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(Wyo.)-Gov. Matt Mead Plans To Push For State Employee Raises

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead says he intends to push for pay raises for state employees in the legislative session early next year.

Mead said Wednesday that his final budget recommendations will hinge on state revenue projections that will be released in October.

Mead said he's concerned that state employee pay has remained essentially stagnant for the past several years. He says many employees are leaving the state for other jobs.

The Legislature earlier this year denied Mead's request for employee pay raises. The Legislature instead put up money for one-time bonus payments that didn't raise employees' base salary levels.

Bill Mai (MY) is head of the state's Economic Analysis Division in Cheyenne. He says state employees last got a cost-of-living increase in 2009 while their required retirement contributions have increased.