

Ways for Citizens to Track and Engage in Budget Issues During the WY Legislative Session





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He's been doing the same job for twenty years
getting worse every term.
Answer: It's not you.

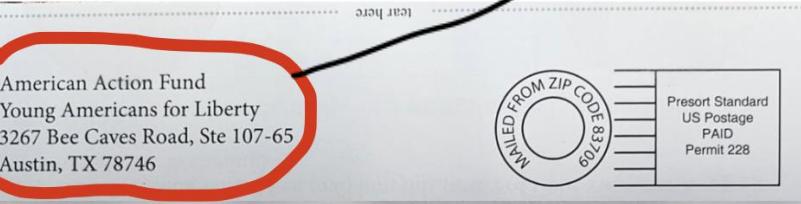
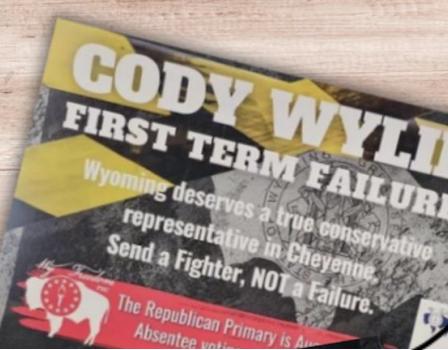
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TOP HANDS 58% 36 OF 62 REPRESENTATIVES	FENCE-SITTERS 6% 4 OF 62 REPRESENTATIVES	CLOWNS 36% 22 OF 62 REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE DISTRICT 58 BILL ALLEMAND
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HIGH INTEGRITY
Lawmaker Scorecard

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in Wyoming, Lloyd Charles Larsen!

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How Do You Get Info/Know What's in the Budget?

Be up-to-date on Wyoming news – skim/read on-line/local sources WyoFile & Cowboy State Daily; make sure you review opinion pieces to assess “hot” topics.



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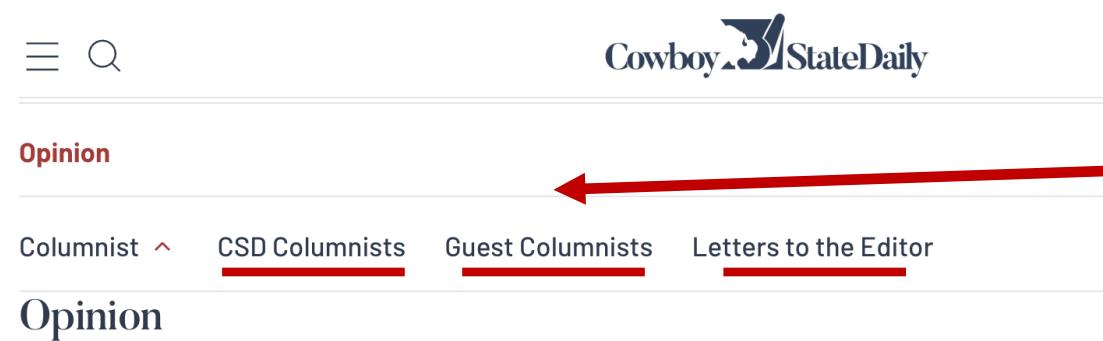
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Tracking fast-paced and wonky budget votes and amendments is hard even for lobbyists who are there in person! Get an Insider!

**Sign Up for Email/Text Alerts from an Organization
that covers the issues you're interested in**

Education: WY Education Association

Elections/Voting: ESPC

Public lands & wildlife: WY Wildlife Federation

Health Care: Healthy Wyoming

Variety of Issues

WY Woman's Foundation - education, health, child care, etc.

Better Wyoming – schools, health & more

Tax issues: WY Taxpayers Association - weekly updates on website

Tips for Engaging w/ Legislators

Engage now – before the session!

- Invite your rep to coffee, pull together with other friends
- Send an email – gets their attention more vs busy session/hundreds of emails

During Session – many ways!

- Emails, Texts, Calls
- Testify remotely on-line
- Visit Cheyenne: testify in person, visit with legislators in lobby, or at receptions

Attend Cheyenne orientation/group opportunity:

- Camo at the Capitol (WWF & others): Feb. 12
- League of Woman Voters Action Day: Feb. 9 - 10



Tips for Messaging to Legislators

- Be respectful, dress decent, never lie, thank them (being emotional doesn't help)
- Be timely & specific – list bill number, name of bill, your request (support/no)
- Be concise – they are crazy busy, limited time
- When visiting in person/more time: ask for their thoughts, listen

My 3-Sentence Rule for Effective Emails

ALWAYS SEND FROM YR OWN EMAIL, NOT THROUGH AN ONLINE SERVICE OR FORM EMAILS!!!!!!

- 1) ID who you are in connection to that person/Wyoming resident/on the topic (committee).
- 2) State your position/request.
- 3) Add in personal connection/story/your values to support your position.

Other: Thank them! Put concise message in subject line.

Example Email

To: Sen. Cale Case, Rep. Lloyd Larsen

Subject: pls support maternal health funding

- 1) *I'm writing as your constituent living in Fremont County outside of Lander.*
- 2) *Please vote for an increase in funding for maternity and OB services in the Department of Health's budget.*
- 3) *We need to maintain our labor-and-delivery units in our local hospitals so that young families will stay in and thrive in Wyoming.*

Thanks for your service.

Steff Kessler



HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Wyoming Legislature



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BUDGET SESSION VERSION

INTRODUCTION VOTE

Requires 2/3rds
Majority

START

First Chamber
(Senate or
House)

FIRST READING

Bill is
introduced.

STANDING COMMITTEE

A committee
reviews the bill.

GENERAL FILE

Bill awaits
debate.

SECOND READING

The bill can be
amended, moved,
and voted on.

THIRD READING

If a majority
of the elected
vote "aye", the
bill passes to
the second
chamber!

NEXT

Second Chamb
(House or
Senate)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The chamber
debates the bill

GENERAL FILE

Bill awaits
debate.

FIRST READING

Bill is
introduced.

NEXT

If passed through
all stages, the
bill is sent
to the
governor!

POSSIBLE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

THIRD READING

If a majority
of the elected
vote "aye", the
bill moves on!

SECOND READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The chamber
debates the bill

STANDING COMMITTEE

A committee
reviews the bill.

Key Timelines/Events for 2026 Budget Session

aka “Fast & Furious” or “Kill Bill”

Monday Feb. 9	Tuesday Feb 10	Wednesday Feb 11	Thursday Feb 12	Friday Feb 13
10 am start: State of State & speeches; 2 pm intro votes start	More intro votes on non-budget bills	More intro votes on non-budget bills	Budget introduced & explained to body of House: COW	Continued explanation of budget bill
	Committee mtgs (on-going)	By end of day: all bills filed/public		Death Day: bill get 2/3rds vote or dead
Monday Feb. 16	Tuesday Feb 17	Wednesday Feb 18	Thursday Feb 19	Friday Feb 20
Session work & prep budget amendments	Budget Bill – 2 nd Reading  nite	Session work, more amendments	3 rd (final) Reading on Budget  nite	
Third Week: bills worked, budget sent other house, conference committee appointed Gov. vetos, etc. votes				
Fourth Week: bills finished, conference reports & votes; Gov. vetos, override votes				Friday March 6
				Last day bill to Gov

Day 21: Wednesday March 11: Potential Veto Overrides; Adjourn by Midnight

One of the Best State
Legislative Resources:
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