

Bill No.: HB0001 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**

LSO No.: **24LSO-0491**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0050

Chapter No.: 118

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **General government appropriations.**

Has Report: Yes

Subject: Budget Bill for FY2025-2026 Fiscal Biennium.

Summary/Major Elements

This bill contains the following appropriations:

Total Appropriations*:

General Fund (GF) Appropriations and Transfers	\$3,531,236,902*
Federal Fund (FF) Appropriations:	\$2,067,944,830
School Foundation Program Account (SFP) Appr:	\$2,679,452,787
Other Fund (OF) Appropriations:	\$2,748,746,109 [Reduced by Governor's Veto]
	\$2,746,246,109
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Total Appropriations in Budget Bill:	\$11,039,670,956 [Reduced by Governor's Veto]
	\$11,024,880,628*

*Note: These totals reflect the final appropriations in the Budget Bill, including a reduction of \$12,290,328 GF related to Section 2, Section 048, footnote 12 and the enactment of 2024 Senate File 0019.

Total Authorized Positions:

~~7,360~~ 7,384 (7,125-7,149 full-time** and 235 part-time) [Increased by Governor's Veto]

**Note: One (1) full-time equivalent position is time-limited to fiscal year (FY) 2025.

General Government – This bill contains appropriations for executive branch and judicial branch agencies for the FY2025-2026 biennium, provides for duties and conditions relating to these appropriations, redirects revenues for the period of the budget, and provides for reports related to the appropriations. A condensed overview of large agencies and programs follows:

Department of Health – This bill includes appropriations of \$2.233 billion (\$992.1 million GF; \$1.026 billion FF; \$214.7 million OF). The bill includes the ability to carry over up to \$70.0 million GF from the 2021-2022 biennium and the 2023-2024 biennium to the 2025-2026 biennium.

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K-12 Education – This bill includes appropriations of \$1.880 billion SFP for school districts, including an external cost adjustment for professional and nonprofessional labor, utilities/energy and educational materials. The bill includes \$176.1 million SFP for school district major maintenance in the State Construction Department and \$338.6 million SFP for school capital construction in Section 313.

Higher Education – This bill includes appropriations of \$268.3 million (\$265.5 million GF; \$1.9 million FF; and \$846,000 OF) to community colleges and appropriations of \$503.7 million (\$484.7 million GF and \$19.0 million OF) to the University of Wyoming. Additionally, the bill appropriates \$15.0 million for the Wyoming Innovation Partnership to the Governor’s Office, \$93.1 million for major maintenance, \$40 million for University of Wyoming research, \$4 million for University of Wyoming inflation, ~~\$3.5 million for employee compensation,~~ \$9.3 million Strategic Investments and Projects Account (SIPA) for community college matching funds in Section 312 and \$2.5 million GF for higher education scholarships in Section 327. [Vetoed, in part, by the Governor.]

Department of Corrections – This bill includes appropriations of \$290.1 million (\$271.1 GF, \$451,529 FF and \$18.5 million OF) to the Department of Corrections.

Department of Family Services – This bill includes appropriations of \$328.5 million (\$160.8 million GF; \$150.7 million FF; and \$17.0 million OF) to the Department of Family Services.

Various additional provisions:

- Provides for a land exchange between the Military Department and the Board of Land Commissioners pursuant to Section 007, footnotes 3 and 4.
- Provides carryover appropriations to the Governor’s Office, Public Defender, State Construction Department, Wyoming Community College Commission, Supreme Court, and University of Wyoming, pursuant to Section 303, effective immediately.
- Appropriates \$168.3 million SIPA for major maintenance, and \$100,000 GF for major maintenance at Ranch A, pursuant to Section 308.
- Provides appropriations of net \$154.4 million (\$55.8 million FF and \$98.5 million OF) for capital construction, pursuant to Section 3 and Sections 337 ~~and 340~~. [Vetoed by the Governor.]
- Modifies the distribution of severance taxes and federal mineral royalties for FY 2025 and FY 2026 in excess of the January 2024 Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) revenue forecast, pursuant to Sections 314 and 315.
- Provides an appropriation of \$40.0 million GF to the University of Wyoming for research matching funds, pursuant to Section 316.
- Provides an appropriation of \$9.4 million GF to the University of Wyoming and subsequently the Wyoming Energy Authority to match research grants, pursuant to Section 317.
- Provides an appropriation of \$5.9 million GF and commensurate appropriations from FF and OF for employee compensation for vacant positions, pursuant to Section 319.

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- Provides an appropriation of \$150,000 GF for an external consultant review of investment benchmarks and performance compensation, pursuant to Section 320.
- Provides \$100.0 million from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (LSRA) for large energy project matching funds, pursuant to Section 323.
- Provides an appropriation to the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund (CSPLF) for any proceeds resulting from the sale of the Kelly Parcel, pursuant to Section 324.
- Provides \$33.3 million (\$28.7 million GF; \$2.6 million FF; \$2.0 million OF) for enterprise inflation, pursuant to Section 326.
- Provides an additional \$9.2 million GF for employee compensation and commensurate appropriations from FF and OF, pursuant to Section 329.
- Provides an appropriation of \$10.0 million SFP for K-12 school ~~district~~ mental health service grants, pursuant to Section 331. [Vetoed, in part, by the Governor.]
- Provides authorization for one (1) charter school in the western half of Wyoming in ~~addition to~~ the four (4) authorized, pursuant to Section 332. [Vetoed, in part, by the Governor.]
- Reappropriates up to \$3.4 million for demolition of storage and replacement of buildings, pursuant to Section 335.
- Reappropriates unexpended, unobligated monies from 2023 for purposes of the Riverton state office building renovation project, pursuant to Section 336.
- Provides that unexpended, unobligated American Rescue Plan Act direct funds revert and are appropriated to the Governor's Office, pursuant to Section 341.
- Authorizes the Governor to use the fire protection revolving account, public welfare emergency appropriation and to borrow up to \$20 million from the LSRA for fire suppression on State Military Department lands, pursuant to Section 343.
- Repeals prior Session Laws and deappropriates \$89.4 million GF, pursuant to Section 399.

Summary (list) of major appropriations and transfers between accounts/funds:

- Transfer \$119.5 million GF to the SIPA, pursuant to Section 300(c);
- Transfer \$16.9 million GF to Water Development Account I, pursuant to Section 300(j) effective immediately;
- Transfer \$5.0 million GF to the Wyoming State Museum Construction Account, pursuant to Section 300(k);
- Transfer \$2.3 million GF to the Capitol Square Preservation Account, pursuant to Section 300(m) effective immediately;
- Transfer \$10.0 million GF to the 988 System Trust Fund Account, pursuant to Section 300(o).

Transfers for savings:

- Transfer \$100.0 million GF to the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund (PWMTF), pursuant to Section 300(d);

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- Transfer \$40.0 million GF to the PWMTF Reserve Account, pursuant to section 300(e) effective immediately;
- Transfer up to \$215.1 million to the CSPLF Reserve Account from SFP revenues, pursuant to Section 300(g);
- Transfer of \$20.0 million GF to the Wyoming’s Tomorrow Scholarship Endowment Fund, pursuant to Section 300(h).

Reports and submissions required by this bill:

- Report by the Governor’s Office on the Wyoming Innovation Partnership pursuant to Section 001, footnote 7;
- Report by the University of Wyoming on medical education and training for Wyoming students pursuant to Section 067, footnote 13;
- Reporting from the State Construction Department on the funding of school capital construction projects pursuant to Section 313(h);
- Reporting from the Office of the Governor on energy matching funds pursuant to Section 318, amending Section 321(e) of the 2022 Budget Bill;
- Reporting by the Office of the Governor on proposed expenditures for large energy project matching funds pursuant to Section 323;
- Reports from school districts-receiving mental health service grants pursuant to Section 331; [Vetoed, in part, by the Governor.]
- Reporting from the Governor on American Rescue Plan Act fund expenditures pursuant to Section 341.

The following studies are required by this bill:

- Major maintenance for Oil and Gas Conservation Commission-owned facilities, pursuant to Section 055, footnote 1;
- Statewide study of gaming in Wyoming pursuant to Section 038, footnote 1;
- Study completed by an external consultant on investment benchmarks and performance compensation pursuant to Section 320;
- Study of the state budget system pursuant to Section 321.

The Governor vetoed the following provisions that were not overridden:

- Various sections throughout deleting the phrase “as a condition of this appropriation”;
- Section 2, Section 001, portions of footnote 10 requiring a feasibility study of the lifesaver program;
- Section 2, Section 001, portions of footnote 11 pertaining to border state law enforcement efforts;
- Section 2, Section 010, portions of footnote 2 pertaining to Wyoming agriculture in the classroom;
- Section 2, Section 010, footnote 4(b) related to an appropriation from the Game and Fish fund;

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- Section 2, Section 015, portions of footnote 3 pertaining to distribution method for child advocacy center grants;
- Section 2, Section 024, portions of footnote 2 pertaining to the intent of the legislature for inclusion of the We the People program in the standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium;
- Section 2, Section 024, portions of footnote 3 pertaining to the intent of the legislature for inclusion of the humanities initiative grants in the standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium;
- Section 2, Section 024, portions of footnote 4 pertaining to the intent of the legislature for inclusion of the Wyoming centennial farm and ranch program in the standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium;
- Section 2, Section 048, portions of footnote 16 pertaining to planning and demolition at the Wyoming state hospital;
- Section 2, Section 049, portions of footnote 5 pertaining to the transfer of the early childhood integrated data system;
- Section 2, Section 049, portions of footnote 8 pertaining to room and board reimbursement rates;
- Section 2, Section 057, portions of footnote 1 pertaining to the transfer of the early childhood integrated data system;
- Section 2, Section 067, portions of footnote 12 pertaining to diversity, equity and inclusion program, activity or function;
- Section 2, Section 091, portion of footnote 3 pertaining to contracting with only Wyoming domiciled entities and related portion of Section 300(n);
- Portions of Section 303(a), (g) and (h) related to carryover appropriations;
- Section 307 (Personal Services Transfers) and references to Section 307;
- Section 310 (Limitation on Salary Increase) and references to Section 310;
- Portions of Section 313(b), (h) and (j) related to school capital construction;
- Portions of Section 323(e) (Large Project Energy Matching Funds) pertaining to the definition of large project and the state's participation;
- Portions of Section 324(b)(v) (Board of Land Commissioners – Sale Authorization and Disposition of Proceeds) to remove the word “shall”;
- Portions of Section 329 (Employee Compensation) pertaining to distribution of specified amounts;
- Section 330 (Executive Branch Position Savings and Fund Deposit);
- Portions of Section 331 (K-12 School District Mental Health Service Grants) to remove the words “district”, “districts”, and “to districts”;
- Portions of Section 332 (Charter School in Western Wyoming) to remove the words “addition to”;
- Section 340 (Recreation Center Capital Construction Grant);

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- Section 341(c) (American Rescue Plan Act – Reappropriation and Appropriation) in relation to the Wheatland tank replacement project;
- Portions of Section 342 (Wyoming Spanish-American War Monument) in relation to the transfer or expenditure of the appropriation and the intent of the legislature for inclusion in the standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Comments:

- Portions of this bill are effective immediately. Except where otherwise indicated, this bill is effective July 1, 2024 as specified in Section 400.
- Requires reports as specified above.
- Popular name(s): “Budget Bill”; “General Appropriations of Government”

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