2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILL REVIEW AND STATUS

THURSDAY MARCH 6, 2025

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Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

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: Passed House & Senate WSGA Position: Strongly 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: Passed House & Senate WSGA Position: Support

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: Passed House & Senate WSGA Position: Support

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: Passed House & Senate WSGA Position: Support

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: Passed House & Senate 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: Passed House & Senate 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: Passed House & Senate WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 275 TREATMENT OF ANIMALS—Prohibits the torture of mutilation of wildlife, including predators, after being reduced to possession; the immediate killing of such wildlife; makes a 2nd violation a felony and includes loss of hunting privileges.

Status: Passed House & Senate WSGA Position: Support as Amended

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

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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: Passed Senate & House WSGA Position: Oppose as Amended

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

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- SF 69 HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION—Exempts from taxation 25% of the value up to \$1 million of single family residential structures and associated improved land; provides no backfill tol ocal governments.

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

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Status: Passed Senate & House WSGA Position: 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.

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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

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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.

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- 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.

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- SF 152 WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT- AMENDMENTS—Outlines and expands the duties of the State Forester; restores wildfire funding depleted in 2024; authorizes loans at 2% interest for mitigation and restoration; authorizes funding for invasive species control.

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