

Transportation Committee

2022 Interim Planning – Proposed Interim Topics

N/A-Topic requested by legislator



Proposed Interim Topic: A study of Permanent licenses for Trailers and RV's

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

This would be a good time to look not only at small trailers for permanent licenses but maybe for a stair stepping down of fees in large trailers and RV's after so many years. Also to consider trailers used only a few times a year to haul hay or produce from the farm to the delivery location.

Expected goal or result:

To at least get the small trailers of 6,000 wt. or less permanent licenses. Maybe if there is a way to consider a step down cost of other trailers and RV's would benefit our citizens.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

A day but I really don't think any longer. It might even be a half day.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Sf0022 and the Department of Transportation.

Proposed Interim Topic: Department of Public Safety, Information and Readiness

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Organizational development and total quality management requires a process of ongoing review -- this is especially needed to assure public safety, information technology and readiness. For example, WYDOT organization includes the Highway Patrol, RIS. The WHP uses the highways and roads but operationally is more aligned with HLS and ETS departments. Colorado implemented a department of public safety in 2021 -- it got me thinking about taking a look at our critical public safety, information and readiness -- are we organized correctly? As a related example, RIS has little to do with WYDOT other than it includes drivers license records.

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Expected goal or result:

What organizational improvements could be made should be considered to improve readiness, cost efficiency of the organization of key pieces of public safety, information technology/communication and state readiness?

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 houses (2 hours for state agency testimony and reporting, public testimony and 2 hours for consideration of legislation to establish a department of public safety, information and readiness for Wyoming.)

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Burkhardt, Jr, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: WyoLink Funding

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhardt

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Resolve WyoLink funding issue for counties.

Expected goal or result:

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Titling for older mobile homes

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhardt

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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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:

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Proposed Interim Topic: I-80 congestion and safety

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhart

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Evaluate I-80 between Rock Springs and Green River for methods to reduce congestion and safety issues.

Expected goal or result:

Potential legislation or funding.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Electric Vehicles

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhart

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Evaluate highways and WYDOT's ability to handle electric vehicles.

Expected goal or result:

Potential legislation for the 2023 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Towing Issues

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhart

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Address issues with towing fees.

Expected goal or result:

Potential legislation for the 2023 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Highway Safety

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhart

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Highway safety issues.

Expected goal or result:

Unknown at this time.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Statute Update

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhart

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review statutes for updating.

Expected goal or result:

Potential legislation for the 2023 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Right of way policy

Contact Person:

Chairman Burkhart

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Establish policy on uses for the right of way.

Expected goal or result:

Potential legislation for the 2023 General Session.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: Affecting WY National Guard End Strength

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Looking at ways to leverage state resources and influence to improve recruiting and retention efforts in the WY National Guard.

Expected goal or result:

Improve the end strength of the WY National Guard. The Air Guard is roughly 93% manned and the Army Guard is roughly 97% manned. Goal is to achieve 102% end strength to ensure lethality of the force.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

A summary of the current state of recruiting and retention from the WYMD, will be provided upon request.

Proposed Interim Topic: Military Statutory Clean Up

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Look at places in State Statute where we should add Space Force, looking at mandatory (suicide ideation) reporting requirements for medical professionals that might harm the military's goal of service members seeking help before attempting suicide.

Expected goal or result:

Ensure that the Space Force is included in WY laws and that no WY laws hinder service members seeking professional help for mental health struggles.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

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Proposed Interim Topic: State Active (military) Duty Reform

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Consider benefits provided to service members on State Active Duty orders, look at professional malpractice limitations, and explore cyber responses (with WOHS).

Expected goal or result:

Improve the Governor's ability to rely on the National Guard in times of state need.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Need input from WY Office of Homeland Security, too.

Proposed Interim Topic: Consider External Review of WYMD culture and harassment/assault responses

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

If completed, it would be helpful for the committee to consider the report from Director Bach (A&I) and Director Cooley (Workforce Services) and possible corrective actions.

Expected goal or result:

Guarantee transparency and the highest level of care and support to victims inside the WY Military Department of both sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Would require a written report from Directors Bach and Cooley before proceeding.

Representative Obermueller

Proposed Interim Topic: Additional statewide revenue source for certain state economies

Contact Person:

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Jerry Obermueller

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Explore additional revenue streams for the following economies, roads, infrastructure, aeronautics, safety, broadband, all under the purview

Expected goal or result:

To explore the needs, and draft legislation to address those needs.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

First meeting, take testimony on the need. 1 hour.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

None

Senator Landen, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Airport Governance and Funding

Contact Person:

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

To review the possible ownership, operation and financing of airports in this state by independent airport authorities to ensure an efficient transportation system to foster regional and state economic growth. Such review shall also evaluate the local funding mechanisms for Air Service Development, Airport Capital Development and Airport Operating funds.

Expected goal or result:

Legislation for independent airport authorities, including creation, jurisdiction, governance, finance, revenue generation authority, transfer, and transition.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 Hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Review of existing Wyoming statutes relating to Airport Ownership, Draft legislation (currently being drafted) developed by the Wyoming Airports Coalition in consultation with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Wyoming Association of Municipalities, Wyoming Mining Association, Wyoming Petroleum Association, Wyoming Taxpayers Association, Wyoming Business Alliance, and other stakeholders. Comparison of the legislation creating airport authorities in other states (Wisconsin, Nebraska, Michigan, Iowa, Montana, South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho, Pennsylvania and Utah).

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Representative Burkhart, Jr, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Towing

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of department rules and statutes addressing the towing operators' rotation list.

Expected goal or result:

Address any issues or policy considerations that may require modification of rules and/or statute.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

WYDOT Rule Ch. 1 - Motor Carriers W.S. 31-5-1701(ix) - Towing Companies

Proposed Interim Topic: Electric Vehicles

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of federal and industry efforts to expand electric vehicle infrastructure.

Expected goal or result:

Policy decisions to address changes to the transportation infrastructure.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Senator Landen, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Highway Safety

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Related to 2022 legislation:

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Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of statutes that can improve highway safety.

Expected goal or result:

Consider legislation that will improve highway safety.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Proposed Interim Topic: Statute Updates

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Review of statute updates identified to help the department meet its mission.

Expected goal or result:

Draft legislation that will align with the department's mission.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Burkhart, Jr, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Right-of-Way Policy

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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Review of the department's Right-of-Way policy and statutes.

Expected goal or result:

Determine if there are any policy decisions that may require statutory updates.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

2 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

Representative Brown

Proposed Interim Topic: Pedestrian Safety

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Following the tragic death earlier this fall of my son when he was struck by a motorist while using the crosswalk in front of his junior high on his way to school, I learned it is not a felony in Wyoming if a motorist hits and kills a pedestrian, even if using a crosswalk. I have learned surrounding states have stricter penalties in place and such enhanced penalties can be a tool, not only in seeking justice for victims' families, but also in serving as a deterrent for distracted driving and other dangers behind the wheel. My tragic loss is, unfortunately, a far too frequent occurrence across Wyoming. It is timely to build upon the good work done concerning motorists who fail to stop for the flashing lights and stop signs of school buses and look more broadly at pedestrian safety, the effectiveness and allocation of resources and infrastructure throughout our communities and identify solutions to achieve safer pathways for our citizens.

Expected goal or result:

The goal is to increase penalties, comparable to that of other states. The goal is also to improve public safety for pedestrians, including school children, and enhance awareness across the State for pedestrian safety, whether it be through enhanced utilization and investment in infrastructure and/or enhanced awareness and deterrents for vehicular offenses against a pedestrian.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour at 2 meetings

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

N/A-Topic requested by legislator

Proposed Interim Topic: Enabling HOV Lanes

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Contact Person:

Mike Gierau

Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

Section 166 of title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.) contains provisions for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. Most state Departments of Transportation have the legal authority to regulate use of their highways as long as the rules are applied fairly and serve a public benefit. Federal legislation –including the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991– specifically encourages states to consider, and implement, if feasible, HOV lanes in areas experiencing air quality or traffic congestion problems. This Interim Topic is a request to determine the current status of HOV regulations in the state, particularly regarding enforcement and potential fines for improper use to ensure HOV lanes are a viable alternative for consideration across the State.

Expected goal or result:

The intended goal of the committee's consideration of this topic is to discuss and create statutes related to enforcement to protect the integrity of HOV facilities, promote safety and efficiency, and deter possible violators. Currently, there are no statutes related to enforcement or fines for the miss-use of HOV lanes. Currently, no legislation is needed to designate HOV lanes, but statutes related to fines for improper use of HOV lanes, tolling authority, and lack of payment for tolls are necessary. The ability to consider HOV lanes in Wyoming may allow further access to federal funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure law.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

Time to consider this item at two or three meetings, three to six hours total.

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal-Aid Highway Program Guidance on High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes

Senator Landen, Chairman

Proposed Interim Topic: Research the creation and implementation of a county gravel road management system

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The WCCA would like to investigate the creation of a gravel county road management system. Considerations should include the formation of the system, cost of the system, and resources needed. A current system for paved county roads exists and is administered by the Wyoming Technology Transfer Center at the University of Wyoming under the direction of Dr. Khaled Ksaibati.

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Expected goal or result:

The goal would be to establish a baseline comprehensive database for county gravel roads and a system for counties to evaluate the condition of county gravel roads on a recurring schedule for maintenance and construction planning.

Estimated Committee time for topic:

4 hours

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The committee can see the current paved management system history and reports here:

<http://www.uwyo.edu/wyt2/pavement-management-and-traffic-volumes/>. The hope is that a similar system could be implemented for gravel county roads.

Proposed Interim Topic: Emergency Medical Dispatch Certification

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

The legislature has authorized an expenditure within SF66 that when implemented will improve emergency medical dispatch certification

Expected goal or result:

We request that the committee work to ensure that EMD certifications be consistent with national guidelines and that training/certification include Telecommunicator CPR

Estimated Committee time for topic:

1 hour

Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

The American Heart Association will provide materials that can help inform the committee's review

N/A-Topic requested by legislator

Proposed Interim Topic: High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) regulations, enforcement and fines

Contact Person:

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Related to 2022 legislation:

No

Recommended priorities Committee should consider:

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Estimated Committee time for topic:

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Resources for Committee review prior to topic consideration:

U.S. Department of Transportation - /federal-Aid Highway Program /guidance on High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes.

May 3.4 1st meeting
Aug 23-24 2nd meeting