

Education Committee

2021 Interim Planning – Proposed Interim Topics

Senator Ellis

Proposed Interim Topic: Foreign Language

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of foreign language requirements for primary and secondary schools; examine benefits of Seal of Biliteracy.

Expected goal or result:

Possible legislation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Forthcoming.

Proposed Interim Topic: Minority Students and Academic Performance

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

We often see disparities between minority populations in a variety of ways in Wyoming's K-12 education system. Less proficient on reading assessments (NAEP/WYTOPP); more likely to face more severe discipline; higher rates of absenteeism

Expected goal or result:

Investigate potential barriers and solutions to improve K-12 education for minority students.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

5-6 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

NAEP/WYTOPP scores broken out by minority populations;

<https://www.npr.org/2015/12/01/457794519/wyoming-schools-get-poor-report-card-for-native-american-absenteeism> https://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming-schools-disproportionately-suspend-native-american-students-report-finds/article_011dfbc8-cace-5766-9d40-4bfcf386e6e7.html

Possible to invite Select Committee on Tribal Relations

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Proposed Interim Topic: Education Funding Model Alternatives

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Examine alternative K-12 funding models

Expected goal or result:

Legislation authorizing the Legislature to examine alternative funding models.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

6-8 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Absenteeism

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Absenteeism laws are a mess and need greater clarity to understand interplay between the Children IN Need of Supervision Act, Child Protection Act, Compulsory Attendance Act, and the Juvenile Justice Act.

Expected goal or result:

Legislation

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2-3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Prior legislation

Representative Sommers

Proposed Interim Topic: Hathaway Provisional

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Examination of the whether this level of the Hathaway scholarship needs to evolve.

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Expected goal or result:

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Obermueller

Proposed Interim Topic: Thorough and Efficient K-12

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review the existing "basket of goods" for K-12 education in the context of "profile of a graduate." Does that basket meet the constitutional requirement of "thorough and efficient" and reflect current needs.

Expected goal or result:

An updated basket of goods would be the result. A comprehensive review of the basket is necessary to ensure the K-12 education system reflects current needs and meets constitutional requirements.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

- this may require two interims as the topic is extensive and has not been done for many, many years. At a minimum, this would need to extend across at least three interim meetings and perhaps four.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

- Campbell Decisions and in particular, Campbell Four. - Compiled Basket of Goods - Profile of a Graduate from WBE: balanced inputs from Education, Business, Parents.

Representative Brown

Proposed Interim Topic: Absenteeism & Truancy

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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A full bill containing fixing our current statutes requiring districts to have policies in place but cleaning up our statutes allowing for more district level autonomy on definitions.

Expected goal or result:

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours 3 meetings. 2 hours first meeting for testimony and discussion 2 hours 2nd meeting for consideration of first draft bill and testimony. 2 hours final meeting for final draft approval and testimony.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Reconsideration and update of current statutes and proposed 2020 Bill from Senator Ellis as well as Select Tribal Relations.

Senator Scott, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Education Efficiency

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Research specific education topics and necessary statutory changes for potential efficiencies: -Isolation and maintenance -Funding for virtual schools and programs -Cooperative incentives for school districts

Expected goal or result:

Continuing to find efficiencies in education.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Andrew

Proposed Interim Topic: UW competition with local business

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

UW is competing with private business in the areas of: livestock boarding, student housing, food services and entertainment.

Expected goal or result:

Explore the level of competition and determine if there is a solution

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Any policy position on the topic that can be supplied by UW

Representative Brown

Proposed Interim Topic: K-3 Reading assessment

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Screening for dyslexia and other difficulties as early as possible in kindergarten through grade three

Expected goal or result:

Ask the Department of Education to provide an approved list of acceptable assessments and discuss the merits of each.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Paxton, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Absenteeism in K-12 Schools

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Related to 2021 legislation:

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This topic needs an in depth discussion involving all stakeholders.

Expected goal or result:

Devise a standardized method of addressing absenteeism in K-12 Schools

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

N/A-Topic requested by legislator

Proposed Interim Topic: Home Schooling - Education Options

Contact Person:

Representative Romero-Martinez

Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Further consider HB0106 - Wyoming education options act. Study how "money follows a child" in the State of Wyoming.

Expected goal or result:

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Paxton, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: The Formation of Charter Schools

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Related to 2021 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This topic needs a more in depth look at the obstacles and advantages of the formation of Charter Schools

Expected goal or result:

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To develop a better understanding of the process, advantages and disadvantages of the formation of Charter Schools

Estimated Committee time for topic:

3 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration: