

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL REVIEW AND STATUS

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

NOTE: THE GENERAL SESSION CONVENED ON JANUARY 14TH. JANUARY 29TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR SENATE BILL INTRODUCTIONS. FEBRUARY 3RD IS THE LAST DAY FOR HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTIONS. UPDATED BILL STATUS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WSGA WEBSITE STARTING JANUARY 20TH. For more information, call the WSGA office at 307-638-3942.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS—[Details will be provided when available.]

HB 03 ANIMAL ABUSE-PREDATORY ANIMALS—Obligates a person who intentionally injures a predatory animal with a vehicle to make a reasonable effort to kill the animal; increases the fine for a violation to up to \$1,000 and a potential loss of any hunting license.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Support

HB 45 REMOVING OTTERS AS PROTECTED ANIMALS—Removes the otter from the list of protected animals.

Status: Passed House

WSGA Position: Support

HB 59 STATE LANDS-NOTICE FOR MINERAL LEASE—Requires notice to county commissioners at least sixty days before the issuance or renewal of a mineral lease on state lands

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 61 STATE LAND LEASE PREFERENCE AMENDMENTS—Removes past violations that have been corrected as a basis for denying the right to renew a grazing or agricultural lease.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 63 WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT—Prohibits a municipality or county from adopting an ordinance or policy that restricts the otherwise lawful use of a working animal for a range of specific duties.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 69 FOREIGN ADVERSARY OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF BUSINESS ENTITIES—Extends the authority of the Secretary of State to dissolution, revocation and forfeiture of entities owned or controlled by a foreign government or person deemed to be an adversary by the US Secretary of Commerce.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Support

HB 89 WIND TURBINE BLADES—ONSITE DISPOSAL REQUIRED—Requires the disposal of decommissioned wind turbine blades on the site where the turbines operated.

Status: TABLED

WSGA Position: Oppose

HB 90 ANTHRAX OUTBREAK PROTOCOL—Directs the Livestock Board to develop a protocol for notification of a non-negative anthrax test within six square miles of the confirmed test.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 91 EMINENT DOMAIN ENERGY COLLECTOR SYSTEMS AMENDMENTS—Prohibits the use of eminent domain by non-public utilities for electric generation collector systems; precludes the expanded use of existing easements without renegotiation.

Status: Passed House 1st Reading

WSGA Position: Oppose

HB 92 WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD-MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING— Directs the Livestock Board to initiate MOUs with other states to allow the movement of livestock identified by any method currently provided in Wyoming statute.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Support

HB 93 PROTECT WYOMING’S LANDS ACT—Prohibits natural asset companies from selling credits through national security exchanges.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Support

HB 98 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LONG-TERM HOMEOWNERS-EXTENSION—Repeals the sunset date on this exemption that was adopted in 2024.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 99 ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS-CORNER CROSSING—Authorizes crossing private lands through the airspace or by touching the land to cross a common corner between two parcels of land on which access is authorized.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 101 FOREST HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM—Creates a grant program under the state forester for matching funds for an array of forest enhancement projects on state, local or private lands; Appropriates \$ 3 million.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 105 BREACH ORDERS DUE PROCESS—Requires the State Engineer to host public meetings, provide direct notice to those impacted and consider alternatives before breaching a dam or diversion except in immediate emergency.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 109 TRESPASSING-SUSPEND HUNTING LICENSES—Provides for the loss of all hunting and trapping license privileges for two years for trespass across private lands while hunting, fishing, trapping or collecting horns.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 110 TRAPPING LICENSES-NONRESIDENT RECIPROCAL LICENSES—Permits a non-resident to obtain a trapping license for a furbearing animal only if his resident state issues non-resident licenses for the same species to Wyoming residents.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 118 LIMITATIONS ON NET LAND GAINS FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—Provides that no sale or exchange of land or minerals with the United States shall result in a net gain in federal land or mineral interests.

Status: Passed House 1st Reading

WSGA Position: Amend/Support

HB 119 MINIMUM EASEMENT STANDARDS—Requires a 30 day notice to County Commissioners before condemnation of an easement; provides protections for private landowners and assurance of reclamation.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 130 HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTION-AMENDMENTS—Applies a 50% exemption to the first \$200,000 of the fair market value of a single family residential property used as a primary residence; authorizes reimbursement to counties for lost revenue.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 143 LAPRELE DAM REBUILDING—Increases the project budget from \$118 million to \$182 million, the state grant from \$30 million to \$90 million.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 146 ANIMAL ESTRAY PENALTY-AMENDMENTS—Increases the penalty for taking up estray animals with the owners knowledge or consent to a misdemeanor with fines of \$750-\$1,000 and up to six months imprisonment for a first offense , and \$1,500-\$3,000 and up to one year for subsequent offenses.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 150 MEAT PROCESSORS-COMPOSTED MATERIALS—Authorizes inspected meat processors to compost nonedible portions of processed animals to sell as fertilizer, soil amendment or soil conditioner.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 151 PREDATOR MANAGEMENT DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS—Limits Board terms to 9 years; adds a second position for a county-appointed non-producer.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 163 PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS—Prohibits the employment of an unauthorized alien; first offense is a \$1,000 misdemeanor fine; subsequent offense is a \$5,000 misdemeanor.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor/Amend

HB 168 CULTIVATED MEAT PROHIBITION—Prohibits the manufacture and sale of lab produced meat in Wyoming.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 169 HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTION-2025 AND 2026—Exempts for property taxation 50% of the first one million of the fair market value of privately owned single family dwellings.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 177 STATUTORY STANDING COMMITTEE-FEDERAL REVIEW—Creates a legislative committee to review federal actions to determine if the sovereignty of the state and the rights of citizens are being infringed upon.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 186 BEAR COUPONS-GAME AND FISH—Requires each elk license issued for 2026 & 2027 outside of the current grizzly bear recovery zone to contain a coupon allowing the take of one brown, black or grizzly bear.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 192 PUBLIC UTILITIES-WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND LIABILITY LIMITS—Requires public utilities to have an approved wildfire mitigation plan and specifies limitations on liability.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 193 REAL PROPERTY-SEVERANCE OF PORE SPACE—Requires all conveyances of surface ownership to provide notice whether the pore space has been severed.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 205 WYOMING STATE FAIR DEPARTMENT—Removes the State Fair from under the Department of Agriculture and establishes it as a distinct Department.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 211 HUNTING WILDLIFE FROM VEHICLES—Expands the current exemption for predators to any wildlife that does not require a license or permit and is not deemed threatened or endangered.

Status: Introduced

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 219 COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ROADS ON STATE LANDS-EASEMENTS GRANTED—Grants a perpetual easement for county and municipal roads across state lands established before January 1, 2025.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 220 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS-AMENDMENTS—Prohibits perpetual conservation easements; limits easements to 30 years with option for renewals; limits use of WVNRT to easements not exceeding 30 years.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose

HB 221 BIGHORN & DOMESTIC SHEEP RELOCATION-EFFECTIVE DATE REPEAL—Removes a provision that would have allowed relocations of big horn sheep after January 1, 2026 even without federal legislation to protect livestock grazing on public lands.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 224 PROHIBITING FOREIGN ADVERSARY PROPERTY OWNERSHIP—Precludes ownership of property other than a residence by foreign adversaries; requires notice of this prohibition on assessment schedules & taxes.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 233 NATURAL RESOURCE LITIGATION FUNDING—Appropriates an additional \$7.5 million to the natural resource litigation fund established in 2021.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HB 224 CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINES-EMINENT DOMAIN—Prohibits the use of eminent domain for pipelines conveying carbon dioxide for carbon capture, utilization or storage to meet low carbon standards.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

HJ 02 FOREIGN ADVERSARIES-PROHIBITED PROPEERTY OWNERSHIP—Proposes to amend the Wyoming Constitution to prohibit any interest in real properties by foreign adversaries that pose a threat to national security of personal safety.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

HJR 03 SUPPORT FOR RURAL SCHOOLS—The legislature recognizes the importance of rural schools and commits to ensuring that rural residents do not have to fight to gain access to such facilities where appropriate.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

SENATE FILES

SF 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS—Mirror Bill to HB 01.

SF 41 FEDERAL ACTS-LEGAL ACTIONS AUTHORIZED—Authorizes the legislature to institute litigation to challenge federal purchase of lands in Wyoming and other federal resource actions that threaten Wyoming citizens; authorizes the use of up to \$75,000 for this purpose.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 43 TEMPORARY WATER USE AGREEMENTS AMENDMENTS—Broadens both the length and purposes of temporary water use agreements.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Amend/Oppose

SF 48 BUSINESS PROPERTY EXEMPTION—Exempts from taxation the first \$50,000 of taxable personal property that is not otherwise exempt.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 63 STATE LANDS FENCING 2—Authorizes the owner of land adjacent to state lands that they do not lease to construct a lawful partition fence and require the state land office to pay for 1/2 of the costs of construction and maintenance.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

SF 64 WYOMING OPPOSES MANDATORY ELECTRONIC ID DEVICES-LIVESTOCK—Expresses opposition to mandatory EID and supports current methods.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 67 LONG-TERM HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTION-REVISIONS—Removes the current sunset on this exemption; reduces the residency requirement from 8 months to 6 months.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 68 GOVERNMENT OWNED LANDS—Exempts all lands owned by the state from property taxation through January 2027; creates a Task Force to review this matter and make recommendations by June 2026.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 69 HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION—Exempts from taxation 25% of the value up to \$2 million of single family residential structures and associated improved land; provides that the state will reimburse the counties for this lost revenue.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 76 PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARIES—Requires approval by the Department of Homeland Security for any conveyance of real property in a critical infrastructure zone to a foreign government or foreign person determined by the Secretary of Commerce to be a foreign adversary.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

SF 80 ABANDONMENT OF WATER RIGHTS-LIMITATIONS—Extends the protection against abandonment of a water right to owners of lawful dams or diversions where the water is unused due to repairs or replacement.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

SF 81 TAX EXEMPTION-PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE—Exempts all property owned by the state from property taxation through December 31, 2026.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 84 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-USA BEEF—Requires all beef derived from cattle born, raised and processed in the US to be clearly labeled as product of the US.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 87 PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT FOR ELECTRICITY DELIVERY—Establishes a prescriptive easement where an electric utility has used and maintained a delivery system for minimum of five years.

Status: Received for Introduction

WSGA Position: Support

- SF 92 MAKE CARBON GREAT AGAIN-NO NET ZERO**—Outlines the benefits of CO₂; prevents the state from supporting the reduction of CO₂; requires refunds from utilities for future rates based on the costs of carbon reduction.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor
- SF 105 AN ACT TO PRESERVE STATE TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY**—Prohibits the sale of private real property to the federal government without legislative consent.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor
- SF 108 RECREATION SAFETY-AGRITOURISM**—Defines “agritourism” as including tours, hands-on experiences and hospitality services on an agricultural enterprise; exempts providers from liability under the Recreational Safety Act.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Support
- SF 118 LANDOWNER HUNTING TAGS-AMENDMENTS**—Allows a landowner to sell a landowner license to another person.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Support
- SF 120 WYOMING PRIME ACT**—Authorizes the direct sale of producer-raised meat products from a facility that does not have a state or federal inspector on duty if legalized under federal law.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor
- SF 121 RODEO LICENSE PLATE**—Directs WYDOT to design and make available a rodeo themed license plate with additional contributions received to be shared by UW and WY Community College for support of rodeo programs.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Support
- SF 120 WYOMING PRIME ACT**—Authorizes the direct sale of producer-raised meat products from a facility that does not have a state or federal inspector on duty if legalized under federal law.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor
- SF 121 RODEO LICENSE PLATE**—Directs WYDOT to design and make available a rodeo themed license plate with additional contributions received to be shared by UW and WY Community College for support of rodeo programs.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Support
- SF 136 HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTION**—Exempts from taxation 25% of the fair market value of the first \$1 million of a single family residence for tax year 2026.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor
- SF 139 TRAPPING REQUIREMENTS-LICENSES, SEASONS AND SETBACKS**—Authorizes the G&F to establish setbacks for trapping; repeals G&F authority to designate the areas and permitted take in licensing.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor
- SF 140 TRAPPING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**—Prohibits anyone born after January 1, 2000 to take any wildlife including predators by trap or snare other than on their own land without obtaining a certificate of trapper education.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Oppose
- SJR 002 RESOLUTION DEMANDING EQUAL FOOTING**—Demands that Congress confirm its intent to transfer to the stat all federal lands and minerals, except Yellowstone NP or any other lands mutually agreed upon, to be maintained as state public lands.
Status: Received for Introduction WSGA Position: Monitor

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WSGA NOTES

- ◆ There are numerous bills, HB 98, HB 130, HB 169, SF 48, SF 67 SF 69 and SF 136 addressing the statewide concern over the impact of significant property tax burdens on homeowners. While WSGA has initially not taken a position on these bills because this issue is not addressed in our policies, we are monitoring the bills carefully and are prepared to engage to the extent that they might impact the agricultural community in a disproportionate manner.
- ◆ As of today approximately 400 bills and resolutions have been offered for introduction. WSGA anticipates that this number will increase significantly over the next two weeks. Bills that we will be tracking will be added to our report each week.
- ◆ To access all legislation, to view the legislative sessions or to participate virtually in committee meetings go to [State of Wyoming Legislature \(wyoleg.gov\)](http://wyoleg.gov).

WSGA Position: Support