



2022 Wyoming Legislative Session Preview

The Wyoming Legislature is set to convene in **two weeks** starting on Monday, February 14 at 10:00 am and running until March 11 at 2:00 pm.

While the budget will be the main priority at the upcoming session, completing the once-in-a-decade <u>legislative redistricting process</u> follows close behind. We will be highlighting bills that impact women's economic self-sufficiency, such as <u>Medicaid expansion</u> which has been steadily gaining support thanks to the <u>Healthy Wyoming Coalition</u>.

Remember, **YOU** have the power to influence positive change for women and girls in Wyoming right now. **YOU** can shape legislation that benefits those in your community by reaching out to your legislators about the issues you care about. **YOUR** voice matters!

Please use the information in our upcoming legislative watch and included resources to get to know the issues and reach out to your legislators on bills that matter to you.

2022 Budget Session – Tentative Schedule (Calendar Disclaimer)

2022 Proposed Legislation – Bills must be introduced by Feb 18

Learn more by reading <u>Looking ahead at the Wyoming Legislature's upcoming budget</u> session.

Action Alert: Help build Wyoming business support for Medicaid expansion!

As we head into the 2022 Budget Session, will you ask members of Wyoming's business community to sign onto a letter in support of Medicaid Expansion?

Medicaid expansion would not only benefit tens of thousands of our Wyoming neighbors who currently lack access to basic healthcare. It's also good for business.

Expanding Medicaid would:

- lower business healthcare costs
- support Wyoming's healthcare industry and local economies
- decrease medical debt
- eliminate business tax penalties
- create a healthier workforce

The <u>Healthy Wyoming Coalition</u> has created a letter outlining all these benefits and more.

We need your help asking members of Wyoming's business community to sign onto the letter in support.

Healthy Wyoming will distribute this letter to lawmakers and publicize it in advance of the 2022 legislative session.

Step-by-Step Guide



About Healthy Wyoming

The Healthy Wyoming coalition aims to convince state lawmakers to extend federal Medicaid coverage to people who cannot afford health insurance.

Questions? Visit the FAQs

The Healthy Wyoming coalition is going to be working as hard as possible to build the the movement to increase access to affordable healthcare in advance of the next legislative session to ensure that, this time, MedEx passes.

You can lend your voice to the effort! Help show lawmakers that the people of Wyoming want them to pass a bill to bring healthcare access to 24,000 of our neighbors (and tens of millions in federal healthcare funding to the state while they're at it).

Join the Coalition

Stay Engaged!

Do you know someone who would you like to receive emails about when to make your voice heard in the legislature about women's economic self-sufficiency?

Forward this email to invite them to become a power-advocate for women in



Sign up now!

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCES:

- State of Wyoming Legislative Website
- <u>Citizen Guide to the Legislature</u>
- How to Read a Bill
- Online Hotline
- Glossary of Words and Terms
- Locate Your House District
- Locate Your Senate District
- How to find your Legislators
- How to Contact your Legislators
- How to Contact your Senator
- How to Contact your Representative
- Attending Legislative Sessions
- Capitol Complex Map

ADVOCACY RESOURCES:

- Think WY: What You Can Do
- Equality State Policy Center (ESPC)
- ESPC: Gender Lens Project
- ESPC: People's Review LIVE
- ESPC: Shape Wyoming (Grassroots Lobbyist Training)
- ESPC: RUN Wyoming (Non-Partisian Leadership Training)
- Better WY: Advocacy Toolkit
- Better WY: Grassroots Institute
- Healthy Wyoming Coalition
- Wyoming 2030 (public discourse about Wyoming's future)
- Wyoming Afterschool Alliance (WYAA) Advocacy



About the Wyoming Women's Foundation

The Wyoming Women's Foundation is a priority fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation, which granted out over \$11 million to nonprofits across the state in 2019, and over \$85 million since its inception in 1989. The Women's Foundation builds on a permanent endowment that will ensure funding to enhance the lives of women and girls in Wyoming for generations to come. It makes grants to organizations that help Wyoming women and girls attain economic self-sufficiency, creates statewide awareness of the barriers to economic self-sufficiency, and supports systems change to eliminate those barriers. Learn more at wywf.org.

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