

Casper Area Chamber of Commerce
2010 Legislative Survey Results and Legislative Business Agenda

Below are the results are the results of the 2010 Legislative Survey posed to the membership of the Casper Area Chamber of Commerce .

1) In your opinion, will the Wyoming economy improve or get worse in 2010?

- 73% Improve
- 27% Get worse

2) Which of the following issues do you feel will have a significant impact on your business? (top 5 answers)

- 59% Healthcare costs
- 44% Increased Energy Costs
- 32% Finding Workers
- 29% Workers Compensation and Unemployment Insurance Costs
- 28% Climate Change Legislation

3) If you could control budgets for state departments which departments would you maintain at their current level of funding? (top 5 answers)

- 48% Department of Tourism
- 46% Wyoming Community Colleges
- 45% Department of Transportation
- 43% Department of Family Services
- 42% Department of Employment and Department of Education (both at 42%)

4) Do you believe the State Mineral Trust fund should be used to fill funding gaps in other areas of state budgets?

- 42% Yes
- 58% No

5) Do you believe the State Mineral Trust fund should be used to fill funding gaps in Wyoming Counties, Cities and Towns governmental budgets?

- 61% No
- 39% Yes

6) What is the biggest challenge you face for continued operation of your business? Open ended question with no predetermined choices. (top 3 answers)

- 9 out of 61 responses--Lack of available funding
- 8 out of 61 responses--The overall economy and the public perception of the economy
- 7 out of 61 responses—The rising costs of healthcare

7) There has been an exemption in place for sales tax on manufacturing equipment purchases benefiting many local manufacturing facilities in Wyoming and Natrona County. This exemption is up for repeal. Do you feel this exemption should be continued?

- 73% Yes
- 27% No

8) Do you support expanded wind energy in Wyoming?

- 76% Yes
- 24% No