

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL REVIEW AND STATUS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

NOTE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th was the first day of the 2019 General Session. Bills listed below have been pre-filed and are available on the LSO website. UPDATED BILL STATUS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WSGA WEBSITE STARTING JANUARY 14TH.

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HOUSE BILLS

HB 01 BUDGET BILL—This number is reserved for the Budget Bill.

HB 02 REGULATION OF HUNTING METHODS—Authorizes the Game & Fish through rulemaking to control the methods and technologies use in hunting of wildlife.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Amend/Support

HB 10 CRIMES AGAINST CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE—creates crimes with enhanced penalties for intentionally or knowingly impeding critical infrastructure or trespassing on a critical infrastructure facility.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Amend/Support

HB 12 SHED ANTLERS & HORNS—Grants the Game & Fish the flexibility to set the dates, times and locations for collection of shed antler and horns on public lands west of the Continental Divide; deletes the current January 1-May 1 limitation.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 28 REGULATION OF SHED ANTLER & BIG GAME HORN COLLECTION—Similar to HB12 but would grant this authority on a state-wide basis.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 31 RULE AGAINST PERPETUITY AMENDMENTS—Would allow for property other than real property to be held in a trust for up to 1,000 years, subject to certain conditions.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 32 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL AMENDMENTS—Provides for staffing of the Environmental Quality Council independent of the Department of Environmental Quality.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 36 MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS—Authorizes a county clerk to conduct an election by mail ballot with only one polling location available on election day for in-person voting.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 46 AGRICULTURAL FEED PRODUCTS-CIVIL LIABILITY—Provides that a farmer or rancher shall not be subject to a strict liability standard of fault in a civil case resulting from the sale of an agricultural feed product including seed, hay, silage and similar products.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Support

HB 47 SENATE CONFIRMATION OF WATER COMPACT COMMISSIONERS—Would require Senate confirmation of the Governor's appointment of commissioners representing the state on interstate compacts.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Oppose

HB 48 BRAND RERECORDING NOTICES—Provides for notice of the need to rerecord a brand to be sent by both email and regular mail; removes the requirement for certified mail on the second notice.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Support

HB 50 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF STATE LAND TRANSFERS—Requires legislative review of any sale or exchange of state lands of more than 639 acres; provides that any exchange of lands with the federal government be based on equal value which may include both surface and mineral rights;

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Oppose

HB 61 LAWFUL FENCE STANDARDS-COUNTY PREEMPTION—Prohibits a county from adopting fence standards which vary from the standards contained in state statute.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 64 INDEXING FUEL TAXES—Directs that the tax on gasoline and diesel fuels be adjusted every two years based on the Consumer Price Index with the current 23 cents being the floor.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 67 SALES TAX REVISIONS—Expands application of the sales tax to include the vast majority of services with only very narrow exceptions that include legal services, banking services and veterinary services when provided to livestock on the farm or ranch; reduces the overall sales tax rate by 1/2%.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 68 SCHOOL FUNDING REVENUE—Increases the mill levy on all property within a school district by 3 mills for each of the tax years beginning in 2020 for a total of 9 mills.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 81 OMNIBUS WATER BILL-PLANNING—Authorizes Reconnaissance and Feasibility studies for water projects, rehabilitations and studies.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 99 WYOMING PUBLIC LANDS DAY—Designates the 4th Saturday in September each year as “Public Lands Day”.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 126 REVENUE RECLIBRATION TASK FORCE—Creates a Revenue Recalibration Task Force to undertake a comprehensive review of Wyoming’s tax system, revenue needs and forecasts and make recommendations.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 129 CIVICS PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION—Required passage of an examination similar to the U.S. citizenship examination on the principles of the U.S. and Wyoming Constitutions to receive a high school diploma or comparable certificate.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 130 WYOMING COWBOY LEGACY WEEK—Designates the 3rd week of September as Wyoming Cowboy Heritage Week to recognize the history and principles exemplified by cowboys and cowgirls.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HJ 01 WYOMING SUPPORT FOR DELISTING THE GRIZZLY BEAR—Requests that Congress delist the grizzly bear and fully fund the management of the grizzly by the state.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HJ 03 SUPREME COURT JUSTICES—SENATE CONFIRMATION—Proposes an amendment to the Wyoming Constitution to require Senate Confirmation of Wyoming Supreme Court appointments by the Governor; allows for interim appointments.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HJ 04 TERM LIMITS-STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS—Proposes to Amend the Wyoming Constitution to provide term limits on five state-wide elective offices and members of the state Senate and House.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Oppose

HJ 05 STATE LANDS MINEERAL ROYALTIES-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—Proposes to amend the Wyoming Constitution to authorize for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027 100% , rather than the current 33 1/3 %, of royalties from state school trust lands may be appropriated for support of public schools.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Oppose

SENATE FILES

SF 06 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REPORTING—Enhances the monetary fees for failure to report personal property while removing the jail term.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 13 EMINENT DOMAIN-WIND ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEMS—Re-imposes the moratorium on the exercise of eminent domain for wind energy collector systems until June 2023.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 23 APPEALS BY COUNTY ASSESSOR—Allows a county assessor to appeal decisions of the State Board of Equalization to the District Court.

Status: Filed fro Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 26 FIRE SUPPRESSION ACCOUNT APPROPRIATIONS—Appropriates \$20 million to the Fire Suppression Account and provides for a continual appropriation of \$1 million annually.

Status: Passed Senate Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Support

SF 32 CHANGE IN POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION—Prohibits a change in declared political party affiliation from the first day of nomination filings through primary election day.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 33 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS-PENALTIES—Increases the penalties for cruelty to animals from \$500 to \$2,500 for a first misdemeanor offence and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for a subsequent misdemeanor offense or a felony.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Oppose

Sf 39 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF WATER COMPACT AMENDMENTS—Requires legislative ratification of any negotiated interstate compact amendments.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 42 WATER DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS—Requires Senate confirmation for Water District Superintendents; establishes terms of six years; sets expiration of existing terms for 2020 and 2022.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Oppose

SF 43 HATHAWAY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY—Authorizes the use of a career-technical aptitude test score as an eligibility requirement and allows career-technical elective courses to qualify s electives for the scholarship.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 58 VEHICLE REGISTRATION-DEPRECIATION—Extends the depreciation schedule for vehicle registrations from eight years to ten years.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Support

SF 59 OMNIBUS WATER BILL—CONSTRUCTION—Authorizes and funds numerous new and rehabilitation rural and domestic water projects including weather modification; provides both grants & loans.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 66 LIVESTOCK ENFORCEMENT-REIMBURSEMENT—Creates a Livestock Enforcement Fund to be used by the WY Livestock Board to reimburse county sheriffs for activities related to enforcement of livestock laws and to provide training; appropriates \$250,000 for year two of the current biennium.

Status: Committee Bill

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 69 WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS—Defines those entities eligible to participate in water development programs to include any public corporations organized for the purposes of the conservation, distribution or utilization of water or soil and any public entity having taxing or fee collection authority on lands served.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 70 LANDOWNER & LESSEE LIABILITY LIMITATIONS—Extends the landowner protection from liability for damage or injury to include third parties; makes the recreational user liable for injury to a third party; extends protection from liability to authorized improvements to state land lessees.

Status: Filed for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 77 2019 LARGE PROJECT FUNDING—Authorizes the expenditure of Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust funds for specific projects including three conservation easements to be held by the Stock Growers Land Trust.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 88 ARCHEOLOGICAL HUMAN BURIAL SITES—Establishes protocols for the handling of human remains unearthed on state and private lands.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Support

SF 87 TEMPORARY INSTREAM WATER USE—Would authorize private temporary instream flow use of an existing water right to as a beneficial use of water.

Status: Offered for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

SJ 01 STATE-FEDERAL SCHOOL TRUST LANDS EXCHANGE—Urges Congress to pass legislation requiring the exchange of landlocked state trust lands for other federal lands on an equal value basis.

Status: Passed Senate Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Monitor