



## Consensus Revenue Estimating Group Wyoming State Government Revenue Forecast *Fiscal Years 2025 – 2030*

The Consensus Revenue Estimating Group (CREG) released its *January 2025 Wyoming State Government Revenue Forecast for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 - 2030* on Monday, January 13, 2025. The report was presented to the Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

CREG made four revisions to the revenue forecast it released in October. Co-Chairman Don Richards reported to JAC the first revision was decreasing the projected oil price for calendar year (CY) 2025 from \$70 per barrel down to \$65 per barrel. This slight modification impacts three revenue streams for the state: severance taxes, federal mineral royalties (FMRs), and ad valorem taxes. The second revision CREG made was to increase forecast production of oil for CY 2026 by one million barrels, to a total of 105 million barrels. The third modification by CREG was merely an accounting one, which updated the beginning balances of the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund and the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund. The final revision was a reduction in state royalties due to a decrease in coal and oil production occurring on state lands.

While CREG made no changes to the sales and use tax forecast, co-chairman Richards cautioned that the year-over-year decreases in collections from the utilities and mining sectors are leading to weakness in overall collections.

Overall, the revisions to the CREG revenue forecast will leave the 68<sup>th</sup> Legislature with \$11.55 million less revenue to appropriate for the supplemental budget; it is important to note that this change does not directly impact the General Fund or the Budget Reserve Account on LSO's fiscal profile but actually shows up in the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account due to statutory fund transfers. On the other hand, the School Foundation Program Account is projected to have \$32.7 million less revenues for the current fiscal biennium.