

*How is Wyoming going
to pay the bills today
and in the future?*

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The Tax Collector's Creed



“The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest possible amount of feathers with the smallest possible amount of hissing.”

- Jean-Baptiste Colbert, Finance Minister (1665-1683), King Louis XIV

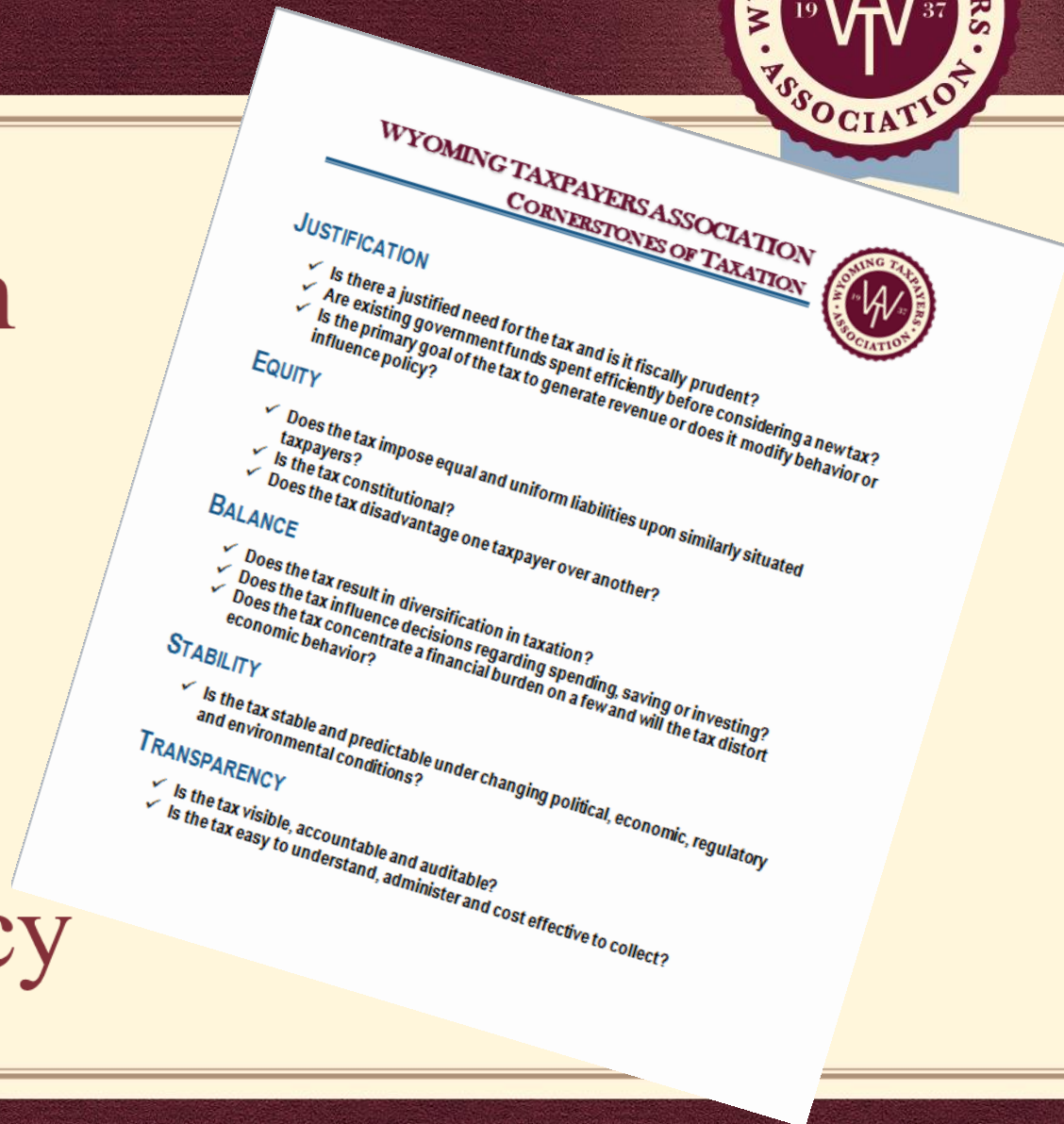


What is the WTA?

CORNERSTONES OF TAXATION



- Justification
- Equity
- Balance
- Stability
- Transparency



Tax Reform 2000 Committee



- *“Wyoming’s tax structure lacks equity, stability, and balance.”* – Tax Reform 2000 Committee
 - **Inequitable**: structure is regressive (lower income households pay a larger percentage of income in excise and property taxes than households with higher income).
 - **Unstable**: mineral production taxes based on market values many of which are subject to national and international volatility.

Tax Reform 2000 Committee



Tax Reform 2000 Committee (continued)

- **Lacks balance:** Tax structure reliant on extractive industries to fund operating budget (income inelastic as mineral tax collections are unrelated to state income changes).
- **Primary tax sources:** Almost 75 % of the State's tax revenue is generated by property taxes, mineral severance taxes, and sales & use taxes.

Major Sources of Revenue



- **Federal Mineral Royalties**
- **Coal Lease Bonus Payments**
- **State Mineral Severance Taxes**
- **State Mineral Royalties/Leases**
- **State Investment Income**
- **State Motor Fuel Taxes**
- **State Tobacco Taxes**
- **State & Local Sales/Use Taxes**
- **State & Local Property Taxes**
- **Inheritance, Alcohol & Misc. Taxes**

Property Classes for Tax Assessment



Minerals (& Mine Products): 100.0%

Industrial: 11.5%

Commercial/Residential: 9.5%

Wyoming Tax Facts



- Wyoming ranks as one of the highest in per capita state and local government revenue and expenditures.
- And, we have no corporate or personal income tax and low property taxes!
- Yet, we are ranked lowest in the nation in household tax burden.

Direct Tax Collections & Public Service Costs



For a 3-person family with income of \$60,000 and owning a home valued at \$200,000

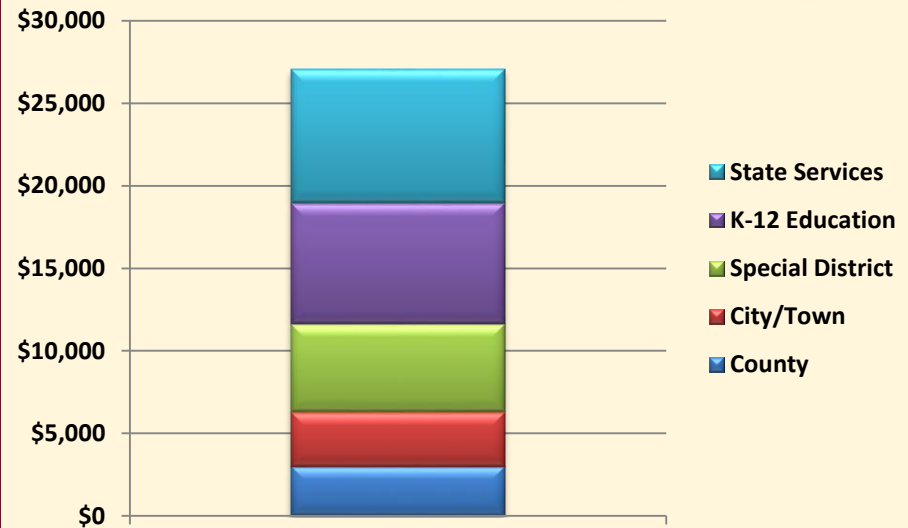
Personal Tax Collections



Personal Tax Collections

Retail Sales	\$ 900	} \$ 3,180
Gasoline	\$ 220	
Cigarettes	\$ 110	
Alcohol	\$ 90	
Vehicle Registration	\$ 460	
Property Tax	\$ 1,400	

Public Service Costs



Public Service Costs

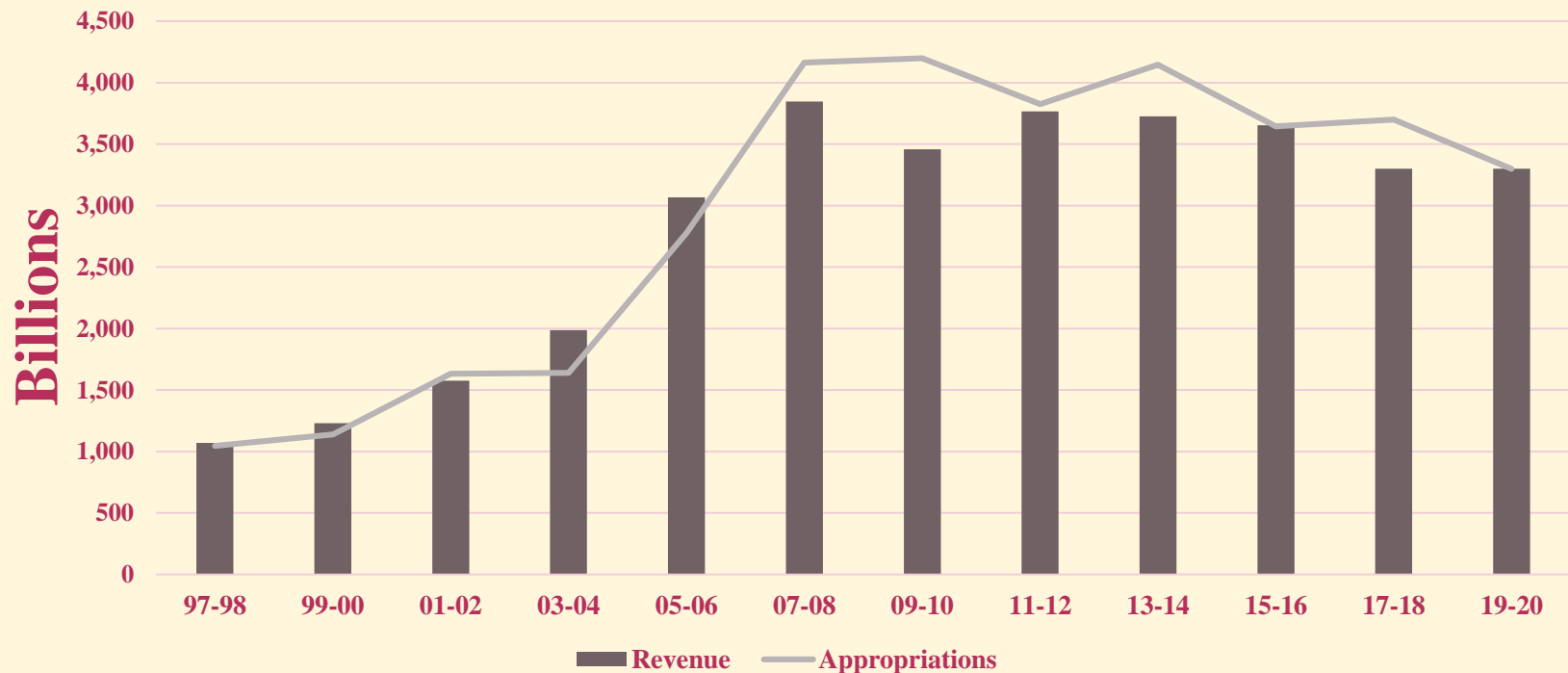
County	\$ 2,970	} \$27,050
City/Town	\$ 3,320	
Special District	\$ 5,310	
K-12 Education	\$ 7,320	
State Services	\$ 8,130	

“Breaking The Pace “

Can we make do with less?



General Fund & Reserve Accounts (with Savings)



Notes/Source: Revenues from Jan 2020 CREG 2020/Previous Revenues include capital gains from Budget Fiscal Data Book / Fiscal Profile, Legislative Service Office/ Additional information from State Economic Analysis Division

2020 CREG Forecast & Biennial Budget



CREG

- \$77M General Fund shortfall
 - \$72M lower natural gas prices
 - \$5M reduction in state mineral royalties
- \$200M Education shortfall
 - 800+ students
 - expenditures outpace revenues
- Oil is a bright spot, but will keep the budget revenue flat

Budget

- Flat budget made it through Governor's recommendations & Appropriations
- \$100M saved to go to LSRA
- Around \$40M left on the table in discretionary funds for the Legislature

2020 Budget Session – Official Positions (no bill#s yet 1/10/2020)



Support

- HB0086 Fuel tax – Revenue
- 20LSO-0399 Wyoming tourism account funding – Appropriations

Oppose

- HB0064 National corporate tax recapture – Revenue
- HB0071 Wyoming public safety communications system funding – Transportations

2020 Budget Session – Monitoring



Agriculture - Monitoring

- HB0036 Pesticide registration fee

Corporations

- SF0025 Energy production inventory exemption.

Labor

- HB0062 Senior healthcare special districts.

Revenue

- HB0033 Agricultural land qualifications.
- HB0047 Local sales and use taxes.
- SF0053 Property tax exemption.

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- HJ0001 State lands mineral royalties-constitutional amendment.

2020 Budget Session – Misc. bills

No position



Revenue

- HB0073 Nicotine products- taxation.
- SF0019 Ad valorem-confidentiality exception
- SF0030 Reporting of Property
- SF0040 Direct appeal to state board of equalization.
- SF0042 Nicotine products – age verification and shipping.
- SF0043 Sales and use tax - definitions update.
- SF0050 Nicotine products – lawful age and penalties.
- SF 0052 Tobacco products – mail and online sales prohibition.

Corporations

- HB0019 Municipal right-of-way franchise fees.

Transportation

- SF0006 Tolling authority for I-80,

2020 Budget Session – Interim Topics (no bill #s yet as of 1/28/2020)



TOPICS

Revenue

- 20LSO-0258 Tax exemption
- 20LSO-0263 Medicaid expansion
- 20LSO-0092 Statements of consideration

INTERIM

Select Committee of Coal/Mineral Bankruptcies - 1/30-1/31

- 20LSO-0302 v0.10 Monthly payment of ad valorem tax on mineral production

Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources – 2/6

- 20LSO-0217 v0.9 Wyoming gaming commission.

Thank you!!!

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