

## **Governor Gordon Statement on Passage of the Budget by Both Chambers**

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Governor Mark Gordon (R-WY) issued the following statement today regarding the passage in both chambers of The Essentials Budget.

“What a win for Wyoming! And what a win for the citizens across the state who got involved with their government, after the Freedom Caucus-controlled Joint Appropriations Committee members made sweeping cuts to an already lean budget, and came forward letting their voices be heard to their representatives.

I extend my gratitude to the members of the House who courageously opposed the proposed cuts and insisted on asking the tough questions, even late into the night. Questions that focused on transparency as well as, critically, the underlying reasons for making those cuts. These questions struck a chord statewide and were powerfully voiced right here in Cheyenne by citizens from across Wyoming.

I want to also thank the Senate, whose stalwart leadership paved the way to this amazing victory.

The budget passed today restored almost all budget recommendations for the people of Wyoming and, as one Senator said, is only \$53M below my overall recommendation. By my back-of-the-napkin calculations, that’s close to 99%.

Wyoming's future is indeed bright. We must continue to invest in our potential, grow our industries, preserve our small-town identity, and stand firm against the hysteria of national groups seeking to undermine our state.”

The Governor would like to personally thank the members of the House who stood for Employee Compensation on third reading:

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