

# ECONOMIC AND FISCAL DIVERSIFICATION IN WYOMING

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### **This Presentation**



- Goal: Analyze fiscal impacts of economic diversification efforts in Wyoming under current tax structure
  - Use REMI's Tax-PI policy model

- Main Result: Under its current tax structure, Wyoming's effort to stimulate non resource sectors in the state presents fiscal challenges
  - No personal or corporate income taxes
  - Low sales and property taxes
  - Heavy reliance on resource-based revenue

## Outline



Introduction to REMI and Tax-PI modeling

Economic and fiscal impacts of interventions in selected Wyoming industries

Comparison of fiscal impacts of given intervention in Wyoming under different states' tax structures

### **About REMI**



REMI's 38-year history of rigorous academic research and software development has led to the development of the industry standard in macroeconomic research methodology:

#### **Input-Output**

Close analysis of inter-industry relationships

#### **Econometrics**

Advanced statistical analyses underpinning the model



#### **General Equilibrium**

Estimate of long-run stability of the economy allows for analysis of policy decisions

#### **Economic Geography**

Effects of geographic concentration of labor and industry



Integrated REMI economic modelling approach











#### What is Tax-PI?



**Tax-PI** is the only commercially available dynamic macroeconomic and fiscal impact analysis tool.

Tax/Spending Change Tax-PI allows users to understand the deep linkages and relationship between a budget and its economic foundation.

Change in tax base and spending determinants

Direct or "static" fiscal impact

Observed behavioral response

Change in business and personal incentives

what does REMI say?

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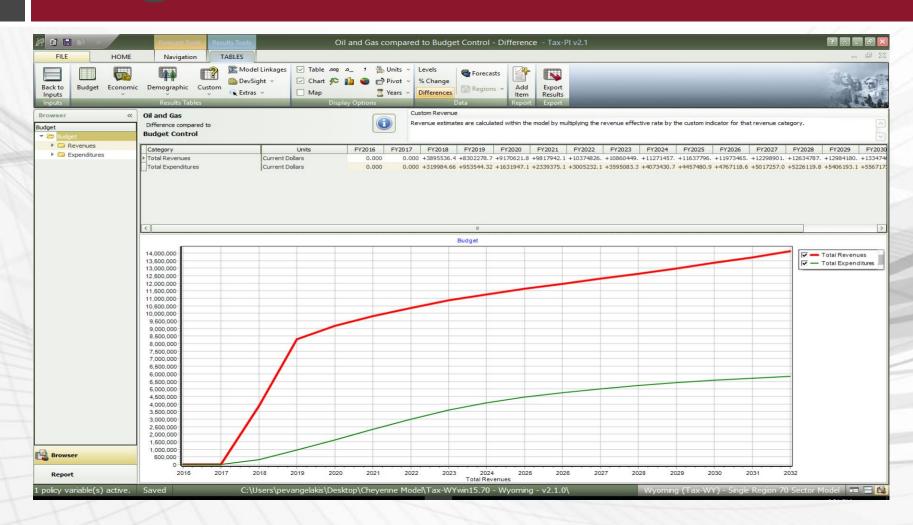


- Add 100 direct jobs into several different Wyoming industries:
  - Oil & Gas
  - Chemical Manufacturing

Show impacts on Wyoming's budget, economic production, population

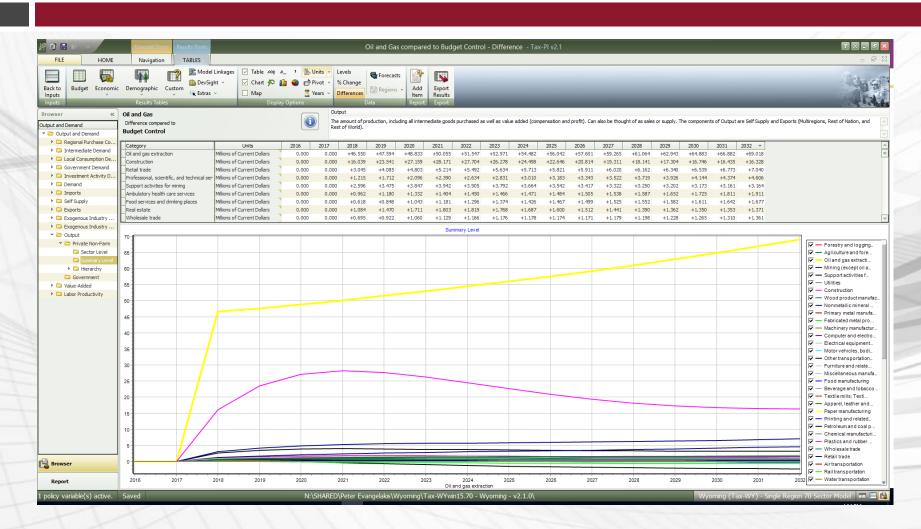
# Oil and Gas Budget





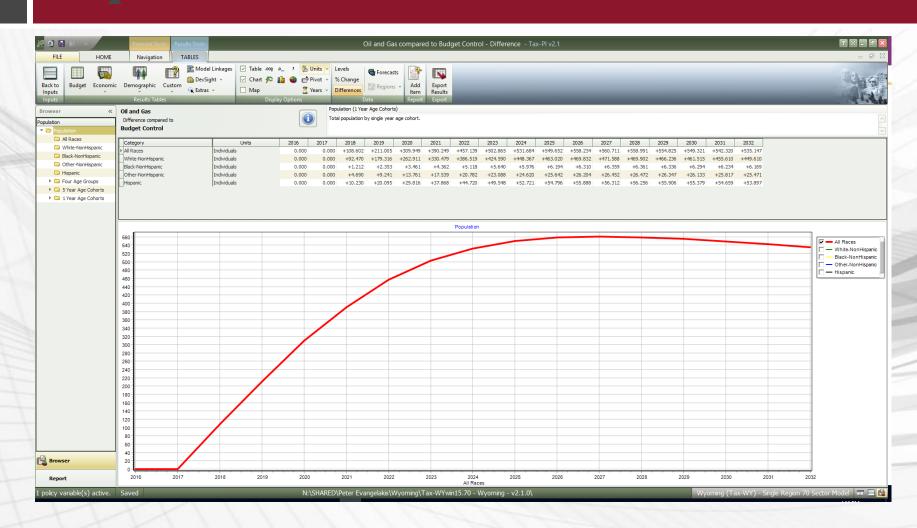
## Oil and Gas Production





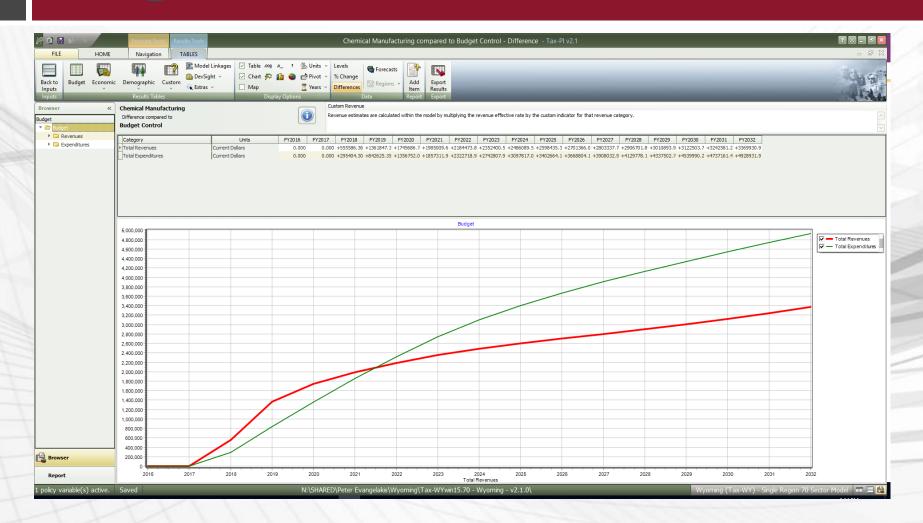
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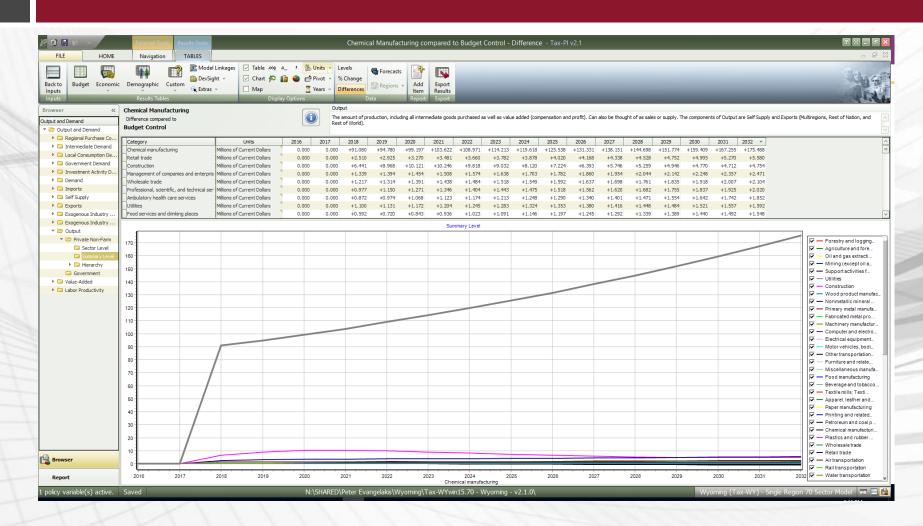
# **Chemical Manufacturing Budget**





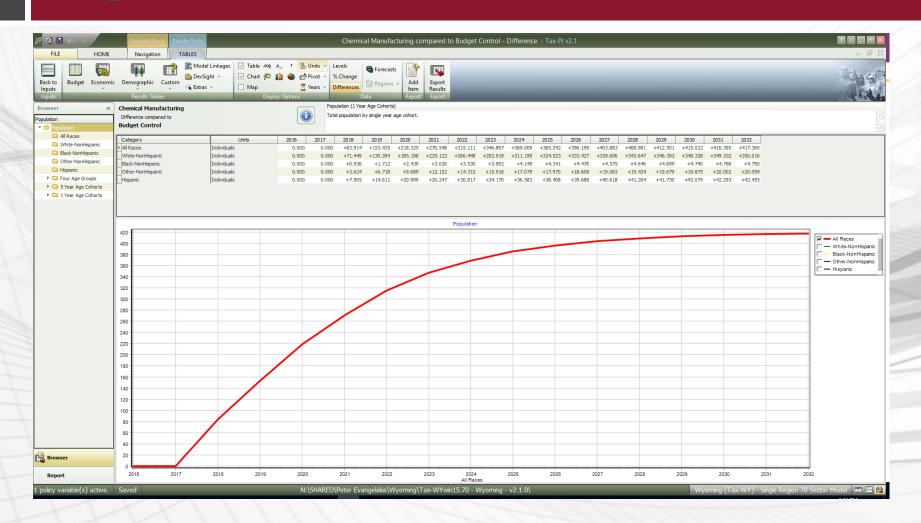
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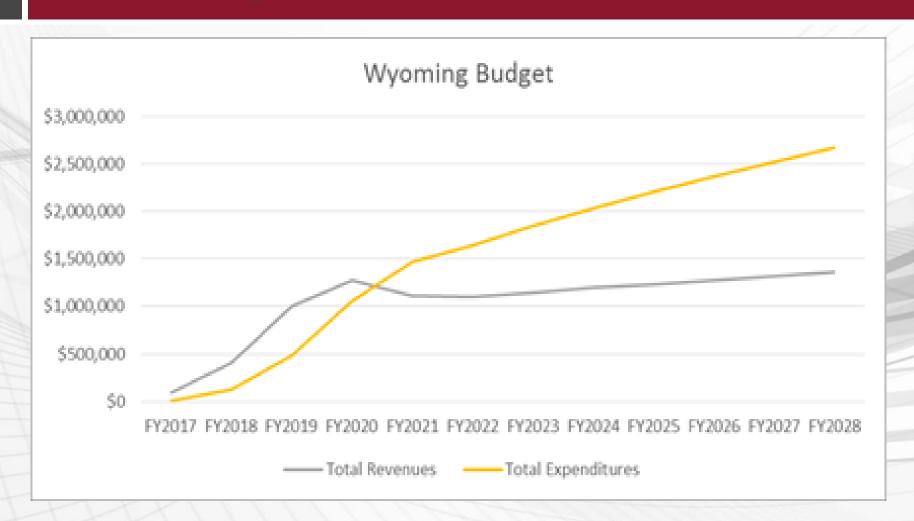


Intervention in Chemical Manufacturing sector

- Show impacts on Wyoming's budget under four states' tax structures:
  - Wyoming
  - North Dakota

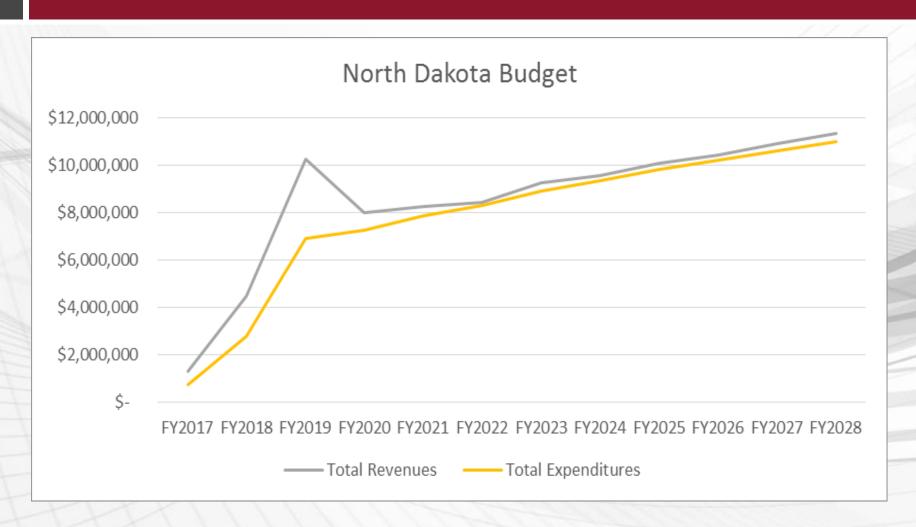
# Revenue Capture Wyoming





## Revenue Capture North Dakota





## Conclusion



- Under its current tax structure, Wyoming's effort to stimulate non resource sectors in the state presents fiscal challenges
  - Only growth in resource sectors has significant positive fiscal impacts
- □ This is not an isolated issue
  - Applies generally across non resource sectors
- □ This is directly related to Wyoming's tax structure
  - Compared with several other states' budgets