

## Generational Fund – Why do we need one?

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Don started his career at Wyoming LSO as an Associate Program Evaluator in 1996. In 2003, after earning an additional degree, he returned to Wyoming LSO and shortly thereafter served as the first manager of the Wyoming Legislature’s Research Division. Don holds a Master of Arts in political management from George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management, where he also previously served as a fellow. As a native of Wyoming, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and economics from the University of Wyoming.