

SF 17: School Facilities – Infrastructure Costs
2008 Budget Session
Sponsor: Select Committee on School Facilities

SF 17 directed the School Facilities Commission to ensure and enforce that school facilities plans efficiently and cost effectively deliver quality educational services. The bill required the commission to adopt building and facility remedies that are in the best financial and education interests of the state, and to take into consideration the effects of the proposed activity on the local community.

Supporters thought the bill clarified the responsibility of the School Facilities Commission to manage school construction money as effectively as possible.

Opponents of SF 17, including the Wyoming Education Association, opposed the bill because it required the Commission to choose the cheapest option, which conflicted with their philosophy that the Wyoming Constitution requires the state to provide the best education and education buildings possible.

The bill passed the Senate 28-2, and passed the House unanimously. Senators Cale Case (R-S25, Lander) and Charlie Scott (R-S30, Casper) cast the two NO votes in the Senate, while Representative Jerry Ikel (R-H29, Sheridan) was excused from the House vote.