

# **2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

## ***BILL REVIEW AND STATUS***

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

**NOTE:** THE BUDGET SESSION CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 14TH AND CONCLUDED ON MARCH 11TH.

BILLS NOT YET SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR REMAIN SUBJECT TO HIS VETO. PROPOSED INTERM TOPICS FOR THE 2021 SESSION WILL BE ASSIGNED AT A MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26TH.

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

### **HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**—[See Appropriation Highlights following Bill Reviews]

**HB 02 DISPOSITION OF WATER RIGHTS**—Requires documentation from the Board of Control and written notice to water rights holder and irrigation districts before approval of a subdivision permit.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

**HB 03 STATE LAND LEASES**—Clarifies the preference of adjoining landowners to lease state land; specifies the manner in which the preference shall be administered in cases of multiple applicants.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support as Amended

**HB 04 WATER PERMITS-LIVESTOCK ON FEDERAL LAND**—Requires that livestock water permits on federal land be issues in the joint name of the permittee/lessee and the federal agency and be tied to the allotment.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

**HB 05 WILD HORSE AND BURRO MANAGEMENT**—Directs the Office of State Lands to request reimbursement from the federal agency for AUMs of grazing on trust lands by wild horses; authorizes issuance of a writ of mandamus to require removal of excess horses from non-federal government lands; authorized the state to enter into cooperative agreements with federal agencies and tribes for horse management.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

**HB 17 VETERANS FACILITIES-SURROUNDED BY GRAZING**—Authorizes the leasing of state lands surrounding Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery in Natrona County and the Veterans Home in Johnson County.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

**HB 43 TROPHY GAME, BIG GAME AND WILD BISON LICENSE ALLOCATIONS**—Allocates 90% of licenses for ram bighorn sheep, bull bison, bull moose, mountain goat and grizzly bear for resident hunters

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

**HB 73 OMNIBUS WATER BILL PLANNING**—Authorizes site specific project studies as well as statewide UW water research and a statewide assessment of aging irrigation infrastructure.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

**HB 100 REDISTRICTING OF THE LEGISLATURE**—Redistricts the legislature based on the 2020 census; adds one additional Senate District and two additional House Districts.

Status: Passed House & Senate; In Conference

WSGA Position: Monitor

**HB 136 UNDERGROUND WATER CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS**—Places the burden of proof on the petitioner on any application or petition for groundwater appropriation.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

**HB 137 STATE LAND EXCHANGES-PUBIC NOTICE**—[As Amended] Requires public posting on the Board of Land Commissioners' website of any application for an exchange of state trust lands upon the director's determination to proceed with the exchange.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support as Amended

# SENATE FILES

**SF 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS**—Mirror Bill to HB 01. [See Below]

**SF 08 WEED AND PEST-REORGANIZATION**—Transfers the administration of weed and pest control on state lands from the Office of State Lands to the Department of Agriculture.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

**SF 09 REVENUE BONDS FOR AGRICULTURAL ENDEAVORS**—Authorizes the Business Council to issue revenue bonds for agriculture processing projects.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

**SF 10 PREDATOR CONTROL**—Strengthens the role of the Department of Agriculture in coordinating predator control and authorizes contracting with federal agencies and county boards.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

**SF 48 2022 LARGE PROJECTS FUNDING**—Authorized the expenditure of earnings from the WVNRT for certain projects including invasive species control, wildlife crossings, conifer removal and fish passages.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

**SF 61 SAGE GROUSE GAME BIRD FARMS-NO CERTIFICATION EXPIRATION-2**—Extends the December 2022 expiration of the legislation authorizing sage grouse game bird farms to December 2027.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

**SF 66 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT RECOVERY FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS**—Appropriates \$334,539,726 of ARPA funds including \$50,000,000 for Water & Sewer Projects; \$25 million for rural broadband.

Status: Passed Senate & House;

WSGA Position: Support

**SF 80 OMNIBUS WATER BILL-CONSTRUCTION**—Appropriates funding from Water Development Accounts for grants and loans to numerous new and rehabilitation construction projects and for cloud seeding.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

**SF 82 SUPPLEMENTAL WATER DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**—Transfers monies to Water Development Accounts for Fontenelle Dam, Goshen Irrigation District and LaPrele Dam.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

**SF 86 WILDFIRES ONE-CALL EXEMPTION**—Modifies the requirement to call 811 prior to undertaking ground disturbing fire control activities to as soon as practical.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

## BILLS THAT FAILED OR DID NOT RECEIVE CONSIDERATION

<b>HB 06 ARPA FUNDS FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u>
<b>HB 11 LIVESTOCK INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL—TRIBAL INCLUSION</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>
<b>HB 14 FUEL TAX</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support up to 9 Cents</u>
<b>HB 19 PAINTED FENCEPOSTS-NO TRESPASSING</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Strongly Support</u>
<b>HB 23 AGRICULTURAL LAND QUALIFICATIONS-ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u>
<b>HB 24 WILD HORSE &amp; BURRO MANAGEMENT-2</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u>
<b>HB 35 COUNTY OPTIONAL REAL ESTATE TAX</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u>
<b>HB 54 STATE PARKS-RECREATION MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Oppose</u>
<b>HB 66 WORKING ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>
<b>HB 94 DRILLING UNIT-SIZE LIMITATION</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>
<b>HB 101 DRILLING UNITS MANDATORY ROYALTY AMENDMENT</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>
<b>HB 102 POOLING ORDERS—GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATION REQUIREMENT</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>
<b>HB 103 PROHIBIT TRAVEL ACROSS PRIVATE LAND FOR HUNTING PURPOSES</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>
<b>HB 126 TRESPASS BY DRONE</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Strongly Support</u>
<b>HB 139 PROTECTING WYOMING’S LAND AND WATER RESOURCES</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose</u>
<b>HB 140 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AMENDMENTS</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose</u>
<b>SF 15 OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES-FEES AND PERMITS</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Oppose</u>
<b>SF 42 REPORTING ON BUSINESS FRANCHISE TAX</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose</u>
<b>SF 81 CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING STATE OWNERSHIP OF GROUNDWATER</b>	<u>WSGA Position: Support</u>

## APPROPRIATION HIGHLIGHTS

### **HB 01/SF 01 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS (*As Sent to the Governor*)**

#### Governor’s Office

Natural Resource Policy—\$2,000,000

Endangered Species Administration—\$675,000

#### Department of Agriculture

Predator Management--\$5,881,016

Rangeland Health Assessment—\$70,000

Weed & Pest Control--\$1,000,000

Ag in the Classroom--\$300,000

#### State Parks & Cultural Resources

Centennial Farm & Ranch Program--\$10,000

#### Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust

Highway Crossings/Fencing--\$10,000,000

Addition to Corpus--\$75,000,000

#### Livestock Board

Animal Health—\$1,325,095

Brucellosis—\$1,417,512

Brand Inspection—\$1,171,502 (General Funds)

#### University of Wyoming

Rodeo Team--\$200,000

College of Ag Ranch & Rangeland Management—\$2,500,000(match required)

College of Ag Capital Construction--\$8,632,000