

# Wyoming Liberty Index

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### **HJ0004, Textbooks.**

Sponsors: Representative(s) Hunt, Larsen, Loucks and Sommers and Senator(s) Driskill and Meier

### **Comments**

Prohibits the state or any state agency from specifying curricula to the school districts. Nice, but flawed. It leaves intact the Wyoming Department of Education's (WDE) power to prescribe curriculum standards and assessments. Those two are powerful enough that WDE can effectively prescribe curriculum without setting it in black and white. Bad because it is sheep's clothing for the wolves of WDE and the federal DE.

A: The Secretary of State's Office will experience an estimated expenditure increase of approximately \$29,000. Governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty. This bill proposes an amendment to the Wyoming Constitution that places all power to prescribe text books and curriculum for the government schools where it belongsâ€”in the hands of the local school district boards.

Weighted Rating: 1.00. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

### **Categories**

Education, Federalism, Limited Government, Separation of Powers, and Usurpation & Delegation of Power

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