

# WYOMING TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION ACTION ALERT



Legislative Summary – Week Seven – Friday, February 25, 2011

Week seven of the 2011 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature brings us near the end of the session. Friday was the last day for bills to get off of general file in the second house, and subsequently, Monday is the last day for bills to get off second reading, and Tuesday, the last day for bills to pass third reading. Monday is the last day for joint committee meetings to discuss interim topics. As such, Management Council will meet Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, upon adjournment, to assign interim topics.

Many bills are heading to conference committees to work out differences between the House and the Senate. Notably, the joint conference committee on the supplemental budget bill worked out a compromise starting with the Senate at \$346,135.00 and the House at \$6M (refer to WTA's Week Six Legislative Summary for a table of major areas of difference). Overall, the conference committee added \$40.660M to the original proposed supplemental budget of \$215M for a total of \$255.66M. WTA will have a full analysis of the entire budget next week. The following table illustrates the major areas of compromise:

Issue	House	Senate	Compromise
Local Fire Districts	\$1M		\$1M
Employee Compensation			\$600,000 from existing funds
Railroad Quiet Zones		-\$3M	-\$1M
Developmental Disabilities		\$2,246,135.00	0
Governor's Residence		\$1M	\$450,000.00
Ethanol Credit	\$3M		\$1M
Critical Access Rural Hospitals	\$2M		\$1M
Health Care Grants		\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6M</b>	<b>\$346,135.00</b>	<b>\$1,550,000.00</b>

## BILLS OF INTEREST THIS WEEK

**HB 147 – EXCISE TAX – VENDOR COMPENSATION** – Provides a credit to vendors for the collection and payment of sales and use tax. The engrossed version of the bill provides a credit of 1.95% if the amount of the tax remitted is less than or equal to \$6,250.00/month. If the monthly tax remitted is more than \$6,250, the credit is 1% with a monthly maximum of \$1,000. All direct payors are still included in the bill, but would be subject to the \$1,000 monthly cap. **The bill passed the House with a vote of 54-6 on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and an affirmative voice vote on Senate General File on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. A standing committee amendment was adopted to provide \$165,000 for DOR to administer the bill. HB 147 bill be on Senate second reading on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**WTA supports this bill.**

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**WTA MEMBERS, PLEASE NOTE – WTA WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE POLICY MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**WHERE:** 2120 CAREY AVE., CHEYENNE, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

**WHEN:** 2:00 PM

**WHY:** TO DISCUSS TIMELY LEGISLATIVE POLICY ISSUES, SUMMARY OF BILLS, AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WTA POLICY DIRECTION.

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**ALL WTA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.**

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2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION - Tentative schedule  
(37 day schedule – Recess on President's Day)

Day 1 Tuesday, January 11 Session convenes.

Day 12 Wednesday, January 26 Last day for Senate Files to be submitted to LSO for introduction. (noon)

Day 15 Monday, January 31 Last day for House Bills to be submitted to LSO for introduction. (noon)

Day 19 Friday, February 4 Last day for bills to be reported out of Committee in house of origin.

Day 20 Monday, February 7 Last day for Committee of the Whole in house of origin.

Day 21 Tuesday, February 8 Last day for Second Reading in house of origin.

Day 22 Wednesday, February 9 Last day for Third Reading on Bills in house of origin.

**Monday, February 21 President's Day Recess**

Day 32 Thursday, February 24 Last day for bills to be reported out of Committee in second house.

Day 33 Friday, February 25 Last day for Committee of the Whole on bills in the second house.

Day 34 Monday, February 28 Last day for Second Reading on bills in the second house.

Day 35 Tuesday, March 1 Last day for Third Reading on bills in the second house.

Day 36 Wednesday, March 2 Concurrence on Amendments/Joint Conference Committee Reports.

Day 37 Thursday, March 3 Joint Conference Committee Reports; All JCC Reports due to Front Desk by 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURN by Midnight.

Friday, Monday, and Tuesday - March 4, 7 and 8 are available if necessary.