

# Transportation Committee

## 2021 Interim Planning – Proposed Interim Topics

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### Representative Burkhart, Jr, Chairman

**Proposed Interim Topic: Oregon Trail State Veteran's Cemetery Buffer Zone**

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

Look at options to protect the Oregon Trail State Veteran's Cemetery (in Natrona County) from encroachment.

**Expected goal or result:**

Consider options to protect the Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery buffer areas on the south and west sides from possible encroachment of development projects on the cemetery side of the river.

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

The Military Department is prepared to do the bulk of the work and present options to the committee on ways to protect the cemetery.

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

The Military Department will bring background information for the committee.

**Proposed Interim Topic: State Sponsored Recruiting and Retention Initiatives**

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

2. Study state-sponsored recruiting and retention programs to further incentivize service in the Wyoming National Guard. End strength remains the number one priority of the Wyoming Military Department because fully filled formations are required to execute state and federal missions. Improving strength protects current missions while enhancing Wyoming to compete for future missions. Ideas from the force include incentives for Wyoming employers who hire and retain Wyoming Guardsmen, travel subsidies for WY Guardsmen living in and traveling from other states, childcare support for dual military families and single parent Guardsmen, and a cash recruit referral program.

**Expected goal or result:**

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Identify 1-3 additional ways for the State to incentivize recruiting and retention of WY Guardsmen.

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

The Military Department will bring several options to the committee for consideration.

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

The Military Department will provide background information.

### N/A-Topic requested by legislator

**Proposed Interim Topic: Oversight of Military Department - sexual harrasment lawsuits and claims**

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

Provide oversight over lawsuits and EEOC claims -- perhaps engaging a neutral agency, such as the Department of Workforce Services, to report to the Transportation/Military Affairs Committee.

**Expected goal or result:**

Bill providing for oversight.

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

2-3 hours

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

A few high profile sexual harrasment cases have been filed that the Committee should review.

### Senator Landen, Chairman

**Proposed Interim Topic: Long-Term Funding Options for WyoLink**

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

We ask the committee to prioritize evaluating funding options for WyoLink, the state's interoperable emergency communication system. The recommendations would be brought by a collaborative working group facilitated by the Wyoming County Commissioners Association with participation by a myriad of stakeholders including county commissioners, WYDOT, law enforcement, current and future users, and others.

**Expected goal or result:**

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Whereas WyoLink is a fundamentally necessary system to state and local emergency response and the safety of our communities, the goal of this topic would be to evaluate all options presented to fund the ongoing maintenance and operation of the system and implement a long-term funding solution.

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

2-3 hours

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

N/A

### Representative Burkhart, Jr, Chairman

**Proposed Interim Topic:** Review authorized uses and evaluate statutory structure for the administration and oversight of the County Road Construction and Maintenance Fund as described in Wy. Stat. 24-2-110.

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

We ask the committee to prioritize the review of Wy. Stat. 24-2-110, specifically the authorized uses in section a and the administration and oversight of the fund.

**Expected goal or result:**

Counties would like the legislature to review the authorized uses of the funding stream outlined in 24-2-110 with the ultimate goal of possibly updating the authorized uses to give counties the ability to construct and maintain county roads in the most efficient and flexible way possible.

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

2 hours

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

N/A

### Senator Landen, Chairman

**Proposed Interim Topic:** Temporary delegation of parental authority

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

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No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

This temporary delegation is something other states have done, and would particularly benefit our military families, who can be split apart overnight with deployment, etc.

**Expected goal or result:**

This could lead to legislation to develop an instrument that spells out temporary designations and gives parents the assurances already agreed upon.

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

One hour at one meeting

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

Work closely with the military department, but also receive testimony from family legal representatives.

**Proposed Interim Topic: Telecommunicator-CPR**

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**Related to 2021 legislation:**

No

**Recommended priorities Committee should consider:**

The American Heart Association urges the Wyoming legislature’s joint interim Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee to adopt this issue and opportunity (Telecommunicator-CPR as a priority.

**Expected goal or result:**

Telecommunicator CPR can save more lives from out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. “A telecommunicator who effectively engages the caller, identifies the cardiac arrest, and coaches effective CPR could double or triple the chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest,” said statement author Michael Kurz, M.D., associate professor of the departments of emergency medicine and surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. “Through these actions, the telecommunicator can make the difference between life and death.”

**Estimated Committee time for topic:**

3 hours

**Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:**

AHA will provide authoritative resources to the committee during its interim consideration. This link provides information relevant to the issue that will inform the decision-making process.

<https://newsroom.heart.org/news/telecommunicator-cpr-can-save-more-lives-from-out-of-hospital-cardiac-arrest>