

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

SF0003, School facilities-collaborative committee process.

Sponsors: Select Committee on School Facilities

Aye votes: Representatives Barlow, Berger, Blake, Blevins, Blikre, Brown, Burkhardt, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Connolly, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Filer, Gingery, Greear, Greene, Halverson, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Krone, Larsen, Lockhart, Lubnau, Madden, Mader, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Northrup, Paxton, Petroff, Semlek, Sommers, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Walters, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Craft, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer, Scott and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Baker, Coleman, Davison, Freeman, Gay, Goggles, Hutchings, Jaggi, Kroeker, Loucks, McKim, Miller, Patton, Piiparinen, Reeder, Watt, Wilson and Winters
Senators Case

Signed by the Governor.

Comments

More bureaucratic micromanagement, and more re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. We spend some \$15,000 per pupil per year and get mediocre results. The schools construction process has been captured by the construction industry and is a jobs for the good ole boys program. We need some serious reform and this isn't it. This bill is a bad bill, not because it is inherently bad, but because it continues the illusion that the legislature is reforming education in Wyoming.

N: No fiscal or personnel impact. This bill is a mixed bag. It adds strings to the way that school boards can use school facility funds provided by the state. Taken in the spirit of the bill, it broadens the decision base on how state provided school facility funds will be expended. However, as it is written, mere compliance with the letter of the law could turn this into another section of useless verbiage in the Wyoming code. Finally, this is a band-aid on a bad system. ALL state funds should be provided to school boards on a standard, statewide, per student basis. It should be the responsibility of the school boards to use those funds in the most optimal manner to include saving some of them away as a school facility improvement, upgrade and replacement fund. We'd love to give this bill a ding for not fixing a bad centralized system, but since it is at least a band-aid, we'll call it Liberty neutral.

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

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