HD-11	R	71%	71%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	10	7	5	3	-	12

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Pelkey, Charles	HD-45	D	14%	14%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	X	-	-	57
Piiparinen, Garry	HD-49	R	69%	69%	9	7	3	12	-	-	10	4	4	-	10	7	-	3	-	15
Pownall, William	HD-52	R	49%	49%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	-	-	3	-	30
Roscoe, Jim	HD-22	I	18%	18%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	52
Salazar, Tim	HD-34	R	82%	82%	9	7	3	12	7	-	10	4	-	10	10	7	-	3	-	8
Schwartz, Andy	HD-23	D	15%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-	56
Simpson, Evan	HD-21	R	47%	47%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	5	3	-	33
Sommers, Albert	HD-20	R	71%	71%	-	7	3	12	7	-	10	-	-	10	10	7	5	-	-	12
Stith, Clark	HD-48	R	55%	55%	X	7	3	12	-	X	10	-	-	-	-	7	5	3	-	25
Styvar, Clarence	HD-12	R	90%	90%	9	7	3	12	7	5	10	4	4	-	10	7	5	3	4	3
Sweeney, Patrick	HD-58	R	16%	16%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	3	-	55
Tass, Richard	HD-40	R	84%	84%	9	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	10	7	5	3	4	6
Walters, Tom	HD-38	R	48%	48%	9	-	3	12	-	-	10	-	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	32
Washut, Arthur	HD-36	R	63%	63%	9	7	3	12	7	-	10	-	-	-	-	7	5	3	-	17
Western, Cyrus	HD-51	R	59%	59%	9	7	3	12	-	-	10	-	X	X	-	7	-	3	-	20
Wilson, Sue	HD-07	R	58%	58%	-	7	3	12	-	-	10	4	-	10	-	7	5	-	-	21
Winter, John	HD-28	R	86%	86%	9	7	3	12	7	-	10	-	4	10	10	7	-	3	4	4
Yin, Michael	HD-16	D	32%	32%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	-	10	10	-	5	-	-	45
Zwonitzer, Dan	HD-43	R	23%	23%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	7	-	3	-	51

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HB 47

RELAXED RULES ON TAX HIKES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill makes it easier to raise sales taxes. First, it reduces the number of municipalities within a county, from two-thirds to one half, that is needed to propose a 1% tax increase to voters. It also authorizes counties to submit a proposition to voters to make the “5th penny” tax permanent. And the bill allows municipalities to include another 1% tax (the 6th penny) to be used for general revenue, whereas current law only allows the sixth penny to be used for a specific purpose. The Wyoming House passed this bill, 42-16, on March 9, 2020. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 16-14, the next day.

HB 63

FUEL TAX INCREASE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Under current law, the Wyoming Fuel Tax is at \$0.24 per gallon. This anti-growth bill would increase that tax by 12.5 percent to \$0.27 per

gallon resulting in a net tax increase of over \$20 million per year. The Wyoming House failed to pass the bill on introduction, 30-30, on February 20, 2020.

HB 74

PERMIT MODULAR NUCLEAR REACTORS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

In an effort to provide customers with more affordable options for energy, this bill would authorize permits for small modular nuclear reactors in Wyoming. This is a strong, pro-growth move that will offer energy flexibility and innovation to the state. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 29-1, on March 9, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 56-3, on March 10, 2020.

HB 75

MEDICAID EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Under the authority of Obamacare, this bill would expand Medicaid in Wyoming to certain able-bodied, working adults. It’s

an unaffordable program that also allows government to needlessly interfere with the free market. Providing health insurance is not a core function of government. The Wyoming House failed to pass the bill on introduction, 20-39, on February 11, 2020.

HB 134

TAX AND SPEND TOURISM SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill imposes a 5% sales tax on lodging services. Most of the new tax revenue is required to be spent promoting tourism in the county, city, or town where the tax was collected. This tax and spend tourism scheme will ultimately result in over \$18 million in taxpayer dollars being spent picking winners and losers in the private sector. This is not a core function of government. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 16-13, on February 28, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 47-13, on March 2, 2020.

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HB 142

SUBSIDIZING MEAT PACKING PLANTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

By providing loans and grants, this bill subsidizes certain mid-sized meat processing plants that sell products in export markets (international and interstate). Government should not be picking winners and losers in the private sector. The Wyoming House passed this bill, 54-4, on February 27, 2020. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 21-6, on March 11, 2020.

HB 169

1% SALES TAX HIKE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth bill would have increased the sales tax from 4% to 5% statewide, ultimately resulting in an annual tax hike of over \$205 million a year. Government should live within its means and not force taxpayers to pay for more profligate spending. The Wyoming House failed to pass this bill, 12-48, on February 12, 2020. It was not considered in the Wyoming Senate.

HB 179

NEW TAX ON SOLAR ENERGY

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would have extended the excise tax on wind-generated power to include solar power generation. The Wyoming House passed this bill on introduction, 50-10, on February 22, 2020. It then died in committee. It was not considered in the Wyoming Senate.

HB 192

STUDENT LOAN SUBSIDIES

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill repeals the sunset date for the Wyoming adjunct professor loan repayment program, thus extending a subsidy scheme that is not a core function of government. With a supermajority required, the Wyoming House failed to pass the bill on introduction, 32-25, on February 14, 2020. The Wyoming Senate did not consider the bill.

HB 199

CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

Certificate of Need laws are a form of regulatory capture where health care providers can prevent competition from entering their area of operation. This bill would expand the government's powers to regulate the industry by creating a medical equipment certificate of need commission consisting of five politically-appointed members. The commission would decide and monitor any project involving a CT or MRI machine used by a hospital, doctor or any other medical professional. The bill also assesses fees and creates a hospital loan program to subsidize projects. The Wyoming House failed to pass this bill on introduction, 17-40, on February 14, 2020. The Wyoming Senate did not consider the bill.

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HB 200

NEW LOW-CARBON REGULATORY SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill would require the state's Public Service Commission to establish energy portfolio standards that would require utilities to produce a specified percentage of their output to be low-carbon electricity by 2030. Such a mandate will force taxpayers to pay more, either through rate increases or higher taxes. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 17-10, on March 10, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 41-18, on March 11, 2020.

HB 209

PROHIBIT CHANGING PARTY AFFILIATION

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

Current law allows a registered Wyoming voter to change their party affiliation up to and on the day of a primary election, thus allowing people to unfairly game the system. This bill would help preserve the integrity of primary elections, where each major party selects their preferred candidate for the general election. It would do

this by banning "crossover voting" during the 14 days leading up to a primary election. The Wyoming House passed it, 44-14, on February 28, 2020. The bill died in the Wyoming Senate.

HB 244

VOLUNTARY BEEF CHECK-OFF DUES

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This pro-growth bill repeals the penalties for failing to make payments to the beef council, effectively making the beef check-off payment optional. Industry leaders should not use the force of government to coerce people to pay money into a program regardless of whether or not they support the program's mission. The Wyoming House failed to pass this bill, 27-29, on February 25, 2020.

SF 85

TAX CUT ON URANIUM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This modest, pro-growth bill would have provided severance tax relief based on the spot market price of uranium, leading to a net tax cut of over \$100,000 a year. The Wyoming

House passed this bill, 45-15, on March 11, 2020. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 22-4, on the same day.

SF 123

PRICE CONTROLS ON LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This anti-growth bill would have required all long-term care insurance carriers to justify rate increases to the Wyoming Insurance Commissioner. The government should not supersede the market when determining the fairness of industry prices. The Wyoming Senate passed this bill, 29-1, on February 27, 2020. The Wyoming House passed it, 54-5, on March 11, 2020.

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