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2025 SESSION REVIEW

A VOTER ACCOUNTABILITY GUIDE



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DEAR WYOMING WOMEN'S FOUNDATION COMMUNITY,

As we look ahead to the 2026 Legislative Session, and possibilities for Wyoming's future, it's important to look back on the 2025 Session. We are incredibly grateful to all of you who have stayed engaged. Your commitment and participation shape the future of Wyoming's women, families and communities. With YOUR help, the Wyoming Women's Foundation (WYWF) seeks to advance economic freedom for women and create opportunities for girls. We're excited to share this Session Review, which details some of the key bills we tracked and advocated for or against during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Our why is simple: the Wyoming Women's Foundation's mission is to advance economic self-sufficiency for women and maximize opportunities for girls in Wyoming. The Wyoming Women's Foundation is dedicated to working with you and all who care about women's economic success to continue engaging our representatives on the issues that matter most. **Your involvement in these conversations is essential, and together, we can ensure that the voices of Wyoming's women, families, and communities are heard loud and clear in future legislative sessions.**

We made progress on a few important issues. However, a number of important bills that could have made a real difference in the lives of hardworking women and families—such as those supporting wraparound services and addressing mental health—never passed out of committee. This session, the legislature chose to prioritize many bills that don't serve the best interests of our Wyoming community.

During the 2025 session, the legislature advanced bills that limit healthcare access and reduce educational standards. It's frustrating to see attention given to hot-button legislation that comes from out-of-state entities. These groups choose to run the same bills - HB0159, SF0103, HB0199, and HB0046, for example - in every state, without regard for what's best for Wyoming. Instead, we'd like the legislature to focus on problems that impact Wyoming, such as childcare, senior services, and economic security.

If we are going to change the focus, we must start by building relationships with those who vote on our behalf. **That's why we encourage you to reach out to your legislators, set up conversations, and ask about *their* why behind the bills they supported or opposed. An honest conversation can build relationships and mutual understanding of other perspectives, leading to more conversations—and better policy outcomes down the road.**

We hope this Session Review provides you with valuable insight into the progress we've made and the work still ahead. THANK YOU for your continued support! Know that you are a powerful voice in continuing to create a Wyoming where all women and families have the resources, opportunities, and support to thrive.

With gratitude and determination,



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EDUCATION

In the 2025 Legislative Session, several proposed bills raised concerns about the future of education in Wyoming. From eliminating homeschool curriculum to reducing funding for community colleges, these bills put both quality and accountability at risk. WYWF kept a close eye on these proposed changes, advocating for policies that ensure girls have access to high-quality education, no matter where or how they learn.

LOOKING TO THE 2026 SESSION

Earlier this year, the courts ruled that education in Wyoming has been underfunded. We'll be watching to see how the legislature addresses the ruling during the 2026 budget session.



KEY EDUCATION BILLS

HB0046: REDUCING CURRICULUM ACCOUNTABILITY

WYWF Stance: ✕ Oppose

Why It Matters: This bill eliminated the requirement for families who home school to submit a curriculum to local school boards. Whether attending public, private, or home school, a curriculum provides educational standards that help young people reach their full potential and succeed in the future.

Status: *Passed, Governor Gordon signed into law February 27, 2025*

House votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, McCann, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Neiman
- **Nays:** Chestek, Nicholas, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin
- **Excused:** Eklund, Riggins

Senate votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Ide, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, McKeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz, Biteman
- **Nays:** Case, Landen
- **Excused:** Crum

SF0069: HARMING COMMUNITY SERVICES THROUGH TAX EXEMPTIONS

WYWF Stance: ✕ Oppose

Why It Matters: The people of Wyoming understand the importance of contributing to their communities. This property tax cut bill hurt our neighbors and reduced services that make Wyoming stronger. For women, cuts to community colleges and senior centers are especially impactful. This property tax cut went too far, threatening funding for our Wyoming schools, community colleges, hospital districts, senior centers, and many other local services that support women's and girls' access to self-sufficiency.

Status: *Passed, Governor Gordon signed into law March 4, 2025*

House votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Guggenmos, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lien, Locke, Lucas, McCann, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Wylie, Neiman
- **Nays:** Campbell, E, Chestek, Provenza, Schmid, Sherwood, Storer, Yin
- **Excused:** Geringer, Haroldson, Lawley, Nicholas, Singh, Winter

Senate votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Anderson, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, McKeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz, Biteman
- **Nays:** Case, Hicks, Rothfuss
- **Excused:** Barlow, Dockstader

HB 199: EXPANDING PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS, EVEN FOR THE WEALTHIEST

WYWF Stance: ✖ Oppose

Why It Matters: This bill directed that any family, regardless of income, receive \$7,000 in vouchers, which could be used with vendors to fund private school. The original bill also cut out prekindergarten funding, which was put back into the bill after work on the Senate side.

Status: *Governor Gordon signed into law March 4, 2025. Currently paused due to litigation.*

House votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Kelly, Lien, Locke, Lucas, McCann, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Winter, Wharff, Williams, Neiman
- **Nays:** Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Harshman, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Thayer, Washut, Yin, Wylie
- **Excused:** Brown, L, Riggins

Senate votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Boner, Brennan, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Laursen, McKeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz, Biteman
- **Nays:** Anderson, Barlow, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Gierau, Landen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Schuler



INCOME & ASSET DEVELOPMENT

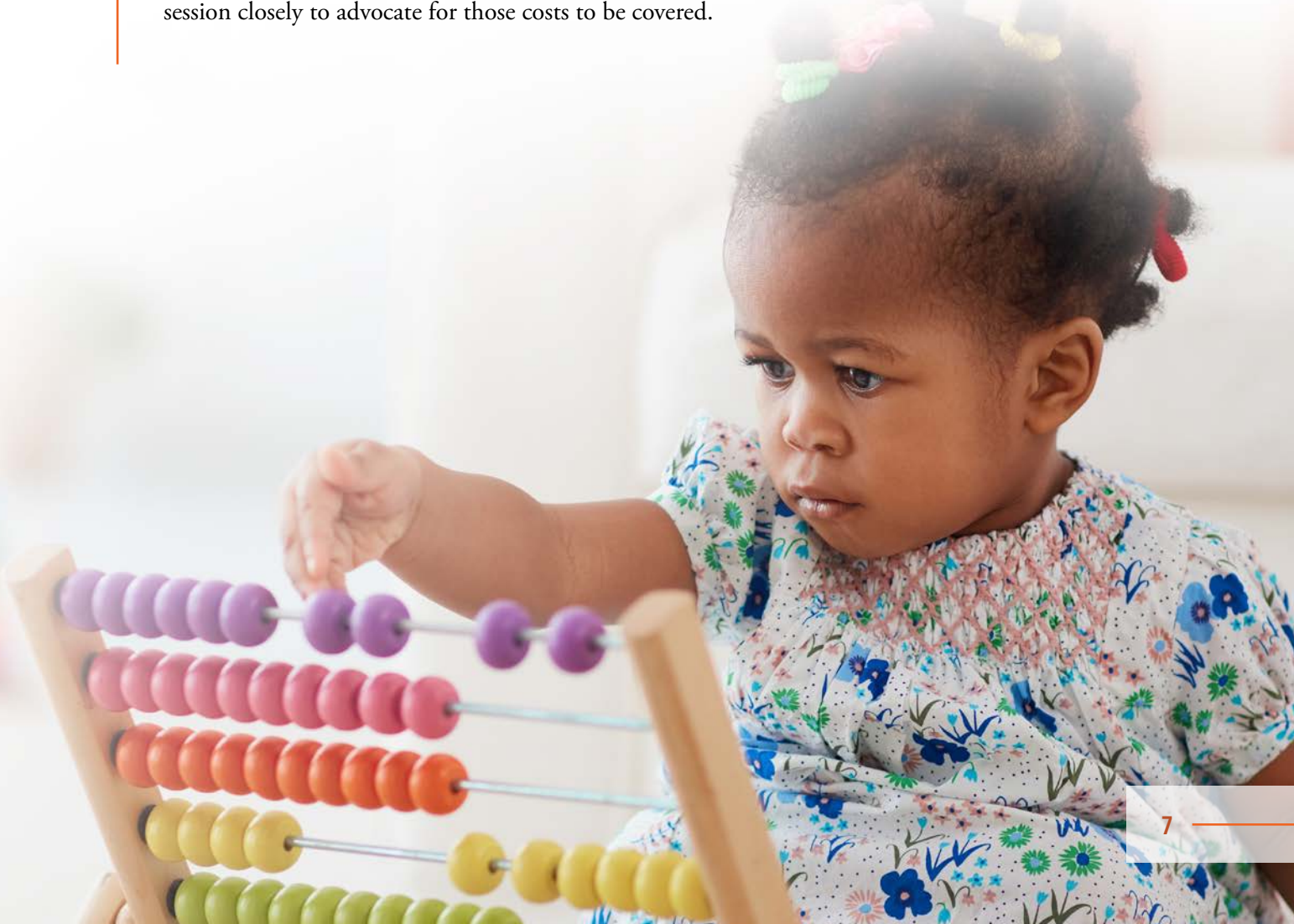
During the 2025 Legislative Session, WYWF advocated for policies that allow women and girls to reach their full potential in both education and the workforce.

Diversity, equity and inclusion programs have become lightning rods in our political environment. When it comes to women, particularly women of color, we believe diversity programming that is geared toward women is vital for ensuring women have a place at the table.

WYWF also supported bills that expanded childcare access in rural communities and ensured senior citizens could continue to engage in active, supportive communities as they age.

LOOKING TO THE 2026 SESSION

Changes to federal programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), mean states will be responsible for a larger share of costs to ensure Wyoming families have what they need to put food on the table. We'll be watching the budget session closely to advocate for those costs to be covered.



KEY INCOME & ASSET DEVELOPMENT BILLS

HB0188: CREATING MORE OPTIONS FOR CHILDCARE

WYWF Stance:  **Support**

Why It Matters: Hardworking families need childcare, but access is especially challenging in rural areas. Small communities have faced sudden closures of childcare providers, leaving families scrambling. This bill increased the number of children nannies can care for, while maintaining safety and offering families another avenue for childcare solutions.

Status: *Passed, Governor Gordon signed into law March 3, 2025*

House votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Bratten, Brady, Brown, G, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Campbell, K, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, McCann, Nicholas, Lucas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Provenza, Posey, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Thayer, Tarver, Wasserburger, Webb, Washut, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin, Neiman
- **Excused:** Brown, L, Riggins

Senate votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Gierau, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, McKeown, Laursen, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz, Biteman

SF0103: BLOCKING WYOMING WOMEN'S FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH BIG GOVERNMENT

WYWF Stance:  **Oppose**

Why It Matters: Programs that provide a path for women and girls to reach their full potential and highlight diverse backgrounds make our communities stronger. This bill would have closed the door on many of those opportunities by eliminating programming and banning language around diversity. The original bill reached beyond government, incorporating corporations and use of funding in its scope. Fortunately, Governor Gordon vetoed the bill.

Status: *Passed House & Senate, Vetoed by Governor Gordon March 4, 2025*

House votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Filer, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, McCann, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Wylie, Williams, Neiman
- **Nays:** Chestek, Jarvis, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin
- **Excused:** Campbell, E, Thayer, Winter

Senate votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, McKeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Schuler, Scott, Salazar, Smith, Biteman, Steinmetz
- **Nays:** Anderson, Case, Crago, Rothfuss

HB0122: SUPPORTING WYOMING'S AGING CITIZENS

WYWF Stance:  **Support**

Why It Matters: As Wyoming's population ages, we must ensure our communities continue to support the senior services that keep this population healthy and contributing to community. This bill allowed a senior citizen district to be in effect for four years, rather than two, before needing renewal. The passage of this bill means senior centers working to use their funding wisely can plan projects and programs for the future.

Status: *Passed, Governor Gordon signed into law March 4, 2025*

House votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bratten, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Harshman, Heiner, Jarvis, Knapp, Larsen, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Nicholas, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Strock, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Wharff, Williams, Wylie, Yin, Neiman
- **Nays:** Allemand, Bear, Brady, Brown, G, Haroldson, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, McCann, Ottman, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Styvar, Webber, Winter
- **Excused:** Riggins

Senate votes on 3rd reading:

- **Ayes:** Anderson, Barlow, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz, Biteman
- **Nays:** Ide, McKeown

HB048: EVALUATION OF STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THEY ARE WORKING FOR WYOMING

WYWF Stance:  **Support**

Why It Matters: Families who have the resources they need are healthier, more productive community members. This bill would have allowed data from across different agencies to be evaluated to ensure families were receiving the resources they qualify for. Data without names or identifying information could also be evaluated by data experts to learn if the programs in place are working.

Status: *Failed in House Judiciary Committee*

House Judiciary Committee votes:

- **Ayes:** Chestek, Filer, Singh, Washut
- **Nays:** Brady, Bratten, Kelly, Lien, Webb

HEALTHCARE

Healthcare continues to be an important issue for Wyoming women and families, especially in rural areas. Labor and delivery units continue to close across the state and costs continue to rise. WYWF tracked some strong bills in 2025, however none passed.

LOOKING TO THE 2026 SESSION

Wyoming's investment income is now outpacing its mineral income. This is great news for Wyoming. We hope our legislature uses some of those earnings to support healthcare in the state. Increasing Medicaid reimbursements for deliveries, assisted living facilities, and other valuable community assets will strengthen healthcare in Wyoming.

COMMITTEE FOCUS: HOUSE LABOR & HEALTH

The House Labor & Health Committee proved to be an important body when it came to healthcare policy in the 2025 session. Many good bills died in this committee, needing as few as four votes to stop policies that could have benefited a large number of Wyomingites. Below is a list of bills that had impacts on women and girls.

It should also be noted that Representative Clarence Styvar chose not to attend any Labor & Health Committee meetings, despite being appointed to this body, during the 2025 Legislative Session. Representative Thayer has since been appointed to replace Styvar on the committee. Engagement in the legislative process is important at all levels, especially on committees where representatives have significant power to make positive change on behalf of Wyomingites.



KEY HEALTHCARE BILLS

HB0006: PROTECTING THE WISHES OF THOSE WITH DEMENTIA

WYWF Stance:  Support

Why It Matters: This bill would have protected the health and liberty of dementia patients in Wyoming by giving them the freedom to determine their healthcare wishes before the disease made them unable to do so.

Status: *House did not consider for introduction*

HB0180: CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

WYWF Stance:  Support

Why It Matters: Women, families, and communities are most successful when they are their healthiest. This bill would have connected families with additional outside resources to support the mental health needs of their children.

Status: *Failed in House Education Committee*

House Education Committee votes:

- **Ayes:** Erickson, Lawley, Williams
- **Nays:** Bratten, Guggenmos, Kelly, Singh, Strock, Andrew

HB0195: PROTECTING WYOMINGITES FROM MEDICAL DEBT

WYWF Stance:  Support

Why It Matters: Every Wyomingite should be able to access healthcare without the fear of falling into debt. Women, in particular, face greater hardship because they incur higher levels of medical debt due to the high cost of maternal care. This bill would have provided important protections to shield Wyomingites from medical debt.

Status: *Failed in House Labor & Health Committee*

House Labor & Health Committee votes:

- **Ayes:** Guggenmos, Ottman, Yin
- **Nays:** Clouston, Hoeft, McCann, Wasserburger, Rodriguez-Williams

HB 159: ATTEMPTING TO USE WATER TESTING TO MONITOR WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE

WYWF Stance:  Oppose

Why It Matters: Wyomingites deserve to know that bills brought forward will address a healthcare problem and that the proposed solution works. This bill, brought from out of state, did neither of those things.

Status: *While the House Labor and Health Committee passed this bill, it was not considered by the Committee of the Whole meaning it did not pass.*

House Labor & Health Committee votes:

- **Ayes:** Guggenmos, Hoeft, McCann, Ottman, Wasserburger, Rodriguez-Williams
- **Nays:** Clouston, Yin

ADVOCATING FOR THE WYOMING WAY

We count on you to remind your legislators that the true “Wyoming way” means ensuring women and girls have the tools and resources to care for themselves, support their families, achieve economic freedom, and help their communities thrive. As we move into the 2026 Legislative Session, we hope you’ll speak up on matters important to Wyoming women and girls.



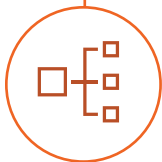
FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR

Plug in your address to find your Wyoming House Representative and Senator, as well as their contact information to reach out to talk about the issues you care most about.



BECOME A POWER ADVOCATE

WYWF Power Advocates are civically engaged people like you who are passionate about investing in the economic self-sufficiency of women and opportunities for girls. WYWF Power Advocates use the information provided in WYWF’s Annual Legislative Watch and Action Alerts to speak out for Wyoming women & girls. Sign up to become a WYWF Power Advocate!



EXPLORE OUR BILL MAP

A handy guide explaining how a proposed bill becomes a law



WORK FOR CIVILITY

A reminder that WYWF encourages civility for our Power Advocates



ENGAGE WITH MEDIA

A list of books, movies, and podcasts created by women to inspire and entertain you



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