# 2020 SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

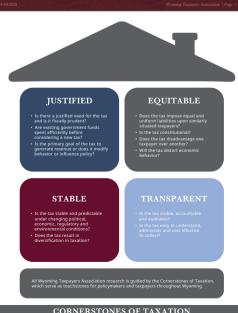


# 26 PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

2020 TO DATE, THE WTA PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS AND ANALYSES, AND ADVOCATED FOR THE FOLLOWING SENSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO TAX POLICY.







# **Wyoming Property Taxation**

County-by-County report detailing the assessed value and mill levies for all Wyoming taxation jurisdictions. The publication also includes a special district report with detailed accounts on each type of district, limits affecting taxing authority and location. This booklet is one of the most referenced and sought-after tax documents in Wyoming.

# **Wyoming Tax Summary & How Wyoming Compares**

A quick reference guide to Wyoming state and local government taxes. Each section includes the tax base, rate, exemptions, collection procedures, distribution revenue and government agency contacts. This resource has been referred to as the "Tax Bible" by Wyoming legislators and is not available in any other format. How Wyoming Compares - Wyoming's revenues and expenditures are compared to the other 49 states. We update on even numbered years.

# **Tax Roundup Newsletter - Monthly Publication**

WTA's monthly newsletter is considered invaluable by members as being the most timely, concise and accurate information source on Wyoming taxation and government. Topics covered in newsletters include state and local revenue and spending trends and analysis, state economic reports, legislative updates, streamlined tax initiatives, among others. This newsletter is sent electronically to all members, legislators, and key stakeholders.

## **WTA Website**

An updated www.wyotax.org provides information about our organization, membership, research and advocacy, along with the latest news in tax policy. Key metrics include over 20,000 page views and 50,000 hits a month.

## **Breaking the Pace**

# **Cost of Services**

A Twenty-Year Review of Tax Reform 2000

**Wyoming Demographics & Expenditures** 

**WTA Statement on Federal CARES Act & Wyoming Action** 

Tax Criteria Matrix

**CREG Update - January** 

**CREG Update - April** 

**CREG Update - Pacing Report - July** 

**CREG Update - October** 





# SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS, STATE & FEDERAL OUTREACH



# 2 SUPPORTED BILLS

- HB 0063 Fuel tax. Failed
- Supported passage of HB 0134 Wyoming tourism account funding. Passed
- Supported passage of HB 0171 Wyoming gaming commission. Passed
- HB 0225 Gaming governance. Failed
- HB 0234 Gaming regulation. Failed



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# **OPPOSED BILLS**

- Opposed HB 0064 National corporate tax recapture. Failed
- Opposed HB 0071 Wyoming public safety communications system funding.
- Opposed HB 0159 Monthly payments of ad valorem tax on mineral production. Passed
- Opposed HB 0147 Wyoming income tax act. Failed
- Opposed HB 0179 Electricity taxation generation. Failed
- Opposed HB 0186 K-12 local government structural deficit repair act. Failed
- Opposed HJ0004 Legislative sessions. Failed









# **Legislative Committee Meetings**

- · Management Council
- Joint Appropriations
- loint Revenue
- Joint Education
- Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources
- Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions
- Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs
- Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development
- Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments
- Select Committee on Coal/Mineral Bankruptcies
- Select Committee on Community College Funding
- Select Committee on School Facilities
- Select Committee on School Finance Recalibration
- Select Committee on Community College Funding
- Select Committee on Legislative Facilities, Technology & Process
- Hosted 3 Interim Legislative Receptions

# 2020 Legislative Budget Session Receptions

- Associated General Contractors of Wyoming
- · Wyoming Business Alliance
- Wyoming Mining Association
- Wyoming County Commissioners Association
- Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association
- Wyoming Capitol Club
- Governor's Prayer Breakfast
- Wyoming Stock Growers Association
- · Leap into Leadership
- American Legislative Exchange Council
- Ciner Breakfast
- · Petroleum Association of Wyoming
- Hosted 2 Toast and Taxes Legislative Receptions

# 2020 Candidate Questionnaire

# State Outreach

- · Governor's Office
- Secretary of State
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- · Treasurer's Office
- · Auditor's Office
- Wyoming Economic Analysis Division
- Wyoming Department of Revenue
- State Budget Office
- · Legislative Service Office
- University of Wyoming
- Wyoming Department of Education
- Wyoming Business Council
- WYDOT Road User Charge Working Group
- Wyoming Office of Tourism
- Wyoming Energy Authority

### **Federal Outreach**

- Visit with Federal Delegation Representatives
- · Visit with Senator Barrasso in Washington, D.C.





# **ADVOCACY**

## **Public Outreach**

#### Conferences

- National Taxpayer Conference (NTC)
  - Tax Foundation Seminar
  - State Tax Working Group Meetings
- Council on State Taxation Conference (COST)
- · Wyoming Governor's Business Forum

#### **Presentations**

- Council on State Taxation (COST), Regional Presenter
- Wyoming Stock Growers Winter Conference, Casper
- Wyoming County Commissioners Associations Winter Conference, Buffalo
- Wyoming Working Together Regional Conferences
   Wyoming Economic Development Association, Wyoming State
   Chamber of Commerce and Wyoming Main Streets
  - Gillette
  - Thermopolis
  - Pinedale
  - Laramie
  - Rock Springs
  - Casper
- Powell Economic Partnership
- Pulse Rock Springs
- Idea Inc. Riverton
- Wyoming Society of Account Executives
- Uinta County Economic Development
- Sweetwater Economic Development Coalition
- Tax Club
- · Cody Chamber of Commerce
- · Sheridan Chamber of Commerce
- The Nature Conservancy
- LCCC Career Pathways Class











# Research

Our research is the backbone to our high-quality resources, with the goal of supporting a high-level public dialogue on tax and fiscal issues.



## **Educate**

We believe information is power. We have a duty to educate Wyoming's citizens about Wyoming's tax base and how equitable solutions to tax issues can benefit all taxpayers.



### **Advocate**

WTA advocates public policies that make sense for a healthy Wyoming economy. Ultimately, we are the voice of the taxpayer.



# **MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT**

# **WTA Events**

- WTA & Tax Foundation presents: The CARES Act for the State of Wyoming Webinar
- WTA & WyomingPBS presents: A Twenty-Year Review of Tax Reform 2000 Forum
- WTA & WvomingPBS presents: 83rd Wyoming Taxpayers Association Annual Meeting
- Toast & Taxes
- **Interim Legislative Receptions**
- Legislative Policy Committee Meetings
- Legislative Policy Committee Receptions

#### Communication



Face to face meetings receptions and calling campaigns



Updated website www.wyotax.org



Twitter 323% growth @wyotax



Local, state & national references in news



Industry site visits



Facebook 593% growth @wyomingtaxpayersassociation



83rd Wyoming Taxpayers Association Annual Meeting

\$50 Member / \$100 Non-Memb

ANNUAL MEETING SESSION (LIVE via Zoom) Wednesday, November 4, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

1. Welcome, WTA President Bobby Rolston & WTA Executive Director Ability Harpstreith
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Oil & Gas



Renewables



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