

**Bill No.:** HB0121 **Effective:** **Immediately**

**LSO No.:** **21LSO-0400**

**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0073

**Chapter No.:** 140

**Prime Sponsor:** Joint Appropriations Committee

**Catch Title:** **State funded capital construction.**

**Subject:** Appropriations, authorizations, and related provisions for state funded capital construction.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act creates the Capital Square Preservation Account.
- This act provides funding for state construction projects, including community college projects and other state agency projects, in the following amounts:
  - **\$12,000,000** in General Funds;
  - **\$16,895,000** in Federal Funds;
  - **\$37,001,845** in Other Funds; and
  - Up to \$103,405,740 in private funds, federal American Rescue Plan funds, or a combination thereof.
- This act appropriates **\$6,000,000** from the General Fund to the University of Wyoming (University) for design and construction of projects selected by the University Board of Trustees to be matched in a ratio of \$1.00 General Fund to \$1.00 other funds.
- This act authorizes the Northern Wyoming Community College District to accept the transfer of ownership of two (2) facilities to be used to house a construction technology program.
- This act authorizes the Central Wyoming Community College (CWC) to purchase not more than five (5) acres in Teton County, Wyoming to be used as the site for the CWC Jackson Outreach Center.
- This act reappropriates up to \$1,880,000 of unexpended, unobligated funds from 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 136, Section 4(a)(i), as amended by 2019 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 205, Section 2, from the Maghee Building remodel to the Emerson Building remodel for the Department of Family Services.
- This act appropriates **\$20,000** for the Strategic Investments and Projects Account (SIPA) for the continuation of the Casper State Office Building Advisory Task Force.
  - Of this appropriation, \$10,000 is appropriated to the Legislative Service Office and \$10,000 is appropriated to the State Construction Department for the purposes of supporting the advisory task force.

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- This act creates a subcommittee with three (3) members of the Legislature's Management Council and three (3) members of the State Building Commission to jointly oversee development of the design plans and construction of the interpretive exhibits and wayfinding in the Capitol, Capitol Extension, and the Herschler Building and requires a report to Management Council and the State Building Commission.
- This act appropriates **\$2,000,000** SIPA to the Capitol Square Preservation Account which is further appropriated to the State Construction Department for design and construction of interpretive exhibits and a wayfinding system and signage determined in conjunction with the subcommittee.
- This act authorizes private revenue, including federal funds 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 be used for higher education projects in amounts specified. The Governor, in conjunction with the State Construction Department shall submit applications to secure available funds and shall require matching funds in an appropriate ratio when submitting applications.

**Comments:**

- This act is effective immediately.
- This act appropriates \$10,000 SIPA to LSO.
- This act reinstates an advisory task force.
- This act creates a subcommittee with three (3) legislative members.
- This bill requires a report to Management Council.
- Popular name; “State Capital Construction Bill.”

*The Governor vetoed the subcommittee's construction oversight and final decision authority for Capitol preservation activities resulting in the approvals over these domains to reside with the executive branch.*

*The Governor also vetoed the requirement to submit grant applications for federal American Rescue Plan Act funding for higher education facilities, making the submissions permissive.*

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