

JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB0001            General government appropriations-2.

**HB0001JC001**

Adopt the following House amendments:

HB0001H2010/A

HB0001H2012.01/AC

HB0001H2026/A

HB0001H2028/A

HB0001H3025/A

HB0001H3026/A

Adopt the following Senate amendments:

SF0001S2007.01/AC

SF0001S3007/A

SF0001S3013/A

Delete the following House amendments:

HB0001H2001/A

HB0001H2007/A

HB0001H2009/AC

HB0001H2017/A

HB0001H2022/A

HB0001H2023/A

HB0001H2035/A

HB0001H2039/A

HB0001H3001/A

HB0001H3004/A

HB0001H3009/A

HB0001H3011/A

HB0001H3014/A

HB0001H3018/A

HB0001H3022/A

HB0001H3023/A

HB0001H3024/A

HB0001H3027/A

Delete the following Senate amendments:

SF0001S2015/A

SF0001S2018/A

SF0001S2019/A

SF0001S2020.01/AC

SF0001S2021.01/AC

SF0001S2021.02/AC  
SF0001S3001/A  
SF0001S3005/AC  
SF0001S3008/A  
SF0001S3012/A  
SF0001S3016/A  
SF0001S3018/A  
SF0001S3019/A

Further amend the copy as follows:

- Page 1-line 10           After "budget;" insert "creating a cryptocurrency staking program and advisory council;".
- Page 1-line 11           Delete "recreating an advisory task force;".
- Page 4-line 4            Delete ", 4.".
- Page 4-line 5            Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "30,000".
- Page 4-line 10           Delete "Clean Coal Technology" and insert "Clean Coal Technology"; under GENERAL FUND decrease amount by "1,250,000"; under OTHER FUNDS increase amount by "1,250,000 S13".
- Page 5-lines 17 through 20   Delete entirely.
- Page 15-line 10          After "Wyoming." delete balance of line.
- Page 15-lines 11 through 14   Delete entirely.
- Page 15-line 15          After "purpose." insert "It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the military department's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium and that the military department submit an exception request for the operation and administration of the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.".
- Page 18-line 9           Under GENERAL FUND decrease amount by "72,922".
- Page 19-line 2           Decrease Full Time positions by "1".

Page 26-line 5 Under GENERAL FUND decrease amount by "16,755".

Page 26-line 7 After "8." insert ", 9.".

Page 26-line 8 Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "90,052".

Page 26-line 23 After "Time" insert "9."; increase Full Time positions by "1".

Page 28-after line 24 Insert:

"9. It is the intent of the legislature that of this general fund appropriation, ninety thousand fifty-two dollars (\$90,052.00) shall only be expended to support one (1) full-time, authorized position in the cultural resources division."

Page 37-line 10 After "9." insert ", 12.".

Page 37-line 11 Under FEDERAL FUNDS increase amount by "12,004,546".

Page 37-after line 12 Under OTHER FUNDS increase amount by "12,004,546 S10".

Page 42-after line 14 Insert:

"12. (a) For units with appropriations from federal funds and other funds (S10) in the health care financing division, for the amounts and units specified in this footnote, it is the intent of the legislature that the department of health submit exception requests to fund the programs in these units from federal funds and the general fund for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium:

(i) One million four hundred seventy-six thousand seven hundred three dollars (\$1,476,703.00)FF and one million four hundred seventy-six thousand seven hundred three dollars (\$1,476,703.00)S10 for the out of home placements-children unit;

(ii) Three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$375,000.00)FF and three hundred seventy-five thousand

dollars (\$375,000.00)S10 for the optional services-adult unit;

(iii) Six million seventy-six thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$6,076,469.00)FF and six million seventy-six thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$6,076,469.00)S10 for the comprehensive waiver unit;

(iv) Four million seventy-six thousand three hundred seventy-four dollars (\$4,076,374.00)FF and four million seventy-six thousand three hundred seventy-four dollars (\$4,076,374.00)S10 for the adult services unit."

Page 43-line 8           After "5." insert ", 6.".

Page 43-line 9           Under FEDERAL FUNDS increase amount by "145,128".

Page 43-after line 11    Under OTHER FUNDS increase amount by "384,558 S10".

Page 44-after line 18    Insert:

"6. It is the intent of the legislature that the department of family services submit exception requests to fund programs in the local services unit specified in this footnote for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium in the amount of one hundred forty-five thousand one hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$145,128.00)FF and three hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$384,558.00)S10. These appropriations are intended to reflect one-half (1/2) of the provider payment reductions for family foster care subsidies, adoption and guardianship subsidies, group home rate reductions and residential treatment center rate reductions."

Page 49-line 5           Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "106,280".

Page 49-line 6           After "Aid" insert "2.".

Page 49-line 7           Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "8,000,000".

Page 49-line 23          Increase Full Time positions by "1".

Page 50-after line 4     Insert:

"2. It is the intent of the legislature that of this general fund appropriation, eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) not be included in the community college commission's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 51-line 4           After "5." insert ", 6.".

Page 51-line 5           Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "250,000".

Page 53-after line 18    Insert:

"6. Of this general fund appropriation, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) is appropriated to address administrative and compliance issues relating to land exchanges or sales. This appropriation may be expended on land appraisals, environmental analyses or other necessary actions to complete land exchanges or sales on or adjacent to the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests. No expenditure shall be made from this appropriation until approved by the board of land commissioners. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the office of state lands and investments' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 56-line 4           After "4." insert ", 10.".

Page 56-line 5           Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "8,000,000".

Page 63-after line 11    Insert:

"10. It is the intent of the legislature that of this general fund appropriation, eight million dollars (\$8,000,000.00) not be included in the University of Wyoming's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 66-line 15          Under GENERAL FUND increase amount by "186,775".

Page 67-line 7           Increase Full Time positions by "6".

Page 71-line 12          Delete "8" and insert "8".

Page 96-line 2 Delete "(n)" and insert "(p)".

Page 96-line 3 After "311(a)," insert "313(g)(x) and by creating a new subsection (j),"; after "314(b)" insert "(ii)".

Page 96-line 4 After "(c)" insert "(ii)"; after "creating" delete "a new Section 339" and insert "new sections 339 and 340".

Page 96-line 11 Delete "fifty-".

Page 96-line 12 Delete entirely.

Page 96-line 13 Delete "dollars (\$57,868,521.00)" and insert "forty-nine million six hundred sixty-eight thousand five hundred twenty-one dollars (\$49,668,521.00)".

Page 97-after line 10 Insert:

"(o) If the unappropriated fund balance of the budget reserve account on June 30, 2022 is less than one hundred thirteen million one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$113,185,000.00), the state auditor shall transfer up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the budget reserve account to bring the unappropriated fund balance of the budget reserve account to one hundred thirteen million one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$113,185,000.00).

(p) Not later than May 1, 2021 and again on October 15, 2021, the state auditor shall transfer the balance of the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account as follows:

(i) Fifty percent (50%) to the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund;

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) to the common school account within the permanent land fund."

Page 99-after line 2 Insert:

"[SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION]"

**Section 313.**

(g) The following amounts are appropriated from the school capital construction account to the school facilities commission for the following purposes:

(x) For other school building and facility priorities, ~~twelve million four hundred ninety five thousand seventy dollars (\$12,495,070.00)~~ four million two hundred ninety-five thousand seventy dollars (\$4,295,070.00), subject to the following prescribed maximum amounts:

School District	Project	Maximum Amount
Teton #1	Middle School Design	\$363,804
Teton #1	Middle School Construction	\$2,099,657
Fremont #25	Assorted Design	\$273,941
Fremont #25	Assorted Construction	\$1,557,668
Fremont #25	High School Auditorium	\$8,200,000
Total		\$12,495,070
		\$4,295,070

(j) There is appropriated eight million two hundred thousand dollars (\$8,200,000.00) from qualifying capital construction grant funds allocated to the state under section 604, coronavirus capital projects fund, of the American Rescue Plan Act, P.L. 117-2, to the state construction department for Fremont County School District #25 for construction of a high school auditorium. The state construction department, on behalf of Fremont County School District #25, shall submit a grant application to secure those funds as may be available."

Page 99-lines 8 through 26 Delete entirely and insert:

"(b) On April 1, 2021, the state auditor shall transfer the unexpended, unobligated balance of the one percent severance tax account as follows:

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) to the legislative stabilization reserve account. On April 16, 2021, the state auditor shall transfer the amount deposited to the legislative stabilization reserve account under this paragraph to the common school account within the permanent land fund.

(c) As soon as practicable after the end of fiscal year 2022, the state auditor shall transfer the unexpended,

unobligated balance of the one percent severance tax account, including all accrued revenue for fiscal year 2022, as follows:

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) to the ~~legislative stabilization reserve account~~ common school account within the permanent land fund."

Page 100-lines 12 through 28 Delete entirely.

Pages 101 through 103 Delete entirely.

Page 104-lines 1 through 25 Delete entirely.

Page 104-after line 25 Insert:

"[UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING CRYPTOCURRENCY STAKING PROGRAM]

**Section 340.**

(a) There is appropriated four million dollars (4,000,000.00) from the strategic investments and projects account to the University of Wyoming to operate and maintain nodes and staking pools for not less than three (3) publicly tradeable cryptocurrencies. The university shall only expend funds appropriated under this section in accordance with a final, approved plan required by subsection (c) of this section. The university shall provide public access to the staking pools and nodes and facilitate operation of the blockchains. Fees and revenues generated from the operation of the nodes and staking pools shall first be expended to cover any costs of operation and administration. All fees and revenues generated in excess of the costs of operation and administration shall be deposited in the strategic investments and projects account up to four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) and thereafter shall be expended to support blockchain programs and activities at the university and community colleges throughout the state. Expenditure of the funds appropriated from the strategic investments and projects account by this section is conditioned upon a match of funds in the ratio of one dollar (\$1.00) of appropriated funds to not less than two dollars (\$2.00) of matching funds from the university's unobligated reserve accounts or from any private entity donating funds or cryptocurrency for this purpose. The state treasurer shall make transfers to the university under this section not later than the end of the calendar quarter following the quarter during which the



matching funds are received by the university. For the purpose of calculating the matching amount only, the state treasurer shall use the value of any donated cryptocurrency based on its fair market value at the time the donation is received by the university. The university is authorized to expend not more than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from its unobligated reserve accounts for matching funds. The appropriation from the strategic investments and projects account shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

(b) The cryptocurrency advisory council is hereby created and shall be comprised of:

(i) The co-chairmen of the select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology who shall co-chair the cryptocurrency advisory council;

(ii) The Wyoming chief investment officer or his designee;

(iii) Three (3) members appointed by the governor with relevant knowledge and expertise in cryptocurrencies and blockchain technology who are not serving as liaisons to the select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the president of the University of Wyoming.

(c) The university shall develop a plan for operation of the program established by subsection (a) of this section. The plan shall be submitted to the cryptocurrency advisory council for review and, after review, shall be submitted to the governor for approval. All decisions relating to program operation shall be overseen by the advisory council.

(d) Meeting facilities, secretarial or clerical assistance, supplies and other assistance as the advisory council may require in the performance of its duties shall be provided by the University of Wyoming.

(e) The University of Wyoming and the cryptocurrency advisory council shall report to the joint appropriations committee and select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology on the status

and development of the program created by this section not later than October 1, 2021."

To the extent required: adjust totals; and renumber as necessary. NICHOLAS, KINNER, LARSEN, SCHWARTZ, WALTERS, PERKINS, GIERAU, HICKS, KINSKEY, STEINMETZ