

# Wyoming Liberty Index

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

### **HB0042, School facilities appropriations.**

Sponsors: Joint Appropriations Interim Committee

Aye votes: Representatives Barlow, Berger, Blake, Blevins, Blikre, Brown, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Coleman, Connolly, Davison, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Filer, Freeman, Gingery, Goggles, Greear, Greene, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Jaggi, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Krone, Larsen, Loucks, Lubnau, Madden, Mader, McKim, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Northrup, Patton, Paxton, Petroff, Piiparinen, Semlek, Sommers, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Walters, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Craft, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Baker, Gay, Halverson, Hutchings, Kroeker, Reeder and Watt  
Senators Bebout, Burns, Case, Dockstader, Driskill, Hicks, Perkins and Scott

Signed by the Governor.

#### **Comments**

More school construction industrial complex spending. Wyoming spends more than \$15,000 per student per year, and does not get its money's worth.

A: This bill contains total appropriations of \$299,376,540 from the SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT to the School Facilities Commission. This is a business as usual bill. While the system is seriously flawed, this bill makes neither positive nor negative changes to the system. Since it makes no effort to better the system and move it closer to the schools and parents, it is tempting to say it is a bad bill. On the other hand, it certainly doesn't make the system worse which makes it unreasonable to call it a bad bill. This is a bill that simply feeds an automatic pilot on a system that certainly could be improved, but which cannot be terminated without putting a new (and hopefully better) system in place. Therefore, liberty neutral.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

#### **Categories**

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