

Wyoming State Legislature Management Council 200 W 24th St. Cheyenne, WY 82002

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Dear President Driskill, Speaker Sommers, and members of Management Council,

The Equality State Policy Center (ESPC) is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)3 organization focused on fair elections and transparent government in support of all of Wyoming communities. ESPC is a coalition with pillar organizations in Labor, Conservation, and Social Justice areas.

Many of those organizations have policy staff and lobbyists to further their mission and vision through advocacy. These organizations span years of experience with the Legislature and have been noticing some troubling interim trends: (1) committees in the interim straying from their assigned topics and (2) agendas and materials not ready in advance for the public to adequately participate.

We, as a coalition, request that the Management Council consider these trends as they approach the 2024 interim session. We also kindly ask that you consider setting a deadline for agendas and materials to be publicly posted and noticed for all interim committees (standing, select, and task forces). We suggest the meeting agenda be posted at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. We recommend all pertinent materials, including draft bills, staff memos, and agency presentations be posted to the website 10 days in advance of the scheduled meeting start date. This provides time for committee members, presenters, and public attendees to adequately review materials and prepare.

We continue to support and ask that you maintain your current policy to allow remote participation via the Legislature's Zoom system for testimony and comments during all interim committee meetings this coming interim session.

Your dedication to managing the diverse array of interim topics across multiple committees is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your hard work and thoughtful consideration in navigating this complex process over the coming months.

Sincerely,

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On Behalf of The Equality State Policy Center Coalition