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Hi WLA members,

The 2022 Wyoming Legislative Session started up on February 14, so you'll be seeing communication updating you on relevant legislation on a weekly basis for the next few weeks. The session is scheduled to run through March 11.

**At this time, no action is needed.** If WLA does need action from its members regarding a piece of legislation, we will reach out and provide you with details and how to go about doing so. Action emails will be clearly labeled so you will know when your support is needed.

WLA and the State Library are tracking about 13 bills, including the state budget. Here are a few areas we are monitoring:

- **SF66:** American rescue plan act recovery funds appropriations. This bill contains language allowing the Governor to spend remaining ARPA "Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund" monies. If passed, this bill may allow libraries to apply for a portion of fundings for specific projects.
- **SF27:** This bill would allow county commissioners to dissolve county boards. I've had a few questions about this one already, but the important thing to know is that library boards are not currently included in the county boards that could be dissolved. We are watching for amendments that could change that.
- For school librarians, these two bills are related to education: **SF62 and SF103**. SF62 deals with the Civics Transparency Act, and SF103 is related to teaching critical race theory history. Both of these bills are being monitored and are on the Wyoming Education Association's radar as well.

Thanks to everyone that made it to the Legislative Reception last week! If you have questions about any legislation, for our lobbyist, or for the WLA Legislative Committee, please contact me.

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