

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL REVIEW AND STATUS

MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2019

NOTE: Wednesday, February 20th will be the last day for bills to be reported out of Committee in the second house. UPDATED BILL STATUS INFORMATION IS BE POSTED ON THE WSGA WEBSITE EACH MONDAY.

For more information, call the WSGA office at 307-638-3942.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 01 BUDGET BILL—In Conference Committee; expected to be completed this week.

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

Status: Passed House & Senate

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: Passed Senate Travel Committee

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: Passed Senate 1st Reading

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: Passed House & Senate

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: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 54 FEDERAL NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY ACCOUNT AMENDMENTS—Authorizes expenditure of up to \$50,000 per county to develop comprehensive natural resource management plans.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

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

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

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

Status: Passed House & Senate Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Support as Amended

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: Passed Senate Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Support

HB 134 LIVESTOCK BRANDS AMENDMENTS—Extends the delinquency period for expired brands to two years; requires a notice not less than six months prior to abandonment.

Status: Passed Senate 2nd Reading

WSGA Position: Amend/Support

HB 196 LOCAL REGULATION-SUBDIVISIONS—Precludes a county from preventing residential or agricultural uses authorized for land divisions that are family exemptions from subdivision requirements.

Status: Passed House & Senate Corporations Committee

WSGA Position: Support

HB 209 SPLIT ESTATES-MEASURE OF DAMAGES—Requires an oil and gas operator to pay the surface owner either actual damages or the fair market value of loss of income, land value and improvements.

Status: Passed House

WSGA Position: Support

HB 235 CARE OF ANIMALS—Enhances penalties for cruelty to animals; modifies requirements for euthanasia technicians; authorizes court orders in domestic abuse cases to provide for removal and protection of pet animals.

Status: Passed House

WSGA Position: Monitor/Amend

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: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

SENATE FILES

SF 01 BUDGET—In Conference Committee; expected to be completed this week.

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 House Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Support

SF 41 COUNTY FAIR ENDOWMENT—Authorizes a county to establish an endowment to accept gifts and grants in support of their county fair.

Status: Passed House 2nd Reading

WSGA Position: Support

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: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Strongly 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: Passed Senate & House

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: Passed House Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 68 MEAT FROM HARVESTED LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY—Prohibits misrepresenting a product as meat that is not harvested from livestock or poultry.

Status: Passed House 2nd Reading

WSGA Position: Amend/Support

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: Passed Senate & House

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: Passed House 2nd Reading

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 78 ARCHEOLOGICAL HUMAN BURIAL SITES—Establishes protocols for the handling of human remains unearthed on state and private lands.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 93 GRIZZLY BEAR HUNTS—Authorizes the Wyoming Game & Fish to conduct grizzly bear hunts when deemed necessary without regard for federal status or federal court orders.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 107 PARI-MUTUAL FEES DISTRIBUTION-STATE FAIR ACCOUNT—Provides that a county, city or town may designate a 1% distribution of the historic pari-mutual monies wagered in the county to the state fair account.

Status: Passed Senate & House Appropriations Committee

WSGA Position: Support

SF 122 WYOMING WORKS PROGRAM—Provides funding for student grants and community college technical programs to meet workforce needs; appropriates \$10 million.

Status: Passed Senate

WSGA Position: Support

SF 142 COUNTY REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK GRAZING—Prohibits a county from eliminating livestock grazing on any lands without full compliance with county zoning regulations.

Status: Passed Senate & House Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

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 & House Agriculture Committee

WSGA Position: Monitor

SJ 10 MULTIPLE USE OF PUBLIC LANDS—Calls upon Congress to pass legislation that promotes greater state and local involvement in the multiple use of federal lands and calls upon state agencies to assume a more active role in the federal land planning process.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

BILLS THAT FAILED OR DID NOT RECEIVE FLOOR CONSIDERATION

HB 10 CRIMES AGAINST CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: WSGA Position: Amend/Support

HB 36 MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS: WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 46 AGRICULTURAL FEED PRODUCTS-CIVIL LIABILITY: WSGA Position: Support

HB 47 SENATE CONFIRMATION OF WATER COMPACT COMMISSIONERS: WSGA Position: Oppose

HB 48 BRAND RERECORDING NOTICES: WSGA Position: Support

HB 50 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF STATE LAND TRANSFERS: WSGA Position: Oppose

HB 51 LAWFUL FENCE STANDARDS-COUNTY PREEMPTION: WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 64 INDEXING FUEL TAXES: WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 67 SALES TAX REVISIONS: WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 68 SCHOOL FUNDING REVENUE: WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 126 REVENUE RECLIBRATION TASK FORCE: WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 129 CIVICS PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION: WSGA Position: Support

HB 184 PRIVATE ROADS: WSGA Position: Amend/Support

HB 189 WIDE LOAD RESTRICTIONS-AGRICULTURE: WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 193 WYOMING CAREER TECHNICAL PATHWAY WORKFORCE STRATEGY: WSGA Position: Support

HB 208 SPLIT ESTATES-GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS: WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 217 WYOMING CAMPING ACT: WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 224 SPLIT ESTATES-APPLICABILITY OF PROCEDURES: WSGA Position: Support

HB 248 SAGE GROUSE GAME BIRD FARMS-EXTENSION: WSGA Position: Support
HB 284 VIDEO SKILL GAMES-2: WSGA Position: Oppose
HB 285 EMINENT DOMAIN WILD ENERGY COLLECTOR SYSTEMS: WSGA Position: Strongly Support
HB 288 ANIMAL CRUELTY—SNOWMOBILES : WSGA Position: Oppose
HB 294 SCHOOL TRUST LANDS STUDIES: WSGA Position: Oppose
HB 305 LAND ACCESS STUDY: WSGA Position: Oppose/Amend
HJ 03 SUPREME COURT JUSTICES—SENATE CONFIRMATION: WSGA Position: Oppose
HJ 04 TERM LIMITS-STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS: WSGA Position: Oppose
HJ 05 STATE LANDS MINERAL ROYALTIES-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: WSGA Position: Oppose
HJ 09 PERMANENT BAN ON STATE INCOME TAX: WSGA Position: Monitor
SF 06 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REPORTING: WSGA Position: Monitor
SF 13 EMINENT DOMAIN-WIND ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEMS: WSGA Position: Strongly Support
SF 23 APPEALS BY COUNTY ASSESSOR: WSGA Position: Oppose
SF 32 CHANGE IN POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION: WSGA Position: Monitor
SF 33 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS-PENALTIES: WSGA Position: Oppose
SF 39 LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF WATER COMPACT AMENDMENTS: WSGA Position: Monitor
SF 42 WATER DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS: WSGA Position: Oppose
SF 58 VEHICLE REGISTRATION-DEPRECIATION: WSGA Position: Support
SF 69 WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS: WSGA Position: Monitor
SF 87 TEMPORARY INSTREAM WATER USE: WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose
SF 143 CIVICS PROFICIENCY: WSGA Position: Monitor
SF 145 STATE TRUST LAND REVENUES: WSGA Position: Monitor
SJ 05 HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS: WSGA Position: Monitor