

2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL REVIEW AND STATUS

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021

NOTE: THE LEGISLATURE MET IN A VIRTUAL SESSION JANUARY 27TH - FEBRUARY 5TH TO CONSIDER AN ABBREVIATED LIST OF COMMITTEE BILLS. BILLS OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO WSGA ARE LISTED IN THE FIRST SECTION BELOW. **THE GENERAL SESSION HAS NOW BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 7TH.** UPDATED BILL STATUS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE WSGA WEBSITE WEEKLY For more information, call the WSGA office at 307-638-3942.

JANUARY 27—FEBRUARY 5TH SESSION

HOUSE BILLS

HB 45 CHANGES TO WATER RIGHT—NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARLING—Requires the petitioner for a change in point of diversion or means of conveyance to provide notice of the scheduled hearing by certified mail or, if 20 or more notices are required, by regular mail and publication.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 53 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES—Enhances the role of the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council in aiding county weed and pest districts in implementing coordinated and comprehensive invasive plant control programs; grants the Council rulemaking authority

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

HB 66 2021 LARGE PROJECT FUNDING—Authorizes funding from the Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust for Mule Deer Highway crossings on Dry Piney and Kaycee-Buffalo; invasive grasses control on Sheridan Walk-In Areas.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

SENATE FILES

SF 26 ANIMAL ABUSE STATUTES REORGANIZATION AND UPDATE—Reorganizes existing statutes on abuse of animals; maintains all existing protections for livestock, practices, rodeo and the use of dogs with livestock.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

SF 32 WATER PERMIT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS—Provides for the use of electronic meant to notify an applicant for a water permit at the option of the applicant.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

MARCH 1ST SESSION

HOUSE BILLS

HB 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS-2—Adjusts the 2021-2022 Budget with significant reductions largely as recommended by the Governor, and provides supplemental appropriations for certain programs; includes the following reductions affecting agriculture: Department of Agriculture—\$3,489,364 Reduction; Livestock Board—\$657,502 Reduction

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 17 RANGE MANAGEMENT AT MILITARY TRAINING AREAS—Authorizes funds collected from grazing fees at Camp Guernsey and other training areas to be held in a fund to be expended for range management and grazing operations including improvements.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

HB 51 MEAT PROCESSING PROGRAMS—Allocates additional CARES Act or similar emergency funds for expansion or enhancement of meat processing capabilities.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

- HB 52 WYOMING SCHOOL PROTEIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**—Provides matching funding to School Districts to pay for meat processing costs to enhance the use of Wyoming meat products used in school meals.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Support
- HB 54 WYOMING MEAT PACKING INITIATIVE**—Provides direction to the Wyoming Business Council regarding assisting in the development of new processing and marketing capacity.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Strongly Support
- HB 86 OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES REGISTRATION AUTHORIZED**—Authorizes voluntary licensing/registration of motorcycles meeting the definition of off-road recreational vehicles for use on public roadways,
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Monitor
- HB 91 REMOVAL OF UNENFORCEABLE PROPERTY COVENANTS**—Establishes procedures for the removal of unenforceable restrictive covenants on real property.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Support
- HB 95 GAME ROAD KILL**—Provides a process whereby a person can legally take possession of wildlife killed on a public roadway by a vehicle collision.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Monitor
- HB 101 ELK FEEDGROUNDS CLOSINGS-REQUIREMENTS**—Provides that a G&F operated feedground can only be closed by order of the Governor on recommendation of the Commission and with input for the Livestock Board; directs the G&F to develop a draft contingency plan for any feedground whose authorization will expire or be revoked.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Strongly Support
- HB 112 LIFETIME PIONEER TRAPPER LICENSE**—Provides for the G&F to issue a lifetime pioneer trapper license to any Wyoming resident age 65 or over who has resided in the state for at least 30 years.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Support
- HB 118 FOOD FREEDOM ACT AMENDMENTS**—Authorizes the sale of uninspected eggs through third party vendors such as retail stores or restaurants.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Monitor
- HB 158 LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING**—Defines the role of land use plans and prohibits zoning from requiring compliance with local land use plans.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Support
- HB 188 IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOANS**—Authorizes state loans to irrigation districts for infrastructure improvements.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Support
- HB 229 LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION CHOICE ACT**—Codifies current federal livestock identification methods and protects the confidentiality of data.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Strongly Support
- HJ 3 STATE LANDS MINERAL ROYALTIES-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**—Proposes a vote to amend the Wyoming Constitution to increase the percentage of mineral royalties from state lands to current accounts for school funding from 33 1/3% to 66 2/3% from July 2023 through June 2029.
Status: On Senate General File WSGA Position: Oppose
- HJ 11 STATE SOVERIGNTY IMPACTED BY FEDERAL ACTIONS**—Calls for federal respect for the sovereignty of the states, in particular as related to the right to bear arms and the use of our natural resources.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Support
- HJ 13 SUPPORT OF TAIWAN**—reaffirms Wyoming’s commitment to its relationship with Taiwan.
Status: PASSED WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SENATE FILES

SF 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES—IMMUNITY AMENDMENTS—Defines terms and specifies assumption of risk related specifically to COVID-19.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 50 COVID-19 BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAMS—AGRICULTURE—Maintains and restructures based on head of livestock or acres of cropland the CARES Act relief program for agriculture subject to available current or future funding.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

SF 88 OWNERSHIP OF FOSSILS AND ARTIFACTS—Provides that any fossils, artifacts or animal remains discovered in split estates are the property of the surface owner.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

SF 93 WICHE REPAYMENT PROGRAM-VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDENTS—Include veterinary medicine students in the provisions of the WHICHE program which requires practice in the state for 3 years or repayment of any assistance provided.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Oppose

SF 114 STATE LAND LEASES—Modifies the process for leasing vacant lands; defines “preference” and “preferred right”.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Support

SF 124 DEFENDING WYOMING BUSINESS-TRADE AND COMMERCE AMENDMENTS—Grants the Wyoming Attorney General authority to bring civil litigation to challenge unfair trade practices such as those experienced by the cattle industry in 2020; provides for penalties.

Status: PASSED

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

WSGA SCORECARD

The following bills passed the legislature except as noted. Several are still awaiting action by the Governor.

Bills Strongly Supported by WSGA

- **HB 26 FUEL TAX—FAILED**
- **HB 54 WYOMING MEAT PACKING INITIATIVE**
- **HB 101 ELK FEEDGROUNDS CLOSINGS-REQUIREMENTS**
- **HB 229 LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION CHOICE ACT**
- **HB 237 TRESPASSING STATUTES-FINE INCREASE—FAILED**
- **HJ 13 SUPPORT OF TAIWAN**
- **SF 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES—IMMUNITY AMENDMENTS**
- **SF 122 WYOMING AGRICULTURE AUTHORITY—FAILED**
- **SF 124 DEFENDING WYOMING BUSINESS-TRADE AND COMMERCE AMENDMENTS**

Bills Supported by WSGA

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- **HB 51 MEAT PROCESSING PROGRAMS**
- **HB 52 WYOMING SCHOOL PROTEIN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**
- **HB 53 INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES**
- **HB 66 021 LARGE PROJECT FUNDING**
- **HB 91 REMOVAL OF UNENFORCEABLE PROPERTY COVENANTS**
- **HB 112 LIFETIME PIONEER TRAPPER LICENSE**
- **HB 158 LOCAL LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING**
- **HB 170 WYOMING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES—FAILED**
- **HB 188 IRRIGATION DISTRICT LOANS**
- **HJ 11 STATE SOVERIGNTY IMPACTED BY FEDERAL ACTIONS**
- **SF 50 COVID-19 BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAMS—AGRICULTURE**

- **SF 88 OWNERSHIP OF FOSSILS AND ARTIFACTS**
- **SF 114 STATE LAND LEASES**
- **SF 135 WATER RIGHTS-LIVESTOCK ON FEDERAL LANDS—FAILED**

Bills Opposed by WSGA

- **HB 40 INDUSTRIAL SITING REVISIONS—FAILED**
- **HB 191 STATEWIDE MILL LEVY FOR EDUCATION—FAILED**
- **HB 242 STATE LAND LEASES—AMENDMENTS—FAILED**
- **HB 262 STATEWIDE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX—FAILED**
- **HJ 3 STATE LANDS MINERAL ROYALTIES-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—FAILED**
- **SF 93 WICHE REPAYMENT PROGRAM-VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDENTS**

Bills Strongly Opposed by WSGA

- **HB 168 SALES AND USE TAX APPLICATION—FAILED**
- **HB 200 SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS REPEAL—FAILED**
- **SF 103 RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE ISSUANCE AND FEES—FAILED**