



2022

Wyoming State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Wyoming's General Assembly 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. This 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.

Methodology | Wyoming 2022

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 examines 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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The Foundation’s study examined over 700 floor votes and, in the end, included 18 Wyoming House votes and 14 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 #62 in the House and #31 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. 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 2022 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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28 Republicans

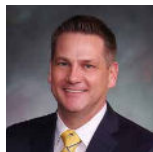
2 Democrats

0 Independent

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 62%
(Up from 52% in 2021)

Average Democrat Score: 26%
(Up from 20% in 2021)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Bo Biteman (SD-21) | **100%**



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Stephan Pappas (SD-7) | **22%**



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Chris Rothfuss (SD-9) | **31%**



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Michael Gierau (SD-17) | **20%**

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Name	District	Party	Score	Life-score	HB0022	HB0046	HB0096	HB0110	HJ0005	SF0001	SF0001	SF0009	SF0042	SF0049	SF0069	SF0084	SF0104	SF0114	Rank
PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
POINTS					6	6	7	6	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	
Anderson, James	SD-28	R	56%	32%	-	-	-	-	X	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	7	6	16
Baldwin, Fred	SD-14	R	41%	32%	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	7	7	-	6	25
Biteman, Bo	SD-21	R	100%	95%	6	6	7	6	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	1
Boner, Brian	SD-02	R	59%	49%	-	-	7	-	7	10	-	-	8	7	-	7	7	6	12
Bouchard, Anthony	SD-06	R	94%	87%	6	6	7	-	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	2
Case, Cale	SD-25	R	42%	48%	6	6	7	-	-	-	11	5	-	7	-	-	-	-	24
Cooper, Edward	SD-20	R	52%	48%	-	-	-	-	7	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	-	6	18
Dockstader, Dan	SD-16	R	72%	63%	6	-	7	-	7	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	7	6	10
Driskill, Ogden	SD-01	R	58%	44%	6	-	-	-	7	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	-	6	13
Ellis, Affie	SD-08	R	57%	54%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	14
French, Tim	SD-18	R	94%	86%	6	6	7	-	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	2
Furphy, Dan	SD-10	R	35%	34%	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	8	7	-	-	7	6	27
Gierau, Michael	SD-17	D	20%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	6	30
Hicks, Larry	SD-11	R	51%	57%	6	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	8	7	-	7	7	6	20
Hutchings, Lynn	SD-05	R	80%	85%	6	6	7	-	7	10	-	5	8	7	X	7	7	X	8
James, Tom	SD-13	R	88%	90%	6	6	7	-	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	7	7	-	5
Kinskey, David	SD-22	R	38%	39%	-	-	-	-	7	10	-	-	8	7	-	-	-	6	26
Kolb, John	SD-12	R	87%	76%	6	6	7	-	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	-	7	6	6
Kost, R.J.	SD-19	R	45%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	-	6	21
Landen, Bill	SD-27	R	45%	35%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	-	6	21

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McKeown, Troy	SD-24	R	94%	93%	6	6	7	-	7	10	11	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	2
Nethercott, Tara	SD-04	R	60%	43%	6	-	-	-	-	10	11	5	8	7	7	-	-	6	11
Pappas, Stephan	SD-07	R	22%	29%	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	6	29
Perkins, Drew	SD-29	R	57%	40%	6	-	-	-	-	10	X	-	8	7	7	7	-	6	14
Rothfuss, Chris	SD-09	D	31%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	7	7	-	-	6	28
Salazar, Tim	SD-26	R	83%	79%	6	6	7	-	7	10	-	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	7
Schuler, Wendy	SD-15	R	52%	34%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	8	7	7	7	7	6	18
Scott, Charles	SD-30	R	55%	54%	6	-	-	-	7	10	-	5	-	7	7	-	7	6	17
Steinmetz, Cheri	SD-03	R	76%	70%	6	6	-	-	7	10	-	5	8	7	7	7	7	6	9
Wasserburger, Jeff	SD-23	R	45%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	8	7	-	7	7	6	21

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HB 22

INDUSTRIAL BOND TAX CARVEOUT SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands existing special tax treatment for industrial development projects. Specifically, the legislation carves out an ad valorem tax exemption for the entire duration of the bond authorized under an approved industrial development project. Additionally, the changes require the lessee to pay an annual fee to the state or political subdivision equal to only 50 percent of the share each would have received without the exemption. Previously, entities were required to fully compensate. This legislation ensures that special interest carveouts issued through tax increases masked as bonds will accelerate—all at the expense of hardworking Wyomingites. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 41-18, on February 17, 2022. Fortunately, the Wyoming Senate killed it, 13-17, on March 3, 2022.

HB 46

MASSIVE TAXPAYER-FINANCED LOAN EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands loans administered by the Wyoming Business Council and authorized under the Wyoming Economic Development Act. Specifically, the legislation increases the existing loan amount for businesses from \$500,000 to \$1 million, 50-50 financing agreements from \$1 million to \$2.5 million, and creates new contract and succession financing loan schemes. Such economic development initiatives routinely devolve into cronyism schemes that benefit well-connected industries and lobbyists at the expense of taxpayers who are left on the hook. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 44-12, on February 21, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 20-10, on March 3, 2022.

HB 96

PAY RAISE FOR POLITICIANS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the salaries and benefits of statewide government officials including the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and state superintendent. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$309,000 in new salary and benefit increases to those offices through 2024. As Wyomingites face rising costs due to inflation and foolhardy federal spending and energy policies, state lawmakers should resist further gouging their constituents to increase the salaries of statewide politicians. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 40-19, on March 1, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-11, on March 10, 2022.

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HB 110

EXPANDED REGULATORY SCHEME FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates new and onerous regulations within the Board of Psychology. Specifically, the legislation extends fees and adds licensing requirements to behavior analysts estimating over \$70,000 in additional revenue to the board over the next two years. Such licensing schemes are little more than government cash grabs, intended to raise revenue to prop up bureaucrats through alternative taxation. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 54-5, on February 28, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 29-1, on March 4, 2022.

HJR 5

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CREATING NEW SLUSH FUND

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution proposes a new amendment to the Wyoming constitution to prop up the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund. Specifically, the resolution

calls for language that creates a separate earnings fund and requires the legislature to replenish the losses to the permanent fund while also authorizing the legislature to utilize the new earnings fund in whatever manner they prescribe. Amending the constitution to lock in new government spending accounts guarantees that taxpayer money will eventually go into the coffers of well-connected interests with a diminished ability for hardworking Wyomingites to stop such practices. The Wyoming House passed the resolution, 44-14, on February 24, 2022. The Wyoming Senate killed it, 13-16, on March 8, 2022.

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MISSED OPPORTUNITY GENERAL BUDGET

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$2.8 billion in total spending for the FY2023 and FY2024 biennium. The number is roughly \$200 million less in general fund spending than the previous biennial budget passed during the 2020 legislative session. This accounts for a 6.8 percent decrease-however,

the appropriations bill offsets the decrease with \$182 million more in federal expenditures. Additionally, the legislation approves nearly \$65 million in pay raises for government employees and a \$9 million pay increase for teachers. At best, the budget is a missed opportunity in an environment marked by skyrocketing inflation and energy costs. The Wyoming Senate passed the bill, 20-9, on March 7, 2022. The Wyoming House passed its own version of the bill as part of a conference report.

SF 1 AMDT 2033

MEDICAID EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget attempts to expand the Medicaid program in Wyoming. Specifically, the amendment pushes to adopt Obamacare's expansion of Medicaid-originally intended for the poor and indigent-to otherwise able-bodied adults. Medicaid expansion to able-bodied adults in other states has been a catastrophe for both state budgets and health outcomes, resulting in longer wait times,

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crowding out care for the neediest, driving up overall costs for taxpayers, and creating poorer health outcomes. The initial appropriation offered for the expansion was \$177 million—a harbinger of the fiscal pain that comes from supersizing an ineffective welfare program like Medicaid. The Wyoming Senate killed the amendment, 6-24, on February 25, 2022. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

SF 9

AGRICULTURE BOND EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the powers of the Wyoming Business Council to issue bonds to finance agricultural processing projects. Specifically, the legislation places a \$50 million bond limit per project and enacts into statute the determination that such bond issuance constitutes “an essential government function.” Veto authority is vested in the state loan investment board. Such a measure greatly increases the potential for hardworking Wyomingites to be on the hook for future tax increases or bailouts. The Wyoming House passed

the bill, 44-14, on March 7, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 17-13, on March 8, 2022.

SF 42

NEW BUSINESS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill requires all business entities required to file an annual report and pay an annual license fee in relation to the business franchise tax to file new annual reports to the Wyoming Secretary of State. Specifically, the legislation forces business entities to provide the Secretary of State with total gross receipts, total payroll, and the percent of gross receipts earned in Wyoming. This is a completely unnecessary regulatory burden placed on entrepreneurs, small businesses, and hardworking Wyomingites. The Wyoming Senate killed the bill upon introduction, 5-25, on February 16, 2022. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

SF 49

ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT BOARDS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill repeals the authorization for a number of unnecessary special advisory councils and government boards. Specifically, the legislation repeals the governor’s food safety council, an advisory committee on underground water, the state employee compensation committee, and the Wyoming public television council. Estimated savings are minimal, but a reduction in bureaucracy is always beneficial for taxpayers. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 57-0, on March 7, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 30-0, on March 8, 2022.

SF 69

PROPERTY TAX INCREASE LIMITATIONS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill institutes limitations on the annual increase in the fair market value of both real and personal property for taxation purposes. Specifically, the legislation ensures that the value

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of such properties in the “all other property” category cannot increase by more than 5 percent from the prior taxable year—thereby protecting taxpayers and homeowners from wild spikes in year-to-year property tax assessments. The Wyoming Senate introduced the bill for referral to committee, 23-6, on February 18, 2022. The bill died in committee. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

SF 84

MINERAL TAX REBATE

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a refund from mineral severance taxes paid to the state of Wyoming from mainly oil and gas producers. Specifically, the legislation attempts to offset federal changes that increased the federal mineral royalty (FMR) rate on producers by enacting a refund formula that takes into account Wyoming’s existing gross percentage share at 50 percent and multiplies it by 75 percent to account for reduced assessed values. Federal efforts to increase FMR rates impose higher costs of business on energy producers, negatively impacting consumers and

hardworking taxpayers, while undermining future energy development initiatives. The Wyoming Senate passed the bill, 21-9, on February 28, 2022. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

SF 104

SPENDING GUARDRAILS ON FEDERAL MONEY

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements new restrictions on the expenditure of federal money dispersed to Wyoming. Specifically, the legislation requires the express approval of the state legislature to accept or spend federal dollars in excess of the amounts approved in the appropriations process. Previously, the governor was given greater authority in determining how to spend excess federal funds. This change creates another check on wasteful spending, appropriately empowers the legislature with input over such funds, and mitigates the potential for direct cronyism from the governor’s office. The Wyoming Senate killed the bill upon introduction, 18-12, on February 17, 2022. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

SF 114

EMPLOYEE VACCINE MANDATE PROTECTIONS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prevents employers from imposing vaccine mandates on employees or prospective employees in a number of ways. Specifically, the legislation ensures that employees are exempt from such mandates if they have a religious or personal objection, provide medical guidance suggesting potential harm from the vaccine, or provide a letter from a doctor confirming that the employee has previously been infected and thus has natural immunity. Onerous government mandates during the pandemic, often unaligned with empirical data, have caused significant harm to public health, economic growth, small businesses, and the rights of citizens. The Wyoming Senate introduced the bill for referral to committee, 27-2, on February 18, 2022. The bill died in committee. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

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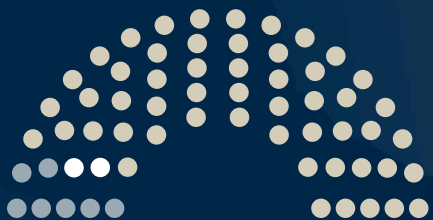
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51 Republicans

7 Democrats

1 Independent

1 Libertarian

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 47%

(Down from 53% in 2021)

Average Democrat Score: 7%

(Down from 13% in 2021)



HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Chuck Gray (HD-57) | 100%



LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. Joe MacGuire (HD-35) | 9%



HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Michael Yin (HD-16) | 11%



LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS from left

Rep. Andi Clifford (HD-33) | 4%

Rep. Cathy Connolly (HD-13) | 4%

Rep. Karlee Provenza (HD-45) | 4%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	
POINTS					10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	6	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	
Andrew, Ocean	HD-46	R	55%	60%	-	-	3	5	5	-	5	-	7	6	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	4	19
Baker, Mark	HD-60	R	77%	78%	X	-	3	5	5	-	5	5	7	-	-	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	14
Banks, Chad	HD-17	D	8%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	55
Barlow, Eric	HD-03	R	23%	36%	-	-	-	5	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	37
Bear, John	HD-31	R	94%	83%	10	6	3	5	5	-	5	5	7	6	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	3
Blackburn, Jim	HD-42	R	92%	76%	X	6	3	5	5	X	5	5	X	X	3	4	8	8	3	X	-	4	7
Brown, Landon	HD-09	R	17%	38%	-	X	3	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	5	4	45
Burkhart, Jr., Donald	HD-15	R	46%	42%	-	6	3	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	4	-	8	3	-	5	4	21
Burt, Marshall	HD-39	L	69%	77%	10	6	3	5	5	-	-	5	7	6	3	4	-	8	3	-	-	4	16
Clausen, Aaron	HD-06	R	52%	53%	-	-	3	5	5	X	5	5	7	-	3	4	-	8	-	-	-	4	20
Clifford, Andi	HD-33	D	4%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	58
Connolly, Cathy	HD-13	D	4%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	58
Crago, Barry	HD-40	R	46%	47%	-	6	3	5	5	-	5	5	7	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	21
Duncan, Shelly	HD-05	R	41%	47%	X	-	3	5	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	4	-	8	-	-	-	4	25
Eklund, John	HD-10	R	40%	36%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	3	4	-	8	3	-	-	4	27
Eyre, Danny	HD-19	R	14%	35%	X	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	4	48
Flitner, Jamie	HD-26	R	19%	46%	-	-	3	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	43
Fortner, Bill	HD-52	R	96%	85%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	6	3	-	8	8	3	7	5	4	2
Gray, Chuck	HD-57	R	100%	96%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	6	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	1
Greear, Mike	HD-27	R	33%	45%	-	6	3	-	5	-	5	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	X	X	30
Hallinan, Timothy	HD-32	R	42%	48%	-	-	3	-	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	4	8	8	-	-	-	4	24

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	
POINTS					10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	6	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	
Haroldson, Jeremy	HD-04	R	89%	88%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	-	4	8
Harshman, Steve	HD-37	R	19%	25%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	8	-	-	-	4	43
Heiner, Scott	HD-18	R	64%	68%	10	6	3	5	-	-	5	5	-	-	3	4	8	8	3	-	-	4	17
Henderson, William	HD-41	R	23%	28%	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	4	37
Jennings, Mark	HD-30	R	94%	89%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	3
Kinner, Mark	HD-29	R	21%	37%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	40
Knapp, Christopher	HD-53	R	78%	70%	-	6	3	5	5	-	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	12
Larsen, Lloyd	HD-54	R	24%	38%	-	-	3	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	3	-	-	X	36
Laursen, Dan	HD-25	R	78%	79%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	-	-	3	-	8	8	3	7	-	4	12
MacGuire, Joe	HD-35	R	9%	24%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	53
Neiman, Chip	HD-01	R	89%	85%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	-	4	8
Newsome, Sandy	HD-24	R	21%	35%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	40
Nicholas, Bob	HD-08	R	15%	23%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	4	47
O'Hearn, Kevin	HD-59	R	31%	32%	-	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	8	-	-	X	X	32
Oakley, Ember	HD-55	R	26%	37%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	34
Obermueller, Jerry	HD-56	R	14%	33%	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	48
Olsen, Jared	HD-11	R	29%	49%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	-	5	4	33
Ottman, Pepper	HD-34	R	88%	87%	10	6	3	5	5	-	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	11
Paxton, Jerry	HD-47	R	12%	21%	X	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	50
Provenza, Karlee	HD-45	D	4%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	58
Rodriguez-Williams, Rachel	HD-50	R	94%	89%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	3

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POINTS					10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	6	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	
Romero-Martinez, John	HD-44	R	33%	37%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	X	4	-	8	3	-	-	4	30
Roscoe, Jim	HD-22	I	8%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	55
Schwartz, Andy	HD-23	D	7%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	57
Sherwood, Trey	HD-14	D	9%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	53
Simpson, Evan	HD-21	R	41%	47%	-	-	3	5	5	6	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	4	25
Sommers, Albert	HD-20	R	20%	41%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	42
Stith, Clark	HD-48	R	23%	37%	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	8	-	3	-	-	4	37
Styvar, Clarence	HD-12	R	94%	88%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	5	4	3
Sweeney, Patrick	HD-58	R	16%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	-	-	-	-	4	46
Walters, Tom	HD-38	R	25%	42%	-	-	-	5	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	35
Washut, Arthur	HD-36	R	43%	58%	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	X	4	8	8	-	-	-	4	23
Western, Cyrus	HD-51	R	39%	51%	-	-	3	5	5	-	5	-	7	-	3	4	-	-	3	-	-	4	28
Wharff, Robert	HD-49	R	70%	73%	10	-	3	5	5	-	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	-	-	4	15
Williams, J.D.	HD-02	R	58%	58%	-	-	3	5	5	6	5	5	-	-	3	4	-	8	3	7	-	4	18
Wilson, Sue	HD-07	R	38%	48%	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	7	-	3	-	8	8	-	-	-	4	29
Winter, John	HD-28	R	89%	80%	10	6	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	-	3	4	8	8	3	7	-	4	8
Yin, Michael	HD-16	D	11%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	52
Zwonitzer, Dan	HD-43	R	12%	24%	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	50

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HB 1

MISSED OPPORTUNITY GENERAL BUDGET (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$2.8 billion in total spending for the FY2023 and FY2024 biennium. The number is roughly \$200 million less in general fund spending than the previous biennial budget passed during the 2020 legislative session. This accounts for a 6.8 percent decrease in contrast to a 10 percent increase in population plus inflation. The appropriations bill, however, offsets the decrease with \$182 million more in federal expenditures. Additionally, the legislation approves nearly \$65 million in pay raises for government employees and a \$9 million pay increase for teachers. By using federal dollars to offset the state's reduced spending, lawmakers have created an artificial baseline that will likely require future spending increases. Contrary to claims, federal money is not free. Further, with taxpayers already squeezed from record inflation, across-the-board pay

raises for government workers is a poor policy. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 41-14, on February 25, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed its own version of the bill as part of a conference report.

HB 22

INDUSTRIAL BOND TAX CARVEOUT SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands existing special tax treatment for industrial development projects. Specifically, the legislation carves out an ad valorem tax exemption for the entire duration of the bond authorized under an approved industrial development project. Additionally, the changes require the lessee to pay an annual fee to the state or political subdivision equal to only 50 percent of the share each would have received without the exemption. Previously, entities were required to fully compensate. This legislation ensures that special interest carveouts issued

through tax increases masked as bonds will accelerate—all at the expense of hardworking Wyomingites. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 41-18, on February 17, 2022. Fortunately, the Wyoming Senate killed it, 13-17, on March 3, 2022.

HB 32

VACCINE MANDATE PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS AND CHILDREN (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a number of protections from harmful vaccine mandates for workers at healthcare facilities and in government agencies. Specifically, the legislation prohibits such entities from requiring vaccination as a condition of employment, requires reasonable accommodations be made for unvaccinated citizens to seek and attain essential services, and institutes a minimum 5-year waiting period before COVID-19 vaccinations can be mandated for children in schools. The Wyoming House

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introduced the bill for referral to committee, 45-15, on February 15, 2022. The bill died in committee. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 35 REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUE GRAB (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a process for an “optional” real estate tax among Wyoming’s 23 counties. Specifically, the legislation attempts to enact a 1 percent real estate transfer (RET) tax—equivalent to New York state’s RET tax—on property transactions in excess of \$1.5 million. While the legislation remains the pet project of tax-hungry entities and individuals mostly in Teton County, a new RET tax in Wyoming would penalize families and farmers for deed transfers to provide local politicians with revenue grabs to reward favored interests. Furthermore, the RET tax would almost certainly expand in scope in future years. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 19-40, on February 16, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 41 NEW SPECIAL TAX ZONE JURISDICTIONS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allows for the creation of new so-called “special tax zones” that extend taxation to the rest of a particular county. Specifically, the legislation allows municipalities to request county commissioners to form special tax zones if a particular local tax is believed to “benefit” residents beyond its existing boundaries—concentrating taxation power among a handful of county officials. Total taxation is commensurate with the type of tax, the boundaries, and the rates set forth by county officials. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 21-38, on February 16, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 46 MASSIVE TAXPAYER-FINANCED LOAN EXPANSION (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands loans administered by the Wyoming Business Council and authorized

under the Wyoming Economic Development Act. Specifically, the legislation increases the existing loan amount for businesses from \$500,000 to \$1 million, 50-50 financing agreements from \$1 million to \$2.5 million, and creates new contract and succession financing loan schemes. Such economic development initiatives routinely devolve into cronyism schemes that benefit well-connected industries and lobbyists at the expense of taxpayers who are left on the hook. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 44-12, on February 21, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 20-10, on March 3, 2022.

HB 48 NEW TOURISM TAXATION SCHEME (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to create so-called “tourism improvement districts.” Specifically, the legislation grants taxation and assessment authority to the governing bodies of the improvement districts over businesses that derive 10 percent or more of their gross revenue from lodging, restaurants, or attractions.

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Additionally, the legislation does not specify the rate or the manner in which the new taxes will be levied—instead giving the new district authorities control over determining the manner and the amount of taxation to impose. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 30-29, on February 17, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 93

HOLLYWOOD CRONYISM PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates taxpayer funds to the newly-created film production incentive program. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$3 million to the program and authorizes the Wyoming Tourism Board to provide up to 30 percent rebates to production companies that qualify for the program. This type of flagrant cronyism—wherein Wyomingites essentially subsidize wealthy Hollywood production companies to entice them to film in the state—enriches a select few well-connected, government-preferred entities at the expense of hardworking taxpayers. The Wyoming

House killed the bill upon introduction, 32-28, on February 15, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 96

PAY RAISE FOR POLITICIANS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the salaries and benefits of statewide government officials including the governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, and state superintendent. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$309,000 in new salary and benefit increases to those offices through 2024. As Wyomingites face rising costs due to inflation and foolhardy federal spending and energy policies, state lawmakers should resist further gouging their constituents to increase the salaries of statewide politicians. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 40-19, on March 1, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-11, on March 10, 2022.

HB 110

EXPANDED REGULATORY SCHEME FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates new and onerous regulations within the Board of Psychology. Specifically, the legislation extends fees and adds licensing requirements to behavior analysts estimating over \$70,000 in additional revenue to the board over the next two years. Such licensing schemes are little more than government cash grabs, intended to raise revenue to prop up bureaucrats through alternative taxation. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 54-5, on February 28, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 29-1, on March 4, 2022.

HB 111

SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PAYOUT

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides two single benefit payments to various retirees within specific public employee retirement plans. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$12.6 million in new

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direct payments to government employee pension plans. Direct across-the-board payouts to government pension plans create perverse incentives for future payouts. Furthermore, lawmakers should handle such appropriations within the confines of the general budget. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 25-32, on February 16, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 135

ECONOMIC REGULATORY SANDBOX PROGRAM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates a process and criteria by which some regulations may be waived for temporary periods to help encourage Wyoming businesses to operate with a freer hand to innovate on product development. Regulatory sandbox approaches are a relatively new initiative that rolls back or waives various regulations—usually for a temporary period in specific areas—to allow businesses to operate without the burden of excessive, cost-driving regulations

in order to spur new ideas and innovation. This approach also allows lawmakers to ascertain what regulations are necessary or perhaps unnecessary and in need of permanent repeal. The Wyoming House introduced the bill for referral to committee, 41-18, on February 17, 2022. The bill died in committee. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 138

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates a Hope Scholarship Program for Wyoming students in grades K-12 to attend the school of their choice. Specifically, the legislation allows eligible recipients enrolled in government schools to use scholarship funds to pay for tuition, books, tutoring, summer programs, or education therapy. Well over 2 million students have left failing government schools in the last two years across America. Legislation that empowers parents with more options to improve education outcomes for their children is vital for long-term growth and

a healthy civil society. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 23-37, on February 18, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HB 139

FEDERAL LAND GRAB PUSHBACK

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill challenges Executive Order 14008—President Biden’s destructive climate change executive order that, among other things, establishes a goal of “conserving at least 30 percent of America’s land and water,” posing a direct threat to states’ sovereignty and private property rights. Specifically, the legislation tasks each state agency with taking all reasonable and necessary steps to resist the federal directive including forcing federal agencies to comply with local and state approvals for conservation easements. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 30-30, on February 18, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

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HB 144

BIKE PATH CRONYISM PROGRAM

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new grant program to be administered through the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the Department of State Parks. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$40 million in competitive grants for the construction of bike paths, bike lanes, sidewalks, and hiking trails. Such programs reward well-connected interests with taxpayer money for niche causes that expand government. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 30-30, on February 18, 2022. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

HJR 5

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CREATING NEW SLUSH FUND

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This resolution proposes a new amendment to the Wyoming constitution to prop up the Permanent Mineral Trust Fund. Specifically, the resolution calls for language that creates a separate

earnings fund and requires the legislature to replenish the losses to the permanent fund while also authorizing the legislature to utilize the new earnings fund in whatever manner they prescribe. Amending the constitution to lock in new government spending accounts guarantees that taxpayer money will eventually go into the coffers of well-connected interests with a diminished ability for hardworking Wyomingites to stop such practices. The Wyoming House passed the resolution, 44-14, on February 24, 2022. The Wyoming Senate killed it, 13-16, on March 8, 2022.

SF 9

AGRICULTURE BOND EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands the powers of the Wyoming Business Council to issue bonds to finance agricultural processing projects. Specifically, the legislation places a \$50 million bond limit per project and enacts into statute the determination that such bond issuance constitutes “an essential government function.” Veto authority is vested

in the state loan investment board. Such a measure greatly increases the potential for hardworking Wyomingites to be on the hook for future tax increases or bailouts. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 44-14, on March 7, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 17-13, on March 8, 2022.

SF 49

ELIMINATING UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT BOARDS

(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill repeals the authorization for a number of unnecessary special advisory councils and government boards. Specifically, the legislation repeals the governor’s food safety council, an advisory committee on underground water, the state employee compensation committee, and the Wyoming public television council. Estimated savings are minimal, but a reduction in bureaucracy is always beneficial for taxpayers. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 57-0, on March 7, 2022. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 30-0, on March 8, 2022.

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