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|  | 2023 Legislative Report  **Updated: February 27, 2023**  Pete Obermueller, President  \*Red Denotes Bill has failed. Green denotes bill has passed |

| Bill # | Sponsor(s) | Title | Status | Description | PAW Position |
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| HB 20 | Joint Agriculture | [Land exchanges-priority](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0020.pdf) | Passed Agriculture  7 – 2  Passed House  52 – 9  Passed S Agriculture  5 – 0  Passed Senate  30 -1 | Attempts to make state land exchanges more difficult by requiring the Board of Land Commissioners to “accomplish as many…as possible” of exchanges wholly within one county, increases access to the lands, consolidates state ownership, and has support of a long list of people.  AMENDED to only include notification requirements, removing state legislators from the list of notification. Priority list removed entirely. | Support as amended |
| HB 40 | Joint Transportation | [Airport districts](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0040.pdf) | Referred to Minerals  Laid Back | The bill allows for the creation of a new special district for maintenance of airports. Special districts are approved by voters based on boundaries drawn by cities or counties, but they raise little revenue unless the boundaries include mineral resources. | Oppose |
| HB 46 | Joint Transportation | [Wyoming public safety communications system trust fund](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0046.pdf) | Referred to Appropriations  Not Considered | The bill creates an inviolate trust fund to support the maintenance and operation of WyoLink, the state’s interoperable public safety communications system | Monitor |
| HB 54 | Rep. Sommers, Sen. Baldwin | [Homestead exemption](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0054.pdf) | Referred to Revenue  Not Considered | The bill exempts the first $100,000 in value of primary residences for purposes of property tax assessments. | Oppose as written |
| HB 88 | Rep. Banks, et. al., Sen. French, et. al. | [Foreign ownership of agricultural land-prohibited](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0088.pdf) | Passed Agriculture  5 – 4  Appropriations recommend DO NOT PASS  Not Considered on CoW | Prohibits foreign ownership of any kind of agricultural land in Wyoming. Agricultural land is defined broadly.  AMENDED to remove “foreign persons” from the bill, and added a $5M appropriation | Oppose |
| HB 98 | Joint Revenue | [Property tax-homeowner’s exemption](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0098.pdf) | Passed Revenue  5 – 4  Passed House  46 - 15  Failed S Revenue  2 - 3 | The bill would exempt the first $50,000 of fair market value of a primary residence, not to exceed 25% of the total fair market of the property.  AMENDED to add $40M appropriation to backfill counties and school foundation. | Oppose as written |
| HB 99 | Joint Revenue | [Property tax refund program](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0099.pdf) | Passed Revenue  9 – 0  Passed House  62 – 0  Passed S Travel  5 – 0  Passed S Appropriations  3 – 1  Passed Senate  18 - 13 | The bill bolsters a county optional refund program already in law. Citizens making less than $150,000 annually, and under 125% of the median income for their county are eligible for up to a 90% refund.  AMENDED to require a report to counties, limiting to home owners, and reduced refund maximum to 75% | Support |
| HB 100 | Rep. Jennings, et. al., Sen. Hutchings | [Acquisition value study](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0100.pdf) | Passed Revenue  8 – 1  Passed Appropriations  7 – 0  Passed the House  58 – 2  Passed S Revenue  5 – 0  Passed Senate  21 - 11 | Requires the Dept. of Revenue to contract with a third party to study “at least three” options for implementing an acquisition value for residential property.  AMENDED to add $40,000 to the appropriation of $10,000 already in the bill. | Support |
| HB 116 | Rep. Allemand et. al., Sen. Biteman | [Prohibiting foreign property ownership in Wyoming](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0116.pdf) | Passed Agriculture  8 – 1  Passed Appropriations  4 – 3  Failed CoW  23 - 39 | The bill prohibits ownership of land, minerals, or airspace for foreign individuals and companies from China, Russia, or any state sponsor of terrorism.  AMENDED to add a $100M appropriation | Monitor |
| HB 121 | Rep. Lawley, et. al., Sen. Case, et. al. | [Property tax deferral program-amendments](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0121.pdf) | Passed Revenue  9 – 0  Passed Appropriations  7 – 0  Passed House  42 – 20  Failed S Revenue  1 - 4 | Amends the current deferment program by consolidating it at the Dept. of Revenue. Also a taxpayer to defer up to half of their ad valorem taxes at an interest rate of the 10yr US bond rate plus 1.5%, and lien is placed on the property.  AMENDED to require veteran to be honorably discharged | Support |
| HB 124 | Rep. Sommers et. al., Sen. Barlow et. al. | [Electricity generation-taxation](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0124.pdf) | Passed Appropriations  6 – 1  Passed House  34 – 28  Failed S Revenue  0 - 5 | The bill adds solar generation to the $1 per megawatt tax currently leveled on wind power. | Support |
| HB 131 | Rep. Henderson et. al., Sen. Boner et. al. | [State loan and investment board-task force and study](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0131.pdf) | Referred to Transportation  Not Considered | Creates a task force to study the operations and staffing of the Office of State Lands and Investments. | Monitor |
| HB 150 | Rep. Yin, et. al., Sen. Schuler | [Early childhood development special districts](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0150.pdf) | Passed Education  5 – 4  Not Considered on CoW | Establishes yet another special district, this one to fund early childhood education funding | Oppose |
| HB 153 | Rep. Wylie et. al., Sen. Dockstader et. al. | [Worker's compensation competitive coverage](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0153.pdf) | Failed Minerals 3 - 6 | Requires that the worker’s comp premium rates fall within the bottom third of the national state rates, unless its determined to be actuarially unsound. The bill sunsets in 4 years. | Monitor |
| HB 163 | Select Federal Natural Resource Management | [Mineral royalties-proportional severance tax refunds](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0163.pdf) | Passed Revenue  5 – 3  Passed Appropriations as DO NOT PASS  6 -0 | The bill establishes a refund program for oil and gas producers on federal lands. It sets aside increased revenue to the state via FMRs into a fund that would pay back operators approx. 70% of the difference between 12.5% and any increased rate. | Support |
| HB 190 | Rep. Harshman, et. al., Sen. Anderson et. al. | [Wyoming value added energy and industrial plan](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0190.pdf) | Passed Minerals  5 – 4  Passed House  37 – 25  Passed S Minerals  5 – 0  Moved DO NOT PASS S Appropriations  3 - 2 | The bill creates a new select committee, and the potential for several task force groups to evaluate a variety of energy related issues, including industrial heartland, lng export facilities, gas to liquid facilities, international markets, etc.  AMENDED to add staff requirements for the task force | Monitor |
| HB 204 | Rep. Chestek, et. al., Sen. Gierau | [Allowable train lengths](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0204.pdf) | Failed Corporations  1 - 6 | Restricts train lengths to 8,500 feet in Wyoming. | Oppose |
| HB 210 | Rep. Neiman, et. al., Sen. Boner, et. al. | [Financial institution discrimination](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0210.pdf) | Indefinitely Tabled with commitment to study in interim | A copycat bill from West Virginia. Creates a blacklist of financial institutions that cannot manage state investment funds as a result of their boycotts of fossil energy. |  |
| HB 213 | Rep. Burkhart | [Energy production inventory exemption](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0213.pdf) | Passed Minerals  9 - 0  Passed House  59 – 2  Passed S Revenue  5 – 0  Failed Senate  11 - 19 | Exempts “energy production equipment” stored as inventory from ad valorem taxation if sales tax has been paid in the county where it has been stored.  AMENDED to ensure tax liability accrues to the appropriate county | Support |
| HB 215 | Rep. Allemand, et. al. | [Property tax exemptions-elderly and veterans](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0215.pdf) | Referred to Revenue  Not Considered | Exempts property tax from persons over 65 years of age, and honorably discharged veterans |  |
| HB 256 | Rep. Locke, et. al. | [Property tax holiday](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0256.pdf) | Received for Introduction  Not Considered | Establishes a property tax holiday for 2023, included 16.67% on mineral ad valorem. 33.33% on residential and commercial. |  |
| HB 288 | Rep. Stith, et. al, Sen. Case | [Electrical generation tax and rebate program](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HB0288.pdf) | Referred to Appropriations  Not Considered | Establishes a new excise tax on electricity production. The tax is 2.3% of annual gross energy earnings. Taxpayers are credited for all other taxes paid, including ad valorem and severance. |  |
| HJ 1 | Joint Revenue | [Residential property taxation amendment](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HJ0001.pdf) | Referred to Revenue  Not Considered | The bill would put on the ballot a Constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to cap increases in the residential property tax rate, and to establish residential property as unique class of property taxpayer (currently residential and commercial are in the same class). | Oppose |
| HJ 2 | Rep. Sommers et al. | [Constitutional amendment – residential property class](https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2023/HJ0002) | Passed Revenue  6 – 3  Failed House by required 2/3  37 – 25 | The bill would put on the ballot a Constitutional amendment that would create a fourth class of taxpayer for property tax purposes. That class would be residential real property, with the ability to create subclasses  AMENDED to ensure that the 4 points or 40% spread between commercial and industrial also applies to between residential and commercial. And to allow only one subclass of residential property. | Support |
| HJ 4 | Rep. Locke, et. al., Sen. Laursen, et. al. | [Residential property tax cap-amendment](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/HJ0004.pdf) | Referred to Revenue  Not Considered | Would provide for a popular vote on a Constitutional amendment to limit the valuation increase on residential property. | Oppose |
| SF 22 | Joint Transportation | [Wyoming public safety communications system funding](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0022.pdf) | Passed Transportation, 4-1.  Failed Senate  15 - 16 | A separate attempt to fully fund the first responder communication system, Wyolink. This one an automatic $8.5M annual appropriation from the General Fund. | Support |
| SF 34 | Joint Judiciary | [Trespass by small unmanned aircraft](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0034.pdf) | Passed Senate  18 – 13  Failed H Judiciary  2 – 7 | The bill prohibits the entry of drones in the “immediate reaches of the airspace over the private property” of landowners, and provides a fine. | Oppose as written |
| SF 43 | Sen. Case, Rep. Larsen | [EMS districts](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0043.pdf) | Passed Labor  3 – 2  Passed Senate  23 – 8  Passed H Corporations  5 – 4  Passed House  37 - 25 | The bill would create a new special district category for purposes of funding emergency medical services.  AMENDED to require a public hearing and public notice prior to a vote | Monitor |
| SF 63 | Joint Revenue | [Tax administration revisions](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0063.pdf) | Passed Senate 31 – 0  Passed H Revenue  9 – 0  Passed House  61 - 0 | The bill grants the department of revenue the discretion to waive interest on mine production taxes. DoR currently has authority to waive penalties.  AMENDED: clarifies that the bill only applies to severance taxes | Support |
| SF 81 | Sen. Barlow, et. al. | [Monthly ad valorem tax revisions](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0081.pdf) | Referred to Revenue | The bill attempts to deal with the distribution of estimated monthly payments to newly created entities that did not have a mill levy in the prior year. | Monitor |
| SF 104 | Sen. Steinmetz et. al., Rep. Bear et. al. | [Property tax-mill levy adjustment](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0104.pdf) | Referred to Revenue | The bill would require the state and the counties to evaluate the current year’s property tax vs. the previous year and reduce mill levies for schools, counties and cities to ensure that the tax does not increase over the previous year. | Monitor |
| SF 105 | Sen. Steinmetz et. al., Rep. Bear, et. al. | [Utilities-point of consumption and allocation agreements](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0105.pdf) | Failed Corporations  2 - 3 | The bill would expressly prohibit the build out of power infrastructure paid for by private entities that cross into a neighboring utility’s certificated territory. If an “intrusion” happens, then the aggrieved utility is entitled to payments of lost revenue and attorney’s fees. | Oppose |
| SF 110 | Sen. McKeown et. al., Rep. Neiman | [Personal property-tax exemption](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0110.pdf) | Passed Revenue  5 – 0  Failed Senate  14 - 17 | Exempts all “personal property”, which is property used for business purposes, from taxation. According to the fiscal note, this would exempt $1.77 billion in personal property in the industrial class, which is largely oil and gas related. In FY25, the bill would result in a loss of $91.7 million to Wyoming, AND an increased expenditure of $76.8 million for a $168.5 million total cost to WY. | Support |
| SF 124 | Sen. Salazar et. al., Rep. Banks, et. al. | [Foreign ownership of agricultural land](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0124.pdf) | Referred to Agriculture  Not Considered | A corrected version of the House bill that clarifies the ban on ownership only applies to foreign governments and corporations that are wholly owned by foreign governments, and clarifies the type of land. | Monitor |
| SF 125 | Sen. Salazar et. al., Rep Ottman et. al. | [Property tax-limiting the maximum taxable value increase](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0125.pdf) | Passed Revenue  4 – 1  Not Considered on CoW | Attempts to limit the increase in “taxable value” of residential, commercial and all other property to no more than 5% in a given year. | Oppose |
| SF 136 | Sen. Biteman, et. al., Rep. Bear, et. al. | [Property tax relief-assessment rate reduction](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0136.pdf) | Passed Revenue  4 – 1  Passed Senate  18 – 12  Referred to H Revenue | Reduces the assessment ratio for residential and commercial property to 7.5%.  AMENDED to increase the assessment ration to 8.5%, and accelerates the effective date to 2023. Amended again to sunset the bill after 2025. | Monitor |
| SF 142 | Sen. Scott et. al., Rep. Allemand et. al. | [Carbon capture and sequestration](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0142.pdf) | Passed Corporations  5 - 0  Passed Senate  25 – 6  No Vote Taken in H Appropriations | A long bill that, in a nutshell, requires coal fired power plants slated for closure to seek buyers in good faith, and requires the buyer to install carbon capture technology for EOR purposes.  AMENDED significantly to remove bonding; establish a process the PSC could reasonably follow, to clarify the types of units captured. | Support |
| SF 154 | Sen. Cooper, et. al., Rep. Burkart, et. al. | [Energy authority project financing-refineries](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0154.pdf) | Passed Minerals  5 – 0  Passed Senate  30 – 1  Passed H Minerals  9 - 0 | Adds to the Wyoming Energy Authority’s purview expansion and new construction for refineries.  AMENDED to include “mineral processing and concentration facilities” | Support |
| SF 156 | Sen. Boner, et. al., Rep. Angelos, et. al. | [Oil and gas forced pooling-good faith negotiations](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0156.pdf) | Indefinitely Tabled | Requires operators to negotiate “in good faith” with mineral owners to acquire a lease prior to the formation of a DSU | Oppose |
| SF 159 | Sen. Biteman, et. al., Rep. Angelos, et. al. | [Stop ESG-Eliminate economic boycott act](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0159.pdf) | Passed Revenue  4 – 0  Passed Senate  25 – 6  Moved DO NOT PASS H Appropriations  9 - 0 | After lengthy “findings” the bill prohibits governmental contracts with companies unwilling to sign a statement that the company does not participate in “economic boycotts”. Provides for damages of 3x the value of the contract if a company is found to have contracted with the state and participated in an economic boycott.  AMENDED as a substitute bill giving preference, when feasible, to companies that do not boycott | Monitor |
| SF 172 | Sen. Biteman, et. al., Rep. Haroldson, et. al. | [Stop ESG-State funds fiduciary duty act](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SF0172.pdf) | Passed Revenue  4 – 0  Passed Senate  17 – 14  Moved DO NOT PASS H Appropriations  9 – 0 | Requires that any entity managing funds for Wyoming must manage for economic fiduciary duties only. Any investing for “social, political, or ideological” reasons is prohibited.  AMENDED as a substitute bill requiring WY funds to maintain their fiduciary duty | Support |
| SJ 3 | Sen. Dockstader | [Property tax exemption for the elderly and infirm](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SJ0003.pdf) | Passed Revenue  5 – 0  Passed Senate  21 – 10  Passed H Revenue  5 - 4 | The bill proposes a Constitutional amendment to exempt the “elderly and infirm” from property taxation.  AMENDED to provide a backfill for counties, further AMENDED to define elderly as 75 years or older and having been a WY resident for at least 40 years. | Monitor |
| SJ 12 | Sen. Dockstader, Rep. Allred | [Constitutional amendment-property tax valuation](https://wyoleg.gov/2023/Introduced/SJ0012.pdf) | Failed Revenue  1 - 4 | A Constitutional amendment that would create a residential class, and institute a base year, updated at purchase, and construction cost valuation (as opposed to market value). | Oppose |