



2023

# 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

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CONDUCTS  
COMPREHENSIVE  
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# Methodology | Wyoming 2023

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 Foundation’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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## LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED IN WYOMING IN 2023

The Foundation’s study examined over 800 floor votes and, in the end, included 18 Wyoming House votes and 16 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 #31 in the House and #62 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 2023 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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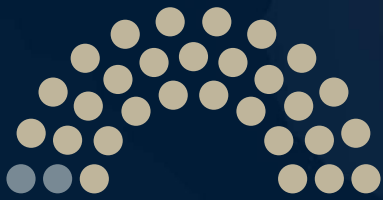
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# Wyoming Senate Snapshot

29 Republicans

2 Democrats

0 Independent

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 49%

(Down from 62% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 8%

(Down from 26% in 2022)



### HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Robert Ide (SD-29) | 100%



### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Senator Wendy Schuler (SD-15) | 12%



### HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Michael Gierau (SD-17) | 12%



### LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Senator Chris Rothfuss (SD-9) | 3%

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Name	District	Party	Score	Life-score	HB0001	HB0069	HB0074	HB0081	HB0103	HB0106	HB0185	HB0195	HB0270	SF0009	SF0061	SF0087	SF0136	SF0143	SF0146	SF0147	Rank
<b>PRO-GROWTH POSITION</b>					N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	
<b>POINTS</b>					10	5	5	9	3	2	8	8	3	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	
Anderson, James	SD-28	R	15%	27%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	25
Baldwin, Fred	SD-14	R	25%	30%	-	5	-	-	3	2	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	9	-	5	21
Barlow, Eric	SD-23	R	19%	32%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	5	23
Biteman, Bo	SD-21	R	95%	95%	10	5	5	9	3	-	8	8	-	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	2
Boner, Brian	SD-02	R	50%	49%	-	5	-	-	3	-	8	-	-	-	5	-	7	9	8	5	13
Bouchard, Anthony	SD-06	R	84%	86%	10	5	-	9	3	-	8	8	3	-	5	4	7	9	8	5	8
Brennan, Evie	SD-31	R	44%	44%	-	5	5	-	3	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	-	5	14
Case, Cale	SD-25	R	59%	51%	10	5	5	-	-	2	8	8	3	-	5	-	-	-	8	5	10
Cooper, Edward	SD-20	R	22%	39%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	7	-	-	5	22
Dockstader, Dan	SD-16	R	55%	61%	-	5	5	-	3	-	-	8	-	-	5	-	7	9	8	5	12
Driskill, Ogden	SD-01	R	13%	36%	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	28
Ellis, Affie	SD-08	R	36%	49%	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	7	9	8	5	16
French, Tim	SD-18	R	89%	87%	10	5	5	9	3	2	-	8	-	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	6
Furphy, Dan	SD-10	R	17%	30%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5	24
Gierau, Michael	SD-17	D	12%	16%	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	29
Hicks, Larry	SD-11	R	32%	51%	-	5	-	-	3	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	5	19
Hutchings, Lynn	SD-05	R	87%	86%	10	5	5	-	3	2	8	8	3	9	5	-	7	9	8	5	7
Ide, Robert	SD-29	R	100%	100%	10	5	5	9	3	2	8	8	3	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	1
Jones, Stacy	SD-13	R	41%	41%	-	5	-	9	3	2	8	8	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	15
Kinskey, David	SD-22	R	34%	38%	-	5	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	7	9	-	5	17

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<b>POINTS</b>					10	5	5	9	3	2	8	8	3	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	
Kolb, John	SD-12	R	56%	69%	10	5	5	9	3	2	-	8	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	5	11
Landen, Bill	SD-27	R	15%	30%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	25
Laursen, Dan	SD-19	R	95%	83%	10	5	5	9	3	-	8	8	-	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	2
McKeown, Troy	SD-24	R	95%	93%	10	5	5	9	3	-	8	8	-	9	5	4	X	9	8	5	2
Nethercott, Tara	SD-04	R	30%	40%	-	5	-	-	3	2	-	-	3	-	5	-	7	-	-	5	20
Pappas, Stephan	SD-07	R	15%	25%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	25
Rothfuss, Chris	SD-09	D	3%	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Salazar, Tim	SD-26	R	95%	83%	10	5	5	9	3	-	8	8	-	9	5	4	7	9	8	5	2
Schuler, Wendy	SD-15	R	12%	29%	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	29
Scott, Charles	SD-30	R	33%	48%	-	5	5	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	-	5	18
Steinmetz, Cheri	SD-03	R	63%	69%	X	5	5	-	3	X	8	-	-	-	5	-	7	9	8	5	9



# Wyoming 2023 | Senate Vote Descriptions

## HB 1

### FAKE SAVINGS BUDGET AGREEMENT

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$1.8 billion in total spending for the FY2023 and FY2024 biennium. Specifically, the legislation earmarks \$1.4 billion in savings for various funds including the Common School Reserve Account. However, when accounting for nearly \$530 million in federal ARPA funds, the baseline is mostly artificial. Additionally, the legislation approves an across-the-board, meritless 8 percent pay raise for government employees. While the overall intent toward spending restraint is laudable, the interest earnings from the savings constitute only half of the overall new spending authorized. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 37-24, on February 3, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 20-10, on February 16, 2023.

## HB 69

### RELIABLE ENERGY DEFENSE PROGRAM

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expands the authority of an already existing program to defend Wyoming's reliable energy industry. Specifically, the legislation directs the \$1.2 million litigation fund to be used against states that implement policies inhibiting Wyoming's ability to export coal, expanding that to include federal agencies, local governments, or corporations. Additionally, the bill provides for utilizing the fund should any federal, state, or local regulations target Wyoming's coal-fired electric generation facilities. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 56-5, on February 10, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 30-1 on February 9, 2023.

## HB 74

### NEW CRONY TOURISM FUND

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new fund for tourism promotion and outdoor recreation. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$6 million in biennial spending for a new permanent trust fund to hand out competitive grants to well-connected interests to promote outdoor recreational activity and projects. Wyoming already earmarked millions in federal ARPA funds for such activities. Not only is this a waste of hardworking Wyomingites' money, but it creates new spending baselines that will continue to burden families and taxpayers well into the future for activities better left to the private sector. The Wyoming House passed it, 57-5, on February 28, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-13, on the same day.

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## HB 81 HOSPITAL PROVIDER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT BLOWOUT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands Medicaid under the Private Hospital Assessment Act (PHAA) to include additional providers, effectively allowing hospitals to use their private assessments to increase federal Medicaid match rates. Specifically, the legislation incorporates providers employed by or affiliated with a hospital-affiliated professional service group as well as psychiatric facility services as eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, the bill increases administrative fees and assessments under the PHAA to partially offset the \$7.8 million in appropriations for the program. This legislation implements new workarounds to further gouge federal taxpayers into expanding Wyoming’s Medicaid program. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 35-26, on February 22, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 22-9, on the same day.

## HB 103 CROSSOVER VOTING SAFEGUARDS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill institutes important electoral safeguards for hard-working Wyomingites. Specifically, the legislation prohibits residents from switching or canceling their party affiliation beginning on the day that nominations begin all the way through the day of a primary election. This measure is designed to prevent crossover voting that could distort the will of the electorate and thereby lead to less favorable economic, regulatory, and growth-related policy outcomes for Wyoming residents. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 51-9, on February 2, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 19-11, on February 24, 2023.

## HB 106 WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROHIBITION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the use of eminent domain for the development of unreliable wind energy. Specifically, the legislation extends the existing prohibition for another nine years until June

30, 2032. This legislation protects hardworking Wyomingites from crony deals designed to enrich well-connected interests at the expense of increased utility costs for households and families. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 41-20, on January 27, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-12, on February 16, 2023. Governor Gordon vetoed the bill.

## HB 185 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases spending for local government distribution. Specifically, the legislation amends previous legislation to appropriate an additional \$13.1 million in state funds to parse out to cities, towns, and counties under the so-called local distribution formula for FY 2024. Over the biennium, total spending for the program constitutes \$131.2 million, an unsustainable increase of 25 percent from last year’s spending figures. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 43-19, on February 2, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-13, on February 28, 2023.

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### HB 195

#### SUPPLEMENTAL COVID SPENDING SPLURGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates an additional \$45.5 million in federal tax dollars through the dubiously titled “American Rescue Plan.” Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$65 million to the Office of State Lands, \$12 million to state parks in the form of competitive grants to well-connected entities, and \$20 million for local government projects. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and family finances. Earmarking federal money wrongly seen as “free” for myriad big government projects creates a false spending floor for future legislative sessions, building pressure for future spending and tax hikes. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 38-24, on February 8, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 19-12, on February 22, 2023.

### HB 270

#### FEE-AND-TAX INCREASE PROHIBITION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a cap on special district fees and taxes. Specifically, the legislation imposes a limitation on the maximum fee or tax that a special district may levy equal to the limit created in the district’s original petition. Any increase in the tax levy or fee requires a vote by a majority of voters in that district. Additionally, the bill allows for any taxpayer to file suit should the district violate this cap. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 34-27, on February 8, 2023. The Wyoming Senate killed it upon introduction, 10-16, on February 24, 2023.

### SF 9

#### MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR PHARMACISTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands Medicaid to licensed pharmacists. Wyoming remains one of 10 states that have wisely refused to expand Medicaid to able-bodied adults under Obamacare. Unfortunately, incremental expansions for specific specialists and services continue to put taxpayers on the hook for a

program that drives up overall costs for taxpayers and creates poorer health outcomes for patients. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 35-27, on February 15, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 23-8, on January 17, 2023.

### SF 61

#### LEGISLATOR PER DIEM INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the per diem for legislators for the first time since 2008 and appropriates an additional \$200,000 in taxpayer-backed compensation. Specifically, the legislation pegs the per rate to the federal government’s General Services Administration (GSA) per diem rates predicated on specific locations in Wyoming. Additionally, the bill alters 52 boards and commissions tied to the legislator per diem rate. The new disparity ensures higher rates in Teton, Sublette, and Park counties and guarantees a more frequent increase in future years with rates tied to GSA metrics. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 33-28, on February 21, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 16-15, on January 26, 2023.

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### SF 87

#### GRANT SPENDING THRESHOLD INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill alters the grant funding threshold for projects within the Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust Board. Specifically, the legislation redefines what constitutes a large project, increasing the minimum funding from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Additionally, the bill doubles the amount of grant funding that can be issued without legislative approval from \$100,000 to \$200,000. This diminishes legislative oversight and empowers unelected bureaucrats to spend greater amounts of taxpayer dollars on their preferred projects. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 46-16, on February 21, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 24-7, on January 25, 2023.

### SF 136

#### REDUCED PROPERTY TAX RATE (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill reduces the current property tax rate. Specifically, the legislation decreases the assessment rate from 9.5 percent to 7.5 percent

by January 1, 2024. The bill is estimated to save taxpayers \$168 million in property taxes in FY 2025 and \$174 million in property taxes in FY 2026. While Wyoming's overall tax climate is growth-oriented, it currently retains one of the higher personal property tax rates in the country since the rate is pegged at the current market value of 9.5 percent. The Wyoming Senate passed the bill, 18-12, on January 30, 2023. The Wyoming House did not take it up.

### SF 143

#### UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates a universal school choice program for the state of Wyoming. Specifically, the legislation creates education savings accounts (ESAs) with an appropriation of \$30 million. The bill redirects 50 percent of federal mineral royalties designated for the School Foundation Program Account to the new ESA scholarship program. Eligible students include all K-12 students who attend a government school, have not graduated high school, and live in the state

with each student receiving \$6,000 per year for tuition, tutoring, transportation, and any other qualified school-related activity. Students may use their ESAs to attend a private or government school of their choice. The Wyoming Senate passed the bill, 17-14, on February 2, 2023. The Speaker killed the bill in the Wyoming House.

### SF 146

#### MAJOR SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BINGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$220 million for various higher education and government building improvement projects. Specifically, the legislation creates two new funding accounts with \$52 million going to the University of Wyoming for various renovations, \$4 million in grants for pedestrian traffic infrastructure for rodeos, and \$120 million to the University of Wyoming for stadium expansion and student housing projects. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 38-24, on February 28, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-13, on March 1, 2023.

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## SF 147

### PRO-WORKER LABOR AGREEMENTS

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill ensures that construction projects are an open bid process. Specifically, the legislation prohibits government infrastructure and construction projects from requiring labor affiliation or other labor-imposed wage and benefit criteria from serving as eligibility requirements for contractors. The bill requires the state government to remain neutral in favor of privately negotiated agreements instead of cost-driving, crony project labor agreements. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 52-9, on March 1, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed the bill, 29-2, on February 8, 2023.

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# Wyoming House Snapshot

57 Republicans

5 Democrats

0 Independent

0 Libertarian

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 49%

(Up from 47% in 2022)

Average Democrat Score: 2%

(Down from 7% in 2022)



### HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Rep. John Bear (HD-31) | 100%



### LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Rep. William Henderson (HD-41) | 8%

Rep. Dan Zwonitzer (HD-43) | 8%



### HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Rep. Karlee Provenza (HD-45) | 9%



### LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

*Clockwise from left*

Rep. Kenneth Chestek (HD-13) | 0%

Rep. Trey Sherwood (HD-14) | 0%

Rep. Elizabeth Storer (HD-23) | 0%

Rep. Michael Yin (HD-16) | 0%

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	
POINTS					4	5	10	5	3	5	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	
Allemand, Bill	HD-58	R	92%	92%	4	5	10	5	-	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	10
Allred, Lane	HD-21	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	35
Andrew, Ocean	HD-46	R	70%	63%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	-	3	-	5	4	-	5	25
Angelos, Abby	HD-03	R	83%	83%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	20
Banks, Dalton	HD-26	R	80%	80%	4	5	10	5	-	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	23
Bear, John	HD-31	R	100%	89%	4	5	10	5	3	5	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	1
Berger, Ryan	HD-49	R	15%	15%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	44
Brown, Landon	HD-09	R	27%	35%	-	-	-	5	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	5	29
Burkhart, Jr., Donald	HD-15	R	16%	36%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	5	40
Byron, Andrew	HD-22	R	16%	16%	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	40
Chadwick, Forrest	HD-62	R	10%	10%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	53
Chestek, Kenneth	HD-13	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Clouston, Kenneth	HD-32	R	28%	28%	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	27
Conrad, Jon	HD-19	R	26%	26%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	9	5	-	-	-	30
Crago, Barry	HD-40	R	20%	38%	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	33
Davis, Robert	HD-47	R	43%	43%	4	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	3	9	5	-	-	5	26
Eklund, John	HD-10	R	15%	31%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	44
Haroldson, Jeremy	HD-04	R	95%	90%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	4
Harshman, Steve	HD-37	R	16%	22%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	40
Heiner, Scott	HD-18	R	87%	74%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	16
Henderson, William	HD-41	R	8%	23%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57

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<b>POINTS</b>					4	5	10	5	3	5	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	
Hornok, Benjamin	HD-42	R	95%	95%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	4
Jennings, Mark	HD-30	R	95%	90%	4	5	10	X	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	4
Knapp, Christopher	HD-53	R	92%	77%	4	5	10	5	-	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	10
Larsen, Lloyd	HD-54	R	13%	32%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	50
Larson, Joshua	HD-17	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	35
Lawley, Martha	HD-27	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	35
Locke, Tony	HD-35	R	95%	95%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	4
Neiman, Chip	HD-01	R	83%	85%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	20
Newsome, Sandy	HD-24	R	15%	31%	-	-	X	5	X	-	-	3	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	44
Nicholas, Bob	HD-07	R	10%	20%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	53
Niemiec, Anthony	HD-60	R	22%	22%	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	32
Northrup, David	HD-25	R	16%	37%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	40
O’Hearn, Kevin	HD-59	R	14%	26%	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	49
Oakley, Ember	HD-55	R	18%	31%	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	35
Obermueller, Jerry	HD-56	R	15%	28%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	44
Olsen, Jared	HD-11	R	19%	42%	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	34
Ottman, Pepper	HD-34	R	88%	87%	4	5	10	5	-	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	14
Pendergraft, Ken	HD-29	R	95%	95%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	X	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	4
Penn, Sarah	HD-33	R	91%	91%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	12
Provenza, Karlee	HD-45	D	9%	7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	56
Rodriguez-Williams, Rachel	HD-50	R	87%	88%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	16

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Sherwood, Trey	HD-14	D	0%	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Singh, Daniel	HD-61	R	91%	91%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	12
Slagle, Allen	HD-02	R	83%	83%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	20
Smith, Scott	HD-05	R	87%	87%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	-	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	16
Sommers, Albert	HD-20	R	15%	34%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	44
Stith, Clark	HD-48	R	13%	31%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	5	50
Storer, Elizabeth	HD-23	D	0%	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Strock, Tomi	HD-06	R	97%	97%	4	5	10	5	-	5	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	2
Styvar, Clarence	HD-12	R	85%	88%	4	5	-	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	19
Tarver, Reuben	HD-52	R	88%	88%	4	5	10	5	-	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	-	8	5	14
Trujillo, Tamara	HD-44	R	77%	77%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	-	5	-	8	-	24
Walters, Tom	HD-38	R	10%	34%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	53
Ward, Jeanette	HD-57	R	95%	95%	4	5	10	5	3	-	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	4
Washut, Arthur	HD-36	R	28%	50%	-	-	-	5	-	-	9	3	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	27
Western, Cyrus	HD-51	R	25%	44%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	3	-	5	-	-	5	31
Winter, John	HD-28	R	97%	84%	4	5	10	5	-	5	9	3	2	4	8	8	3	9	5	4	8	5	2
Wylie, Cody	HD-39	R	18%	18%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	35
Yin, Michael	HD-16	D	0%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
Zwonitzer, Dan	HD-43	R	8%	20%	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
Zwonitzer, David	HD-08	R	12%	12%	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	52

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## HB 1

### FAKE SAVINGS BUDGET AGREEMENT

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$1.8 billion in total spending for the FY2023 and FY2024 biennium. Specifically, the legislation earmarks \$1.4 billion in savings for various funds including the Common School Reserve Account. However, when accounting for nearly \$530 million in federal ARPA funds, the baseline is mostly artificial. Additionally, the legislation approves an across-the-board, meritless 8 percent pay raise for government employees. While the overall intent toward spending restraint is laudable, the interest earnings from the savings constitute only half of the overall new spending authorized. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 37-24, on February 3, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 20-10, on February 16, 2023.

## HB 1 AMDT 2035

### DEFUND UNACCOUNTABLE SPENDING

#### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This amendment to the budget agreement eliminated significant spending for the cultural trust fund. Specifically, the amendment defunded \$6 million in the State Parks and Cultural Resources title of the budget due to a lack of oversight by the legislature. Lawmakers should not empower unelected bureaucrats to spend taxpayer money on their hand-selected projects without appropriate accountability. The Wyoming House killed the amendment, 26-36, on February 1, 2023. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

## HB 1 AMDT 2052

### SUBSIDIZED HOUSING SPENDING

#### INCREASE

#### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This amendment to the budget agreement appropriates new spending for housing grants. Specifically, the amendment provides \$15 million in new spending to the Office of State Lands and Investments for issuing infrastructure grants to cities, towns, or tribal governments to support “unmet affordable housing needs.” The new spending includes no offsets and provides vague parameters that ensure unelected bureaucrats will determine which well-connected individuals or government entities benefit. The Wyoming House passed the amendment, 34-28, on February 1, 2023. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

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### HB 69

#### RELIABLE ENERGY DEFENSE PROGRAM (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill expands the authority of an already existing program to defend Wyoming’s reliable energy industry. Specifically, the legislation directs the \$1.2 million litigation fund to be used against states that implement policies inhibiting Wyoming’s ability to export coal, expanding that to include federal agencies, local governments, or corporations. Additionally, the bill provides for utilizing the fund should any federal, state, or local regulations target Wyoming’s coal-fired electric generation facilities. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 56-5, on February 10, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 30-1 on February 9, 2023.

### HB 71

#### TARGETED SALES TAX HOLIDAY (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill creates a targeted sales tax holiday for back-to-school supplies. Specifically, the legislation temporarily eliminates the 4 percent sales tax on school clothing, supplies,

computers, and sports equipment within a specific price range during the first weekend in August. Estimates show the exemption will save \$3.4 million for families in FY 2024. Households and families have been hit hard by record inflation and skyrocketing prices—such measures are a welcome relief for Wyomingites. The Wyoming House killed the bill upon introduction, 23-38, on January 18, 2023. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

### HB 74

#### NEW CRONY TOURISM FUND (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new fund for tourism promotion and outdoor recreation. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$6 million in biennial spending for a new permanent trust fund to hand out competitive grants to well-connected interests to promote outdoor recreational activity and projects. Wyoming already earmarked millions in federal ARPA funds for such activities. Not only is this a waste of hardworking Wyomingites’ money, but it creates new spending baselines that will

continue to burden families and taxpayers well into the future for activities better left to the private sector. The Wyoming House passed it, 57-5, on February 28, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-13, on the same day.

### HB 81

#### HOSPITAL PROVIDER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT BLOWOUT (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands Medicaid under the Private Hospital Assessment Act (PHAA) to include additional providers, effectively allowing hospitals to use their private assessments to increase federal Medicaid match rates. Specifically, the legislation incorporates providers employed by or affiliated with a hospital-affiliated professional service group as well as psychiatric facility services as eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Additionally, the bill increases administrative fees and assessments under the PHAA to partially offset the \$7.8 million in appropriations for the program. This legislation implements new workarounds to further gouge federal taxpayers into expanding

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Wyoming’s Medicaid program. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 35-26, on February 22, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 22-9, on the same day.

### HB 103

#### CROSSOVER VOTING SAFEGUARDS

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill institutes important electoral safeguards for hard-working Wyomingites. Specifically, the legislation prohibits residents from switching or canceling their party affiliation beginning on the day that nominations begin all the way through the day of a primary election. This measure is designed to prevent crossover voting that could distort the will of the electorate and thereby lead to less favorable economic, regulatory, and growth-related policy outcomes for Wyoming residents. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 51-9, on February 2, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 19-11, on February 24, 2023.

### HB 106

#### WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROHIBITION

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the use of eminent domain for the development of unreliable wind energy. Specifically, the legislation extends the existing prohibition for another nine years until June 30, 2032. This legislation protects hardworking Wyomingites from crony deals designed to enrich well-connected interests at the expense of increased utility costs for households and families. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 41-20, on January 27, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-12, on February 16, 2023. Governor Gordon vetoed the bill.

### HB 143

#### PROHIBITING FUTURE GOVERNMENT HEALTH MANDATES

##### (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations’ World Health Organization (WHO) from jurisdiction in Wyoming. Specifically, the

legislation prohibits any mandates, regulations, or guidance from those entities from having any force of effect for mask mandates, vaccine mandates, or medical testing requirements. The Wyoming House failed to pass the bill, 29-32, on February 8, 2023. The Wyoming Senate did not take it up.

### HB 185

#### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS SPENDING INCREASE

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases spending for local government distribution. Specifically, the legislation amends previous legislation to appropriate an additional \$13.1 million in state funds to parse out to cities, towns, and counties under the so-called local distribution formula for FY 2024. Over the biennium, total spending for the program constitutes \$131.2 million, an unsustainable increase of 25 percent from last year’s spending figures. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 43-19, on February 2, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-13, on February 28, 2023.

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### HB 195

#### SUPPLEMENTAL COVID SPENDING SPLURGE

##### (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates an additional \$45.5 million in federal tax dollars through the dubiously titled “American Rescue Plan.” Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$65 million to the Office of State Lands, \$12 million to state parks in the form of competitive grants to well-connected entities, and \$20 million for local government projects. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and family finances. Earmarking federal money wrongly seen as “free” for myriad big government projects creates a false spending floor for future legislative sessions, building pressure for future spending and tax hikes. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 38-24, on February 8, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 19-12, on February 22, 2023.

### HB 270

#### FEE-AND-TAX INCREASE PROHIBITION (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements a cap on special district fees and taxes. Specifically, the legislation imposes a limitation on the maximum fee or tax that a special district may levy equal to the limit created in the district’s original petition. Any increase in the tax levy or fee requires a vote by a majority of voters in that district. Additionally, the bill allows for any taxpayer to file suit should the district violate this cap. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 34-27, on February 8, 2023. The Wyoming Senate killed it upon introduction, 10-16, on February 24, 2023.

### SF 9

#### MEDICAID EXPANSION FOR PHARMACISTS (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands Medicaid to licensed pharmacists. Wyoming remains one of 10 states that have wisely refused to expand Medicaid to able-bodied adults under Obamacare. Unfortunately, incremental expansions for specific specialists and services continue to put taxpayers on the

hook for a program that drives up overall costs for taxpayers and creates poorer health outcomes for patients. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 35-27, on February 15, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 23-8, on January 17, 2023.

### SF 61

#### LEGISLATOR PER DIEM INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill increases the per diem for legislators for the first time since 2008 and appropriates an additional \$200,000 in taxpayer-backed compensation. Specifically, the legislation pegs the per rate to the federal government’s General Services Administration (GSA) per diem rates predicated on specific locations in Wyoming. Additionally, the bill alters 52 boards and commissions tied to the legislator per diem rate. The new disparity ensures higher rates in Teton, Sublette, and Park counties and guarantees a more frequent increase in future years with rates tied to GSA metrics. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 33-28, on February 21, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 16-15, on January 26, 2023.

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### SF 87

#### GRANT SPENDING THRESHOLD INCREASE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill alters the grant funding threshold for projects within the Wildlife and Natural Resources Trust Board. Specifically, the legislation redefines what constitutes a large project, increasing the minimum funding from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Additionally, the bill doubles the amount of grant funding that can be issued without legislative approval from \$100,000 to \$200,000. This diminishes legislative oversight and empowers unelected bureaucrats to spend greater amounts of taxpayer dollars on their preferred projects. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 46-16, on February 21, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 24-7, on January 25, 2023.

### SF 146

#### MAJOR SUPPLEMENTAL SPENDING BINGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates \$220 million for various higher education and government building improvement projects. Specifically, the legislation creates two new funding accounts with \$52 million going to the University of Wyoming for various renovations, \$4 million in grants for pedestrian traffic infrastructure for rodeos, and \$120 million to the University of Wyoming for stadium expansion and student housing projects. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 38-24, on February 28, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed it, 18-13, on March 1, 2023.

### SF 147

#### PRO-WORKER LABOR AGREEMENTS (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill ensures that construction projects are an open bid process. Specifically, the legislation prohibits government infrastructure and construction projects from requiring labor affiliation or other labor-imposed wage and benefit criteria from serving as eligibility requirements for contractors. The bill requires the state government to remain neutral in favor of privately negotiated agreements instead of cost-driving, crony project labor agreements. The Wyoming House passed the bill, 52-9, on March 1, 2023. The Wyoming Senate passed the bill, 29-2, on February 8, 2023.

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