

2020 Interim Topics

Management Audit Committee

Priority #: 1 COVID 19 Related Work Request, Department of Audit

It appears that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will require State review of the expenditure of funds distributed to Wyoming for compliance with the CARES Act, including funds that are granted or otherwise distributed to political subdivisions of the State. The Committee may be a good vehicle to study how compliance by political subdivisions can be evaluated and the potential ramifications of noncompliance.

Priority #: 2 Department of Administration and Information – Consolidation of Human Resources

The Committee will review current human resources operations within State government and the potential need for consolidation of human resources services. The review will also consider the possible need for, and procurement of, a human resources information system.

Priority #: 3 Department of Audit, Public Funds Division

The Committee will continue its work on reviewing the public and private audits of political subdivisions (towns, school districts and special districts) to examine (i) the pervasiveness of lack of training by treasurers, clerks and boards and its effect on financial reporting, (ii) the gravity of corrective actions related to internal control in audit findings, and (iii) the degree to which corrective actions identified by auditors are resolved or ignored. The Committee will consider existing and potential legislation related to fiscal reporting and procedures for adequacy or additional legislation.

Judiciary Committee

Priority #: 1 Review of Wyoming Courts and Supreme Court Updates.

The Committee will review and consider the consolidation of Wyoming's courts, the process for allocating new district judges to judicial districts, and the status of court automation. The Committee will also receive reports and recommendations from the Wyoming Supreme Court.

Priority #: 2 County and Prosecuting Attorney, District Attorney, and Sheriff Salaries.

The Committee will review and discuss the statutory salary caps for County and Prosecuting Attorneys, District Attorneys, and Sheriffs.

Priority #: 3 Wyoming Ethics and Disclosure Act.

The Committee will comprehensively review the Wyoming Ethics and Disclosure Act and corruption in public works specifically related to bidding on public projects.

Priority #: 4 Youthful Offender Program.

The Committee will review the Youthful Offender Program and identify and explore options for expanding the program and increasing the current age limits for participation in the program.

Priority #: 5 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Statutory Review.

The Committee will undertake a comprehensive review of the DUI statutes.

Priority #: 6 Agency Reports and Review of Wyoming Supreme Court Opinions.

The Committee will receive reports required by legislation from state agencies and will consider and sponsor necessary legislation identified after reviewing the reports. The Committee will also study and consider recent opinions where the Wyoming Supreme Court noted the absence of legislative action or called for legislative action.

Priority #: 7 Public Meetings and Public Records

The Committee will undertake a two-year study of the public meetings and public records statutes to modernize statutes in light of changes to the law and technology and to promote realistic transparency. [Note: this is year two of that study, which was Priority No. 2 last year.]

Priority #: 8 Other Topics

The Committee will receive information from prosecuting attorneys about any difficulties in prosecuting sexual-assault cases caused by unclear or ambiguous statutes and will discuss potential changes to the sexual-assault statutes. The Committee will also receive information from county attorneys regarding Title 25 and clarifying what entity pays for certain portions of care for those individuals going through the Title 25 process. The Committee will also consider the monetary threshold for felony theft.

Appropriations Committee**Priority #: 1 Enterprise Technology Services (ETS)**

The Committee will continue its systematic and comprehensive review of the structure, delivery of specialized applications and support services by ETS, cost, and prioritization of information technology (IT) budget requests to provide solutions to state agencies' IT needs. The Committee will also review the processes and decisions of ETS and state agencies that lead to the evaluation and justification for proposed IT projects, expenses, funding options, and prioritization. To the extent possible, the Committee will encourage and provide legislative support for ETS to produce solutions meeting the demands of various state agencies in addition to implementing large, integrated and complex IT projects efficiently (e.g.,: Revenue Information System for the Wyoming Department of Transportation, EPICS (DFS); WyCAPs (DFS); and Offender Case Management System (DOC)). This topic may result in legislation or revisions to appropriations. The Committee will send any legislation developed on this topic to the Management Audit Committee for review.

Priority #: 2 State Employee and Official Group Health Insurance

The Committee will review state employee group insurance benefits. The Committee will review employer paid contributions, employee premiums, deductibles, co-payments, and benefits. The review will also include monitoring of funding status, expenditures, and program balances. The Committee will also consider various membership groups, the advantages and barriers to expanding membership and the result of a potential expansion of membership to other groups. The Committee will work with the Department of Administration and Information and develop policies, including potential legislation, to achieve and maintain financial stability in the system. This topic may result in legislation. The Committee will send any legislation developed on this topic to the Management Audit Committee for review.

Priority #: 3 Strategic Revenue Declines

The Committee will review historical state revenue sources and how their volatility contributes to spending and reserve policies of the state legislature, including how such fluctuations contribute to general revenue issues. The Committee will assess appropriation trends over time and review other state responses to substantial revenue declines including reaching out to independent sources, e.g.,

NCSL, CSG, and PEW to compare findings of this review to the effects of revenue volatility and expenditure growth in surrounding states. This topic may result in legislation or supplemental revisions to appropriations.

Priority #: 4 Mental Health and Substance Abuse

The Committee will examine mental health and substance abuse issues to identify better health outcomes and savings to the State. As part of consideration of this topic, the Committee will appoint members to a joint subcommittee, also comprised of members appointed from the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee. This joint subcommittee will seek to address mental health funding concerns and will consider: • Mental health workforce needs; • Suicide prevention; • Sources and structure of funding for prevention services, community services, and residential services for adolescents and adults, to include 1) funding for the Life Resource Center and State Hospital; 2) provider reimbursement rates; and 3) streamlining reimbursement and delivery systems to ensure priority patients are receiving appropriate services; • Follow up on Department of Corrections (DOC) mental health and substance abuse issues in relation to reducing recidivism rates and improving the successful transitions for incarcerated individuals to community service providers upon release. Any legislation developed by the subcommittee shall be forwarded to the Joint Appropriations Committee or Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee consistent with the substantive jurisdiction and oversight role of each committee.

Priority #: 5 Future Special Session Topic: Capital Construction

The Committee will review potential capital construction projects with the intention of bringing forward legislation during a future Special Session in the 2020 interim. The Committee aims to evaluate previously considered projects and projects that will provide employment opportunities for displaced workers due to economic shortfalls related to the coronavirus as well as provide needed facilities and capacity for efficient delivery of government services.

Revenue Committee

Priority #: 1 Review 2020 Legislation as it Pertains to Revenue

In addition to SF0030 and SF0053 under Priority #8 and HB0159 under Priority #3, the Committee will review numerous bills it has sponsored as well as other revenue-related bills to determine if there is support for introduction in a General Session, including but not limited to: • HB0033 – Agricultural land qualification • HB0063 – Fuel tax • HB0064 – National corporate tax recapture • HB0075 – Medicaid expansion - authorization • SF0040 – Certification of cases to state board of equalization • SF0043 – Sales and use tax – definitions update • SF0059 – Governmental property

Priority #: 2 Taxation of Electricity

Wyoming is a major electricity exporter. The Committee will investigate the feasibility and challenges of implementing a tax on electricity generation. This tax could be structured to allow a credit against tax liability for other taxes paid including taxes paid by fuel suppliers to thermal plants. The Committee will incorporate the concepts in 2020 HB0178 - Solar Taxation into a broader conversation on all electricity generation.

Priority #: 3 Update on Implementation of 2020 HB0159 (Monthly Payments of Ad Valorem Taxes) and required future conforming legislation

The Committee intends to review this legislation and receive an update from the Department of Revenue and possibly the affected industries on the implementation and infrastructure required to collect ad valorem taxes on a monthly basis. Additionally, the Committee will consider intermediate

and longer-term implementation challenges and begin to address same. HB0159 was sponsored by the Select Committee on Coal/Mineral Bankruptcies.

Priority #: 4 Committee Education: Primer on Revenue Distributions and Investment Income Streams

We intend to devote part of each meeting to educational issues. For example, the Committee will begin discussing current status, structure, and efficiencies of revenue distributions and investment income streams. This review, along with a CREG report update, will provide background information for potential legislation during the 2021 General Session.

Priority #: 5 Local Government Revenue Options

The Committee intends to investigate potential options to increase local government revenue streams. The Committee will consider suggestions from cities, towns, counties and other interested stakeholders on options for additional funding for local governments.

Priority #: 6 Review of Fees and Leasing Rates Relative to Inflation

The Committee intends to analyze a comprehensive review of fees charged by state agencies for various services. This includes evaluation of whether fees have increased relative to inflation and if potential for revenue increases exists with an across-the-board evaluation of fees charged. Specific consideration will be given to the issues of fees for the use state lands, including grazing fees and lease renewal terms.

Priority #: 7 Sales Tax Issues

The Committee will consider potential issues and inefficiencies related to sales and use taxes. Potential topics include a review of existing tax exemptions and evaluation of the current sales and use tax rate.

Priority #: 8 Gaming Regulation

The Committee will review HB0171 Gaming Commission, to determine taxation and revenue structures as well as administrative functions in accordance with Section 13 of HB0002 mandating the Department of Revenue study the feasibility of incorporating a Gaming Division.

Priority #: 9 Taxation of essential health products

The Committee will review SF0086 Essential health product dignity act.

Education Committee

Priority #: 1 2020 Recalibration

The Committee members will attend the meetings of and monitor the activities of the Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration. Committee members not appointed to the Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration request authorization to receive per diem and mileage to attend these meetings, as has been previous Management Council policy. The appropriation contained in 2020 House Bill 40 – School finance – model recalibration, contemplates the Committee’s attendance.

Priority #: 2 K-12 Education Program

The Committee will study the K-12 education program, including the common core of knowledge and skills, student content and performance standards, graduation standards, district assessment systems, workbased learning programs, and reading assessment and intervention programs. The

Committee anticipates this topic will be a two-year endeavor to fully grasp how each item is interwoven throughout the K-12 education program.

Priority #: 3 Postsecondary Education Governance

The Committee will study postsecondary governance, both the University of Wyoming and Community Colleges. The Joint Education Interim Committee is to oversee the University of Wyoming's governance study authorized by 2020 Senate File 1, Section 337 (Budget Bill). The Committee will coordinate with the Select Committee on Community College Governance and Funding within this topic. The Committee anticipates this topic will be a two-year study as is contemplated in the Budget Bill. Further, the Committee requests Management Council authorization to proceed in contracting with the appropriate expertise to assist the Committee in this work. Under this topic, the Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of the Wyoming Works and Community College Bachelor of Applied Science programs that were implemented during the 2019 General Session.

Priority #: 4 School Safety

The Committee will study K-12 and postsecondary school safety and security measures. This topic would continue to build upon the work of 2020 Senate File 79 – School safety and security, which related to K-12 school safety and security policies. The topic would also review ideas contained in 2020 House Bill 179 – Student hazing and try to identify uniform policies that can be put into place to address identification, prevention and reporting of hazing for K-20 education.

Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Committee

Priority #: 1 Aging Irrigation Infrastructure

The Committee will receive reports from the Water Development Office and Bureau of Reclamation regarding aging irrigation infrastructure. The Committee could consider information related to: • An inventory of irrigation facilities and systems, and potentially a prioritization of future funding needs; and • Information from the Bureau of Reclamation, including the Bureau's responsibilities and the expected lifespan of facilities under their jurisdiction.

Priority #: 2 Invasive Species

The Committee will receive and consider reports from the Governor's Invasive Species Initiative. This may include consideration of recommendations made by the Initiative, expected this spring (2020). The Committee may look at increasing efficiencies in weed and pest control efforts as well as assessing the effects of relevant legislation from the 2020 session.

Priority #: 3 Animal Abuse Statutes

The Committee will consider and review antiquated statutes regarding animal abuse. This may include consideration of due process for animal owners, enhance protections for common agricultural practices and additional legal options to prevent and deter abuse.

Priority #: 4 Surface Damages, Water Disposals and Fresh Water Sales on State Lands

The Committee will investigate ways to maximize revenue with industrial sales on state lands in order to provide increased revenue for school funding. This may include considering procedures to ensure the SLIB receives information regarding market prices for these assets and enhancing coordination with current leaseholders.

Priority #: 5 Supporting Local Food Movements

The Committee will review state and local food marketing opportunities. The review may include

marketing opportunities in new markets as well as other ways Wyoming food can be produced, processed, marketed and sold. An update on livestock slaughter plants may be included as well.

- Based on COVID-19 developments and concerns the Committee will now receive information regarding fee relief and any USDA programs available to producers and industry. The Committee will look at meat processing issues in light of recent news regarding the monopolization of processing plants.

Priority #: 6 Reports and Follow up

The Committee will receive and consider reports concerning the following topics: • Wyoming State Fair; • UW College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Funding and Employee Status; and • Hemp production in Wyoming.

Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee

Priority #: 1 Game and Fish Department

The Department will also provide regular updates on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), endangered species issues, animal damage claims and provide a specific overview on the different sections and units within the Game and Fish Department with a discussion of the budget and expenditures for each section. The Committee will examine and discuss issues regarding trapping, feed grounds and management, terrestrial invasive species, allocation system for big game licenses, additional access and incentives options for hunting on private land, and wildlife management and land management plans with federal partners.

Priority #: 2 State Parks and Cultural Resources

The Department will provide a specific overview on the agency sections and units, employee numbers and budgetary needs of each section. The Committee will examine funding options for the Outdoor Recreation Division and discuss possible statutory changes to include any funding options, updates regarding Hot Springs State Park primarily focused on management and concessionaires, possible legislation for the Hot Springs State Park Pilot Hill project, and lodging tax.

Priority #: 3 Office of Tourism

Discussion with the Office of Tourism on their efforts to promote the state of Wyoming both in-state, out-of-state and abroad, how their expenditures support their goal of promoting vacationing in the state of Wyoming and their contributions to the state, county and local efforts to promote tourism. In addition, the Committee will discuss current and future promotion of outfitters, shooting sports and the state fair in Wyoming.

Priority #: 4 Rendering

This topic was presented at the interim topics meeting and warrants Committee consideration. Discussion of how rendering could be utilized for wildlife waste and the possibility of drafting legislation to facilitate rendering if appropriate would be the goal of the Committee. It is anticipated the Committee would only dedicate approximately one (1) hour to the topic.

Priority #: 5 Gaming Bill Technical corrections

The Committee will receive the report as required under HB0171 (2020 Wyo. Sess. Laws Ch. 114) Wyoming Gaming Commission and review the statute for technical corrections and other possible issues.

Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions Committee

Priority #: 1 Liquor Licenses

The Committee will conduct a review of statutory provisions governing alcoholic beverages (Title 12). The Committee will review the statutes for outdated language, examine methods to streamline liquor license policy, and examine microbrewery, distillery and wineries carveouts and exceptions. The review will also look at the possible social costs of expanding access to alcoholic beverages.

Priority #: 2 Secretary of State statutory revisions

The Committee will examine how other states address voting procedures during a natural disaster or pandemic. The Committee will continue its consideration of the Secretary of State Office's authority to determine the eligibility of persons running for office. The Committee will examine procedures for election eligibility challenges. The Committee will also review discrepancies and conflicting language in the business statutes in Title 17 and related statutory changes to enhance economic diversification.

Priority #: 3 Utilities

The Committee will continue its work on utility regulation, including by examining the following topics: third-party self-generation; large industrial customers outside normal services; utility deregulation; rate-payer backed bonds; and updates from the Public Service Commission. The Committee will also evaluate the Office of Consumer Advocate, including the effectiveness of the Office and statutory authority for the Office.

Priority #: 4 Efficiency Review of State Boards and Commissions

The Committee will conduct a comprehensive review of the Wyoming state boards and commissions and examine relevant statutes for consistency and efficiency. The Committee will review any inactive boards. The review will also include an examination of the funding sources for the boards and commissions. This topic relates to the Efficiency Commission's recommendations on the reorganization and consolidation of boards and commissions.

Priority #: 5 Credit for Reinsurance & Continuing Education Revisions

The Committee will examine a National Association of Insurance Commissioners model law on reinsurance to remain accredited by the NAIC. The Department of Insurance will provide an update to the Committee regarding requirements to maintain NAIC accreditation. The Committee will also work on updating continuing education requirements to modernize the Department of Insurance's processes.

Priority #: 6 Continued discussion on Improvement and Service Districts-Financial Enforcement (2020 HB0089) and Motor Vehicles-Security Interest Perfection (2020 SF0063)

The Committee will continue discussion on 2020 HB0089, which concerns financial enforcement conducted by improvement and service districts, and 2020 Senate File 0063, which concerns requirements for perfection of motor vehicle security interests.

Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee

Priority #: 1 Highway Matters

The Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and the Wyoming Highway Patrol have numerous responsibilities for regulating commercial traffic, applying fuel taxes and permit fees and ensuring vehicle, driver and highway safety. The Committee intends to study issues and receive updates from WYDOT, counties and municipalities, industry groups, other stakeholders and the

public regarding: • Highway Funding Options—The Committee intends to receive information regarding sustainable, long-term funding options for highways and to pursue implementation of recommendations. • Highway Safety—The Committee intends to receive information regarding reducing collisions and injuries; highway safety and improvement options, particularly for I-80, to include: history of closures, accidents, design parameters and varied speeds for trucks; winter driving training for commercial drivers; automated vehicle identification systems (2020 SF0102); a highway safety incentive program (2020 HB0208); and primary seatbelt law pros and cons. • Statutory Updates and Reports—The Committee seeks to study statutory changes to improve operations and customer service; a possible insurance discount for good drivers; autonomous vehicles; selective service data update via the driver's license section; commercial driver's license examiners within rural areas and highway congestion, regulating who can travel on existing lanes or differential pricing.

Priority #: 2 Transportation Matters

The Committee intends to study issues and receive updates from WYDOT, counties and municipalities, industry groups, other stakeholders and the public regarding: • Commercial Licensing of 3-Axle Farm Truck—The Committee intends to review the requirements of commercial registration for certain farm trucks. • Abandoned Vehicle and Lien Statutes—The Committee intends to review abandoned vehicle and lien statutes as they relate to the towing industry. • WyoLink Update—The Committee will receive reports from WYDOT, the Public Safety Communications Commission, county commissioners and other interested parties regarding recommendations to fund WyoLink and alternate systems in place. • Airport Authorities/Special Districts—The Committee intends to review potential mill levies and possible ownership, operation and financing of airports by independent airport authorities or special districts.

Priority #: 3 Military Matters

The Committee intends to study issues and receive updates from the Wyoming Military Department, stakeholders and the public regarding: • Statutory Updates—The Committee intends to review whether the statutes appropriately address issues relating to military personnel and their spouses, including educational benefits, out-of-state guard member benefits and the State Military Code. • Review of Veteran Services—The Committee intends to review funding sources and support options to maintain service officers of the Veteran Service Organization to ensure claims and benefits continue to be processed effectively. • Reports to the Committee—The Committee intends to study the relocation of the Wyoming Cowboy Challenge Academy, monitor the progress of the Veterans' Skilled Nursing Facility and Veterans' Home and receive other relevant reports. • Impacts of Military requirements of 2020 SF0036 Large scale solar and wind energy facilities—The Committee intends to review potential impacts of W.S. 18-5-504(e) and 35-12-106(g) created by 2020 SF0036 to landowners, communities, wind developers and the Military Department. • Joint Resolution—The Committee intends to study whether a joint resolution may be needed regarding hyperbaric oxygen treatment for traumatic brain injuries suffered by current and former military members.

Minerals, Business and Economic Development Committee

Priority #: 1 Wyoming Energy Strategy and Energy Issues

The Committee will review issues pertaining to the decommissioning of electric generation facilities in Wyoming, including reviewing the implementation of 2020 House Bill 200 and 2019 Senate File 159. The Committee will also review and receive reports regarding the implementation of the Wyoming Energy Authority; the School of Energy Resources and Energy Resources Council and oversight of grants from the U.S. Department of Energy regarding carbon capture, utilization, and

storage technology; and nuclear power issues, including small modular reactors and thorium generation. • As part of this issue, the Committee will review issues regarding the securitization of coal-fired electric generation facilities and the use of ratepayer-backed bonds to reduce customer costs associated with early retirements.

Priority #: 2 Wyoming Business Council

The Committee will comprehensively study and review the Wyoming Business Council and its purposes, programs, and functions. Among other things, the Committee will review the economic disaster loan program, local economic development initiatives, and a legislative liaison for the Business Council.

Priority #: 3 Banking and Trust Company Issues

The Committee will review potential revisions to Wyoming's banking and trust-company statutes, including the Uniform Consumer Credit Code, the Wyoming Money Transmitters Act, and the Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act.

Priority #: 4 Workforce Development and Educational Attainment in Wyoming

The Committee will work with various industries and education stakeholders in Wyoming to learn more about industry and workforce needs, particularly regarding career and technical education.

Priority #: 5 Ad Valorem Tax Issues

The Committee will review 2020 House Bill 159 and 2020 Senate File 139 and consider whether any revisions to those bills are necessary to ensure that the tax collection process works for Wyoming counties and for affected industries.

Priority #: 6 Agency Reports

The Committee will receive reports from state agencies as required by legislation and will consider and sponsor necessary legislation identified after reviewing the reports.

Priority #: 7 Permitting Process through the DEQ and compliance requirements by the agency for federal regulations

The Committee intends to receive testimony from the Department of Environmental Quality on the structure of the agency, the divisions within the agency and the federal laws and regulations each division has primacy over or for which each division has enforcement responsibility. The Committee also intends to receive a summary of the agency's rulemaking process specific to its oversight of federal laws and regulations. Additionally, the Committee plans to hear testimony on the permitting processes administered by the agency—including what recourse an individual has if receiving conflicting directives—and explore avenues for making these processes streamlined and more effective.

Labor, Health and Social Services Committee

Priority #: 1 Mental Health and Substance Abuse

The Committee will examine mental health and substance abuse issues to identify better health outcomes and savings to the State. As part of consideration of this topic, the Committee will appoint members to a joint subcommittee, also comprised of members appointed from the Joint Appropriations Committee. This joint subcommittee will seek to address mental health funding concerns and will consider: •Mental health workforce needs; •Suicide prevention; •Sources and structure of funding for prevention services, community services, and residential services for adolescents and adults, to include 1) funding for the Life Resource Center and State Hospital; 2)

provider reimbursement rates; and 3) streamlining reimbursement and delivery systems to ensure priority patients are receiving appropriate services; •Follow up on Department of Corrections (DOC) mental health and substance abuse issues in relation to reducing recidivism rates and improving the successful transitions for incarcerated individuals to community service providers upon release. Any legislation developed by the subcommittee shall be forwarded to the Joint Appropriations Committee or Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee consistent with the substantive jurisdiction and oversight role of each committee.

Priority #: 2 Telehealth

The Committee will examine options available to further utilize broadband and telehealth services to increase access to and reduce costs of healthcare services. The Committee will consider:

- Existing barriers to implementation of a robust telehealth system and develop legislation that may be necessary to eliminate those barriers;
- Availability of FCC and USDA funding for Wyoming Business Council Broadband Development Program grants, for broadband and telehealth services in rural areas;
- Options to assist small health care providers with IT resources;
- Integration of electronic health records into telehealth services, including a stroke registry.

Priority #: 3 High Costs of Health Care in Wyoming

The Committee will continue to examine options for addressing the high cost of health care in Wyoming. The Committee will:

- Identify options to address high fixed hospital capital expenses, including utilizing certificates of need or other means for addressing this issue;
- Follow up on the 2019 hospital and health care cost reports, including DOC health care expenditures, and cost of state employee group insurance;
- Consider the impacts of regulation and price transparency;
- Follow up on the report required under 2020 HB 0113 (Importation of prescription drugs–study).

Priority #: 4 Wyoming's Aging Population

The Committee will examine options to address the growing aging population in Wyoming. Among other proposals, the Committee will consider:

- Changes to Medicaid or community programs to support individuals in need of long-term care;
- Regulation of long-term care facilities, including financial viability and service availability, and rebasing of long-term care facility reimbursement rates;
- Existing long-term care workforce issues.

Priority #: 5 Responses to Federal Actions, Litigation and Reports from State Agencies

The Committee will respond to federal actions, litigation and reports from state agencies as follows:

- Monitor possible federal executive or court actions regarding but not limited to air ambulance services, electronic health records, the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (See *Texas v. United States*, 340 F. Supp. 3d 579 (N.D. Tex. 2018)), multiple employer welfare arrangements, health care sharing ministries, and Medicaid block grants;
- Receive updates on state health facilities and agency reports resulting from 2020 and 2019 legislation. Consider requests from agencies for statutory changes in response to federal actions, including possible changes to Department of Corrections statutory definitions;
- Follow up on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' actions regarding telehealth in response to COVID-19 pandemic. (See Priority #6 below);
- After-action report from agencies, providers and other stakeholders regarding necessary actions or statutory changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Priority #: 6 Global Review of Programs for Indigent Citizens

The Committee will review statutory programs in the Department of Health, the Department of Family Services, and other agencies to evaluate the cumulative effect of funding changes over the past five years on the indigent population and to determine whether any rebalancing is appropriate.

Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

Priority #: 1 Local Stakeholder Involvement in Policy and Decision-Making Process of Federal Agencies

The Committee will continue to work with local communities, stakeholders and federal agencies to better promote local involvement in federal policy decision-making that affects Wyoming. Previous efforts on this topic generated encouraging dialogue but have not resulted in sufficient substantive changes on a policy-implementation level for consistent and meaningful local involvement. The Committee intends to receive updates from the State's federal partners, including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service, and hear from county commissioners on their work on this issue. The Committee will also focus on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulatory changes and receive updates from the Department of Interior and the Governor's Office on the State taking a leading role in this process.

Priority #: 2 Federal Law Enforcement Jurisdiction

The Committee intends to receive testimony from federal agencies that operate within the State that have a law enforcement presence such as the BLM, the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This issue is before the Committee due to concerns expressed by constituents from across the state regarding the extent of federal law enforcement authority and jurisdiction. Issues to be addressed will include each federal agencies' interaction and relationship with local law enforcement, to include any memorandums of understanding (MOUs) that may be in place between these parties and the process through which the parties arrive upon an MOU. Issues of criminal procedure will also be addressed, for example the issuance of criminal citations and the proper venue for any resulting criminal case.

Priority #: 3 Government Updates

The Committee intends to receive updates from numerous government stakeholders relevant to the Committee's statutorily assigned areas of inquiry. The Committee hopes to hear testimony and review information provided by the Governor's Office, the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service relevant to: (a) wildlife migration corridors; (b) federal litigation regarding land management related issues; and (c) beetle infestation containment and remediation. In addition, the Committee will seek testimony regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on public access to and the use of public lands within the state.

Priority #: 4 Good Neighbor Authority

The Committee intends to review 2020 House Bill 58 (Good neighbor authority) and explore ways the bill's approach can be expanded to other applications. In doing so, the Committee will reach out to the following entities and request their input: (a) Office of State Lands and Investments; (b) Wyoming State Forestry Division; (c) Wyoming Weed and Pest Council (d) Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust; and (e) Wyoming Conservation Districts.