



# WYOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

LEGISLATIVE POSITION PROCESS | 2023

## STEP I: POSITION REQUESTS/CONSIDERATIONS

Any member of WEDA, the WEDA Legislative Committee and the WEDA executive director can submit bills or issues for the association to consider taking a position (support, oppose, monitor).

Requests should:

- Be submitted by email to the executive director at [sdirienzo@thealignteam.org](mailto:sdirienzo@thealignteam.org).
- Include the number/name of the bill, specific justification for their position and impacts on economic development/communities.

The executive director will bring submissions to the WEDA Legislative Committee co-chairs and committee for review and discussion.

## STEP II: WEDA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW

The WEDA Legislative Committee will use the [2023 Legislative Platform](#) as a framework to review bill/issue position requests. Through discussion, the committee will recommend to either support, oppose or monitor legislation or a topic in the weekly, standing meeting.

Bills/issues that require immediate action will be reviewed by the WEDA Legislative Committee co-chairs for a recommendation to either support, oppose or monitor.

Some bills will also be categorized as “track” which is to merely keep them in mind to watch – the lowest priority.

## STEP III: BOARD ADOPTION

Any bills the WEDA Legislative Committee recommends supporting or opposing will be brought by the executive director to the WEDA Board for review and a vote. The timeline for getting votes will be set by the executive director. Board votes will be facilitated through group email (preference) or text, whichever is most efficient given the timeline. A deadline to submit votes is set by the executive director. **Board members are required to respond, but any non-responses will be in support of the presented position.**

## STEP IV: FINALIZATION

Any positions adopted by the board will be posted on the WEDA website and disseminated to the WEDA board and membership. These serve as the basis for lobbying activity on behalf of WEDA by the executive director, board and WEDA members on behalf of WEDA.

*NOTE: There may be times when individual members of WEDA disagree with the majority WEDA position. If individual members feel they must advocate for the opposing position, we ask that members should inform the WEDA executive director of their intent to avoid surprises. The executive director will inform the WEDA board president and the chairs of the legislative committee of a member's intent to oppose and the reason. WEDA asks dissenting members to speak specifically and only to their delegation.*




# **WEDA** Wyoming Economic Development Association

## **2023 Legislative Priorities**

The **Wyoming Economic Development Association** is a nonpartisan, nonprofit that advocates on behalf of nearly 200 economic developers, communities and organizations in Wyoming.

Our goals are to provide leadership, advocacy and education to foster economic growth and resiliency in the Cowboy state.

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### **Wyoming Economic Development Association advocates for legislation and policies that:**

#### **Enable Wyoming communities to drive economic development.**

- Direct and protect adequate funding to Wyoming's cities, towns and counties.
- Provide tools and resources to communities that support local decision-making.

#### **Allow Wyoming to be competitive for economic development.**

- Support innovative effective economic strategies and investments to help Wyoming industries grow, innovate, remain in the state and spur entrepreneurship.
- Enable Wyoming to attract new companies and industries to remain nationally and globally competitive.
- Support a balanced tax policy and incentives to encourage ongoing capital investment and primary job creation.
- Continue investment in the Wyoming Business Council as it supports local economic development efforts in all 23 counties across the state.

#### **Develop and retain a trained and skilled workforce.**

- Support job training and education programs.
- Encourage the development of affordable workforce housing for Wyoming's current and future workforce.

#### **Invest in Wyoming's infrastructure.**

- Bolster transportation, local government systems, utilities, broadband and buildings that will ensure Wyoming is well-situated for future economic growth.