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FOREWORD

The following summaries of legislation enacted during the 2023 General Session of the Wyoming Legislature were prepared by the Legal Services Division Staff for use by the Legislative Service Office. This report is not an official publication of the Wyoming Legislature and does not purport to be an official statement of legislative intent concerning any measure enacted by the Legislature.

The bill summaries contained in this report were prepared as an aid to locating enacted legislation and as a brief recapitulation of the major provisions of each bill. While the information provided in these summaries is accurate, the summaries are not intended as a detailed abstract. Reference should be made to the enacted bills for more complete information.

Act No.: HB0001 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: 23LSO-0407

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0037

Chapter No.: 94

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **General government appropriations.**

Subject: Supplemental Budget Bill for FY2023-2024 Fiscal Biennium.

Revised appropriations to 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 51:

Reductions or Additional Appropriations for Purposes of Spending by Funding Source:*

General Fund (GF) appropriations increased by a net \$380 million, which includes Governor's vetoes, but not contingent actions on other acts that are specified in this act.

Federal Funds (FF) appropriations increased by a net \$102 million.

School Foundation Program Account (S5) appropriations increased by a net \$58 million.

School Capital Construction Account (S6) appropriations increased by a net \$129 million.

Net Other Funds** appropriations of \$10 million.

**Does not include funding transfers to permanent funds, budget balancer (S10), or appropriations from other acts.*

***Includes all other funding sources not shown above, e.g., Special Revenue (SR), Pension Funds (PF), etc.*

Additional Appropriations for Savings:

Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund: This act modifies transfers among state accounts to deposit up to \$367.6 million to the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund; this is comprised of \$121.1 million revenue redirection and \$246.5 million from the School Foundation Program Account (S5).

Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund: This act transfers up to \$367.6 million to the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund; this is comprised of \$150.0 million General Funds and up to \$217.6 million from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (S10).

Common School Permanent Fund Reserve Account: This act transfers up to \$359.1 million to the Common School Permanent Fund Reserve Account; this is comprised of \$139.7 million S10 and \$219.4 million from the School Foundation Program Reserve Account and from revenue redirections.

Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund Reserve Account: This act transfers up to \$274.7 million S10 to the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund Reserve Account.

Hathaway Student Scholarship Reserve Account: This act transfers up to \$4.6 million S10 to the Hathaway Student Scholarship Reserve Account.

Higher Education Endowment Reserve Account: This act transfers up to \$1.2 million S10 to the Higher Education Endowment Reserve Account.

School Capital Construction Account: This act transfers \$327.1 million S5 to the School Capital Construction Account.

The act also contains increases to total authorized positions for the Executive Branch of 18 to 20 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, depending on contingencies within 2023 House Act 222/ House Enrolled Act 85 and 2023 Senate File 174/Senate Enrolled Act 80. These positions are summarized as follows:

- Department of Revenue: 3 FTE
- Department of Environmental Quality: 4 FTE
- Public Service Commission: 2 FTE
- State Construction Department: 1 FTE
- State Engineer's Office (contingent on House Act 222/HEA 85): 1 FTE
- Wyoming Gaming Commission: 3 FTE
- Office of State Lands and Investments: 4 FTE
- Wyoming Retirement System: 1 FTE
- Department of Education (contingent on Senate File 174/SEA 80): 1 FTE

General Government: This act contains revised appropriations for executive branch and judicial branch agencies for the FY2023-2024 biennium. A condensed overview of large agencies and programs follows:

- **Department of Administration and Information:** This act increases appropriations of \$10.3 million GF (Section 2, Section 006). This includes \$4.5 million for risk management activities; \$1.8 million for operations and utilities for the Thyra Thomson Building; \$2.4 million for a restoration of a 2021 budget reduction pertaining to leasing; and \$1.6 million for miscellaneous expenditures.
- **State Parks and Cultural Resources:** This act transfers \$9.0 million GF to the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund (Section 2, Section 024).
- **Wildlife/Natural Resources Trust:** This act transfers \$5.0 million GF and \$5.0 million in Other Funds to the Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust and appropriates an additional \$1.5 million to address invasive species (Section 2, Section 039).
- **Department of Health:** This act increases appropriations of \$34.3 million GF and \$97.1 million FF (Section 2, Section 048). The GF increase is \$22.2 million in the Health Care Financing Division; \$9.2 million in the Behavioral Health Division; and \$2.7 million in the Aging Division. This act authorizes the transfer of up to \$39.3 million in Department of Health reversions to the Wyoming State Hospital Demolition Account, which is created in this act (and in 2023 Senate Enrolled Act 84).
- **Office of State Lands and Investments:** This act increases appropriations of \$4.5 million GF and \$6.2 million OF (Section 2, Section 060). This includes \$6.2 million from the Local

Government Capital Construction Account (from the repeal of Section 3, Section 300(n) of the 2022 Budget Bill) for the Mineral Royalty Grant program.

- **Enterprise Technology Services:** This act increases appropriations by \$7.3 million GF, one-time, for cybersecurity (Section 2, Section 077).
- **Department of Corrections:** This act increases appropriations by \$6.1 million GF (Section 2, Section 080). This includes \$4.1 million GF for the cost of adult community corrections placements, \$1.6 million GF for probation and parole incentives and sanctions, and \$380,000 for the first phase of a technology replacement.
- **Wyoming Business Council:** This act increases appropriations by \$30.1 million GF (Section 2, Section 085). \$30.0 million of this increased appropriation is one-time funding for the Investment Ready Communities program.

K-12 Education:

- **Education-School Finance (Section 2, Section 205):** This act increases appropriations by \$57.4 million from the School Foundation Program Account for an ongoing external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model.
- **School Major Maintenance (Section 2, Section 027).** This act appropriates \$9.0 million from the School Capital Construction Account for major maintenance of school facilities.
- **K-12 School Capital Construction (Section 3, Section 313):** This act appropriates \$100.0 million from the School Capital Construction Account for school capital construction.

Higher Education:

- **Community Colleges:** This act increases appropriations of \$369,172 for capital construction prioritization modeling software (Section 2, Section 057) and \$500,000 GF for community colleges enterprise inflation (Section 3, Section 328 (b)).
- **University of Wyoming:** This act increases appropriations by \$45.1 million GF. This includes \$20.6 million for the University's State Aid block grant funding; \$15.1 million for the School of Energy Resources; \$5.5 million for Tier 1 Engineering; and \$4.0 million for Endowments & Matching (Section 2, Section 067).

Major Maintenance for State Facilities:

- This act appropriates \$8.7 million GF for major maintenance of state facilities (Section 3, Section 308).

Judicial Branch:

- **Supreme Court:** This act increases appropriations by \$1.3 million GF. This includes \$877,000 GF for salary increases for Supreme Court, District Court and Circuit Court justices (Section 2, Section 101 and footnote 4).
- This act authorizes one additional FTE for purposes of a staff attorney in the Supreme Court's administrative office.

- **District Courts:** This act increases appropriations by \$25,920 GF for Judicial District 9B for increased housing allowances (Section 2, Section 134).

Various Provisions regarding appropriations/transfers from accounts:

- This act transfers \$20 million GF to the Wyoming's Tomorrow Scholarship Endowment Fund.
- This act appropriates \$50 million GF for energy research matching funds.
- This act appropriates \$80 million GF to the Office of the Governor for matching funds for energy research and federal infrastructure grants.
- This act appropriates \$14.9 million GF, \$3.5 million FF and \$2.2 million OF for enterprise inflation for distribution to executive branch agencies, community colleges, and the University of Wyoming.
- This act appropriates \$48.9 million GF for increases in employee compensation and a proportionate amount of FF and Other Funds. This appropriation is allocated as follows: \$28.4 million for executive branch employees, \$12.3 million for university employees, \$6.5 million for community college employees, \$1.7 million for judicial branch employees, and proportional amounts from non-general fund sources for agencies whose operations are not funded with general funds.
- This act appropriates of \$5.0 million GF for the siting and construction of a state shooting complex, contingent on the enactment of 2023 Senate File 169 into law.

The following are required by this act:

- Negotiation with the federal government regarding the operation of a narrowly tailored, long-term care waiver to expand long-term home care and community-based services.
- A study of the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly.
- Reporting on the use of energy matching funds, federal match funds for infrastructure grants and on use of appropriation for governor's project contingencies.

The Governor vetoed the following provisions that were not overridden:

- Section 2, Section 001, Office of the Governor, portions of footnote 9 (special contingencies).
- Section 2, Section 006, Administration and Information, footnote 1 (employee survey and state employee childcare feasibility study) and portions of footnote 3 (Capitol open on weekends).
- Section 2, Section 011, Department of Revenue, portions of footnote 1 (dollar for dollar reductions for appropriations for related acts on property tax relief).
- Section 2, Section 020, Department of Environmental Quality, portions of footnote 2 (references to deputy director/ombudsman).
- Section 2, Section 045, Department of Transportation, portions of footnote 4 (users).
- Section 2, Section 048, Department of Health, portions of footnote 18, (study of PACE).

- Section 2, Section 048, Department of Health, portions of footnote 19 (specifications for rebasing methodology).
 - Section 2, Section 072, Retirement System, portions of footnote 1 (executive authorization for compensation increases).
 - Section 2, Section 101, Supreme Court, portions of footnote 4 (technical correction for count of district court judges).
 - Section 3, Section 321 Energy Matching Funds, portion of subsection (a), (d) and (e) (remove lithium mining limitation and remove timeframe for reporting).
 - Section 3, Section 325, Match Federal Infrastructure Grants, portion of subsection (d) (remove timeframe for reporting).
 - Section 3, Section 327, Governor’s Project Contingencies, portion of subsection (b) (remove timeframe for reporting).
 - Section 3, Section 328, Enterprise Inflation, portion of subsection (b) (modify community colleges).
 - Section 3, Section 332, Capitol Square Improvements, portion of subsection (a) (remove prioritization and limitation to public meeting rooms).
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- This act is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: HB0002 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0270**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0074

Chapter No.: 138

Prime Sponsor: Heiner

Catch Title: **Town officers-salary waiver.**

Subject: Town officers salary waiver.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows any elected or appointed officers, mayor or city councilmen to elect not to receive all or a portion of their salary or compensation at any time during their term.
- This act provides that salaries for the mayor and city councilmen shall not increase during their term.

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Bill No.: HB0004 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0056

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0084

Chapter No.: 152

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: Medicaid twelve month postpartum coverage.

Subject: Authorizes Medicaid coverage for women twelve months postpartum.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act temporarily extends Medicaid coverage for qualifying pregnant women for twelve (12) months postpartum. The authorization for extended postpartum coverage ends on March 31, 2027.
- This act also exempts women who have been pregnant within the preceding twelve (12) months from being required to cooperate with paternity determinations in order to receive Medicaid.
- This act has an appropriation of one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000.00) from the general fund and one million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$1,900,000.00) from federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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Bill No.: HB0005 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0190

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0030

Chapter No.: 67

Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Voter registry list-voter ID and absentee ballots.**

Subject: Voter registry list and election records

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the definition of the voter registry list and requires the voter registry list to include unique voter identifying numbers generated by the state, information relating to absentee ballot status and voter registration dates.
- This act adds unique identifying numbers generated by the state to the listed items contained in an election record that may be available and disseminated to the public.

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Bill No.: HB0007 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0297**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0044

Chapter No.: 73

Prime Sponsor: Zwonitzer, Dn

Catch Title: **Underage marriage-amendments.**

Subject: Amending minimum marriageable age

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases the age parties may marry from sixteen (16) to eighteen (18) years of age unless an exception applies which would allow a person sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age to marry.
- This act specifies that marriages involving a person under sixteen (16) years of age are void.
- This act provides an exception that a person who is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age may marry if a judge approves the marriage and a parent or guardian consents to the marriage.
- This act provides that a person does not need the authorization of a judge or the consent of a parent or guardian if both parties are not less than sixteen (16) years of age and the parties meet the requirements for the right to contract or has received a declaration of emancipation.

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Bill No.: HB0009 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0094

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0071

Chapter No.: 150

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Juvenile courts-concurrent jurisdiction clarification.**

Subject: Clarifying the jurisdiction of juvenile courts for persons over age 18 charged with acts committed as minors.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law provides that the juvenile court has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in all cases where a minor is alleged to have committed a criminal offense or to have violated a municipal ordinance.
- This act provides that the juvenile court has concurrent jurisdiction in those cases in which a person over age eighteen (18), but under age twenty-one (21), is alleged to have committed a criminal offense or to have violated a municipal ordinance while the person was a minor.

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Bill No.: HB0010 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0092

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0010

Chapter No.: 13

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: County officers-bond amounts and surety requirement.

Subject: Amending bond and surety requirements for elected county officers.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law requires elected county officers to furnish a bond before assuming the duties of their offices. These bonds range from one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) (for county commissioners) to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) (for clerks of district court). Current law also requires some county officers to furnish the bonds using more than one surety.
- This act increases the amount of the bond that clerks of district court, county coroners, county commissioners, county assessors, county clerks, county sheriffs and county surveyors are required to furnish. The increased bond amount is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
- The act also eliminates the requirement for county surveyors, county assessors, clerks of district court and county coroners to use more than one surety to secure their bonds.

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Bill No.: HB0011 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0091**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0072

Chapter No.: 136

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **State park rangers-retirement.**

Subject: Authorizing full-time state park rangers to participate in the state's law enforcement retirement program.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, law enforcement officers can participate in a state retirement program where their contributions and their distributions are calculated differently from the main retirement program that applies to most state employees. State park rangers are not included as law enforcement officers under current law.
- This act authorizes full-time state park rangers to participate in the law enforcement retirement program.
- The act allows full-time state park rangers to elect to continue in the main retirement program if they provide notice to the Wyoming Retirement Board by April 30, 2023 of their election to continue participation as a general member in the main retirement program. An election under this act cannot later be rescinded.

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Bill No.: HB0012 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0090

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0009

Chapter No.: 14

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Presumptive child support amounts-updated tables.

Subject: Increasing the presumptive statutory amounts for child support.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Wyoming statute requires the Department of Family Services to review the presumptive child support amounts set in statute in order to ensure that the child support award amounts are appropriate.
- This act increases the presumptive child support amounts that courts use to determine the child-support obligation for both custodial and non-custodial parents in light of the Department's recent review.

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Bill No.: HB0013 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0089

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0024

Chapter No.: 63

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Office of guardian ad litem-program references.

Subject: Amending references to the Office of Guardian ad Litem and the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Before 2020, the Office of the State Public Defender administered the Guardian ad Litem Program. In the 2020 Budget Session, the Legislature enacted a bill that transferred administration of the program to a newly created Office of Guardian ad Litem.
- This act clarifies the duties, powers and authority of the Office of Guardian ad Litem by amending references from the Guardian ad Litem Program (which the Office administers) to instead reference the Office.
- The act provides that any reference to the Guardian ad Litem Program in the chapter of statutes concerning the Office of Guardian ad Litem includes the Office.
- Nothing in the act is to be construed as modifying or impairing any contract that the Office or the Program entered before the act takes effect on July 1, 2023.

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Bill No.: HB0014 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0002

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0089

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Civil case filing fees-amendments.

Subject: Increasing the amount of the original filing fee for civil actions in district court.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases the original filing fee for civil actions in district court by forty dollars (\$40.00), going from one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00) to one hundred sixty dollars (\$160.00). In doing so, the civil filing fee will be equal to the filing fee for probate cases.
- The act appropriates forty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars (\$47,800.00) from the general fund and seventy-nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$79,200.00) from federal funds to the Department of Family Services for purposes of paying the increased filing fee in civil actions for fiscal year 2024.

NOTE: Final action on this bill was not taken at the time this summary was prepared. Should changes be made to the bill upon final passage, an updated summary will be prepared and placed upon the legislative website at <http://wyoleg.gov>. A packet of updated summaries will be sent to all legislators after the time for any veto has expired (fifteen days after adjournment).

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Bill No.: HB0015 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0001**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0029

Chapter No.: 65

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **County authority to dissolve museum boards-clarification.**

Subject: Clarifying that boards of county commissioners do not have authority to dissolve museum boards.

Summary/Major Elements:

- In 2022, the Legislature enacted a bill to expressly authorize boards of county commissioners to dissolve certain county-created boards and commissions.
- This act makes a technical correction by striking a statutory reference to archaeological, geological, and historical museums.
- In doing so, the act clarifies that boards of county commissioners do not have authority to dissolve archaeological, geological, and historical museum boards under the general authority to dissolve certain boards.

Comments:

- This act is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: HB0016 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0133

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0059

Chapter No.: 120

Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: State land leasing-improvements.

Subject: Lessee improvements on leased state lands and payment for those improvements.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases the monetary threshold over which improvements to leased state lands require permission from the director of the Office of State Lands and Investments. The threshold is raised from two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) per improvement.
- This act also amends the standard used to determine the payment required for the use of an existing improvement on leased state lands. The payment required is the current market value of the improvement unless a different value is agreed between the owner of the improvement and the new applicant. "Current market value" is defined in this act.

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Bill No.: HB0017 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0204

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0082

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: State lands-grazing of non-owned livestock.

Subject: Provides a lessee of state lands the ability to graze livestock that the lessee does not own, but manages, on the leased land without the permission of the director of the Office of State Lands and Investments.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows a lessee of state lands for grazing and agricultural purposes to graze livestock that the lessee does not own on the leased lands. The lessee is not required to obtain the approval of the director of the Office of State Lands and Investments to do so but must comply with the following requirements:
 - The ratio of owned to non-owned livestock must not exceed 1:1 for more than two years in a ten year period.
 - The lessee must provide documentation on the grazing of non-owned livestock to the Office of State Lands and Investments.
 - The lessee must retain full management responsibility of the non-owned livestock that the lessee grazes on the leased land.

- This act provides that use of leased lands for this purpose is not considered a sublease.

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Bill No.: HB0018 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0212**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0020

Chapter No.: 45

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Catch Title: **Missing person alert systems.**

Subject: Requiring integration and operation of additional missing persons alert communications networks.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The America’s missing: broadcast emergency response alert (AMBER alert) system helps locate endangered missing or abducted children.
- This act concerns the integration and operation of additional missing persons alert communications networks, which enable and help facilitate search efforts for adults at risk or other missing persons who may fall outside the scope of AMBER alert criteria.
- The act defines “adult at risk” to include an adult who has a developmental disability, who suffers from Alzheimer’s disease or dementia, or who suffers from cognitive impairment.
- The act creates additional duties for the Office of Homeland Security and the State Highway Patrol.
 - The Office of Homeland Security shall assist law enforcement agencies to integrate additional missing persons alert communications networks.
 - The State Highway Patrol shall operate and integrate additional missing persons alert communications networks.
 - If the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe or the cooperative tribal governing body operate or seek to operate an additional missing persons alert communications network that the state also operates, the Office of Homeland Security and State Highway Patrol shall assist and coordinate with the tribal agency in establishing, integrating or operating that system.

Comment:

- The act includes a reporting requirement: the State Highway Patrol shall report annually to the Division of Criminal Investigation certain information about use of alert systems.

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Bill No.: HB0019 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0236**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0019

Chapter No.: 41

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Catch Title: **State Indian Child Welfare Act task force.**

Subject: Creating a task force relating to Indian children.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the state Indian Child Welfare Act Task Force.
- The purpose of the Task Force is to study the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA), other states' Indian child welfare laws and existing protections and provisions for Indian children throughout Wyoming statutes.
- The Task Force shall develop legislative recommendations to incorporate the protections and procedures of ICWA into state law.

Comments:

- No later than July 1, 2024, the Task Force shall report its determinations and any recommendations to the Select Committee on Tribal Relations, the Joint Judiciary Interim Committee and the Governor.
- Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Governor's Office to provide a salary, mileage and per diem to non-legislative Task Force members.
- Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative Service Office to provide a salary, mileage and per diem to legislative Task Force members.
- The Task Force shall include two members from the Wyoming House of Representatives and two members from the Wyoming Senate.
- The Task Force shall terminate December 31, 2024.

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Bill No.: HB0020 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0200**
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0021
Chapter No.: 61
Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Land exchanges-notice.**
Subject: State land exchanges.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Director of the Office of State Lands and Investments to provide notice and opportunity for comment to interested persons before completing an exchange of state lands. The act requires direct notice be provided to leaseholders of the state lands to be exchanged, owners of adjoining lands and county commissioners.

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Bill No.: HB0021 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0205**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0035

Chapter No.: 81

Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: **State lands-use of land qualification requirements.**

Subject: Requires that any applicant to lease state lands must have an actual and necessary use for the land.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that no applicant to lease state lands for grazing and agricultural purposes shall be qualified unless the applicant has an actual and necessary use of the land to produce agricultural commodities.

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Bill No.: HB0022 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0201

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0083

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: State land lease deficiencies-cure process.

Subject: State lands leases.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Office of State Lands and Investments to notify a current lessee of grazing and agricultural lands of the expiration of a lease and any deficiencies in a renewal application filed.
- The act also conforms time frames for lessee compliance and lease payments.

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Bill No.: HB0024 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0315

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0011

Chapter No.: 36

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Catch Title: State investments-compensation and relocation amendments.

Subject: Compensation and benefits for state investment staff.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law authorizes performance compensation in an amount equal to a percentage of salary for the investment staff of the State Treasurer's Office and the Wyoming Retirement System if investment staff achieve certain benchmarks in investment returns.
- This act amends the maximum percentage of performance compensation available to senior analysts and analysts from twenty-five percent (25%) to thirty-five percent (35%).
- This act also authorizes the State Treasurer and the Retirement Board to reimburse the actual moving expenses of new investment staff members who accept an investment position and relocate to the state. The reimbursement of moving expenses is limited to not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), and the employee must reimburse the state if the employee does not remain employed by the State Treasurer or the Retirement System for at least two (2) years.
- This act also increases the maximum base salary for investment staff of the State Treasurer and Retirement Board by twenty percent (20%) from the current maximum base salaries for investment staff.
- The act appropriates funds to the State Treasurer's Office and the Retirement System to pay for increased salaries and moving expenses as authorized by this act.

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Bill No.: HB0026 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0126

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0014

Chapter No.: 15

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on School Facilities

Catch Title: **School facilities-appropriations.**

Subject: Budget requests and appropriations for K-12 school facilities.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act modifies the budget recommendation to be submitted to the Select Committee on School Facilities by the State Construction Department for K-12 school facilities to ensure the State Construction Department is required to request budgets by project phase for K-12 capital construction.
- This act expressly permits the Legislature to appropriate a single sum for the design and construction of K-12 schools.

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Bill No.: HB0027 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0233

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0040

Chapter No.: 83

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on School Facilities

Catch Title: **School facilities-consolidated remediation schedule.**

Subject: Elimination of the K-12 school facilities consolidated remediation schedule.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act eliminates the requirement for the School Facilities Commission to prepare a single consolidated remediation schedule for purpose of prioritizing K-12 school facility capital construction remedies. Projects will continue to be prioritized based on the condition of the building and capacity needs.

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Bill No.: HB0028 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0074**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0008

Chapter No.: 3

Prime Sponsor: Joint Education Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Community college capital construction.**

Subject: Modifying approval for community college capital construction.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases the threshold for community college capital construction projects that require approval by the Wyoming Community College Commission prior to commencing, from one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00).

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Bill No.: HB0029 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0238

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0007

Chapter No.: 2

Prime Sponsor: Joint Education Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Community college funding-distance education credit hours.**

Subject: Funding for distance education credit hours for community colleges.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act modifies the definition of distance education utilized to fund community colleges by eliminating the full-time weighted equivalency for distance education class credits hours.
- This act allows distance education courses to be weighted based on the content of the course as opposed to a value of eight-tenths (0.8) as contained in statute prior to this act.

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Bill No.: HB0031 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0245**
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0038
Chapter No.: 82
Prime Sponsor: Joint Education Interim Committee
Catch Title: **BOCES as local education agencies.**
Subject: Boards of cooperative educational services to act as local education agencies

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act would authorize a board of cooperative educational services to act as a local education agency for the purposes of applying for and receiving state and federal grant funding for which they are eligible.
- This act states the department of education may promulgate rules to establish processes and guidelines for a board of cooperative educational services to apply for state or federal grant funding for which they are eligible.

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Bill No.: HB0033 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0248**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0094

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Education Interim Committee

Catch Title: **School finance-career technical education grants.**

Subject: Grants for career and technical education for K-12 public schools.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates a grant program to be administered by the state Department of Education for K-12 public school districts to secure additional funds for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for new and existing career and technical education programs.
- The maximum grant award is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for a period of two (2) years.
- To be eligible for a grant, school districts are required to expend the entire amount generated by the education resource block grant model for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs using expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5) school years and amounts contained in a special reserve fund, created pursuant to W.S. 21-13-504, for supplies, material and equipment for career and technical education programs. Preference will be given to districts that have not received a grant under the program in the immediately preceding five (5) school years.

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Bill No.: HB0035 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0081

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0015

Chapter No.: 37

Prime Sponsor: Heiner

Catch Title: Day-care certification requirement amendments.

Subject: Creates an exception to day-care facility certification.

Summary/Major Elements:

- A part-time day-care facility with fewer than eight (8) children over the age of three (3) or fewer than ten (10) children over the age of four (4) is not required to be certified through the Department of Family Services (DFS) if the requirements below are met.
- The facility cannot administer medications or prepare food, and must adhere to all applicable local health, safety and fire codes or regulations. The children are required to be trained to use the toilet and cannot attend day-care for more than ten (10) hours per week.
- All employees must complete a central registry of abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults screening through DFS, a national and Wyoming sex offender registry screening and first aid and CPR training.
- The facility must inform parents or guardians that the facility is not certified upon enrollment of a child.

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Bill No.: HB0038 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0005

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0064

Chapter No.: 128

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: Wyoming national guard member referral.

Subject: Wyoming National Guard.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the Wyoming National Guard Member Referral Incentive Program to incentivize and maximize peer-to-peer recruiting by providing a referral bonus to Wyoming National Guard members who make a successful referral.

Comments:

- This act creates a major program.
- This act requires a report: beginning July 15, 2024 and annually every July 15 thereafter, the Wyoming Military Department shall report regarding the program to the Joint Transportation, Highways, and Military Affairs Interim Committee.
- This act appropriates two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming Military Department for the purpose of making the cash bonus payments authorized by this act.
- This act repeals the program effective July 1, 2026.

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Bill No.: HB0039 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0012

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0006

Chapter No.: 11

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Verifying the veteran designation on a WY driver's license.**

Subject: Amending the documentation required for the veteran designation on a Wyoming driver's license and how the designation is made.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that if a Wyoming driver's license applicant wishes to have a veteran designation on their driver's license, they must submit documentation issued by the armed forces of the United States that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States.
- This act specifies that if a driver's license applicant submits the required documentation, the Department of Transportation shall print the letter "V" or the word "Veteran" on the face of the driver's license to designate that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States.

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Bill No.: HB0041 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0018

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0034

Chapter No.: 68

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Lightweight trailers-permanent registration.**

Subject: Providing for the permanent registration of specified lightweight trailers.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides for the permanent registration of specified lightweight trailers, prohibits transferring permanent registration to a new owner and allows an owner of a trailer that is permanently registered to transfer their permanent registration to a newly acquired trailer under specified circumstances.
- This act provides for distribution of permanent registration fees: fifty percent (50%) shall be distributed by county treasurers in the same proportion and manner as property taxes and fifty percent (50%) shall be distributed to the highway fund.

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Bill No.: HB0042 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0020

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0051

Chapter No.: 91

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Off-road recreational vehicle operation.**

Subject: Prohibiting operation of off-road recreational vehicles on the roadway or right-of-way of an interstate highway.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that off-road recreational vehicles shall not be operated on the roadway or right-of-way of an interstate highway.
- This act provides exceptions for operation pursuant to Wyoming Department of Transportation rules, in the right-of-way adjacent to the interstate roadway, and on separate grade crossings over or under the interstate roadway.

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Bill No.: HB0044 **Effective:** 10/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0026

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0042

Chapter No.: 77

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Road and bridge construction-alternative contracting.**

Subject: Alternate design and construction delivery methods.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that the Wyoming Transportation Commission may use alternate design and construction delivery methods for road and bridge construction work. Under existing law, these methods include construction manager agent, construction manager at risk and design-build. The act also requires the Transportation Commission to promulgate rules to implement the act.

Comments:

- Multiple effective dates, including a delayed effective date. This act is effective October 1, 2023, except the section requiring the Transportation Commission to adopt rules is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: HB0045 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0178

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0005

Chapter No.: 4

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Peace officer retirement and rehiring.**

Subject: Retirement benefits.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the Wyoming State Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Warden and Criminal Investigator Retirement Plan (Plan) to allow an employer to rehire a member who has retired without suspending the retired member's pension benefit.
- This act repeals the mandatory retirement age of sixty-five (65) for members of the Plan.

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Bill No.: HB0047 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0189

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0056

Chapter No.: 122

Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Election equipment-federal certification.**

Subject: Certification of electronic voting systems

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act codifies the secretary of state's rules for certification of electronic voting systems by requiring every electronic voting system to be certified by the secretary of state.
- This act outlines the procedure for certifying an electronic voting system including a vendor filing an application with the required documentation and the secretary of state either approving or denying the application.
- This act outlines the reasons that the secretary of state may deny an application for certification or withdraw certification of an electronic voting system.
- This act requires counties to maintain an inventory of all electronic voting systems being used.
- This act creates a definition of vendor which includes a person engaged in selling, leasing, marketing, designing, building or maintaining electronic voting systems for tabulating election results.

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Bill No.: HB0050 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0277**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0004

Chapter No.: 12

Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Solid waste cease and transfer program funding.**

Subject: Creating the 2023 priority list for cease-and-transfer projects for the Municipal Solid Waste Facilities Cease and Transfer Program.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Municipal Solid Waste Facilities Cease and Transfer Program provides grants and loans from the Municipal Solid Waste Facilities Cease and Transfer Account for landfill closures and for constructing solid-waste transfer stations.
- This act establishes an updated priority list of cease-and-transfer projects and amounts for expenditure by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).
- This year's priority list includes one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) available for carcass management projects to address the disposal of animal carcasses.
- The act allows the DEQ to modify the list for specified reasons.
- The act requires the DEQ to annually report modifications to the list to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee by October 15.
- The act repeals the 2022 cease-and-transfer priority list.

Comments:

- This act requires an annual report from the DEQ to the Joint Minerals, Business, and Economic Development Interim Committee.
- This bill may be cited as the Municipal Solid Waste Cease and Transfer Act.

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Bill No.: HB0052 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0324

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0087

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Management Council

Catch Title: Revisor's bill.

Subject: Corrections of inadvertent errors and omissions in past legislation.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill:
 - Corrects inadvertent errors and omissions in past legislation;
 - Makes technical corrections to current statutes due to changes in statutory citations;
 - Repeals obsolete provisions.

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Bill No.: HB0056 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0299

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0050

Chapter No.: 75

Prime Sponsor: Brown

Catch Title: Purple star schools.

Subject: Purple star schools.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides a process for the Department of Education to designate a school as a purple star school if the school takes specific actions to provide assistance to military connected students.
- The requirements to be designated as a purple star school include having a staff member designated as a military liaison, maintaining a web page with resources for military connected students and their families, maintaining a transition program that assists military connected students in transitioning to the school and offering professional development for staff members on issues related to military connected students.

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Bill No.: HB0057 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0300

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0028

Chapter No.: 48

Prime Sponsor: Brown

Catch Title: **Armed forces-amendments.**

Subject: Armed forces and uniformed services

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act adopts uniform definitions of armed forces and uniformed services to align with federal law.
- This act changes all the references in state law of military forces or military services to armed forces or uniformed services.
- This act expands uniformed service members who are entitled to participate in particular programs under state law.

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Bill No.: HB0059 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0193

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0063

Chapter No.: 127

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: Wyoming national guard tuition benefits.

Subject: Wyoming National Guard.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act extends existing educational assistance benefits for Wyoming National Guard members in exchange for additional service commitments.
- This act allows for the transfer of educational assistance benefits to spouses and dependents.

Comments:

- This act appropriates seven hundred forty-five thousand five hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$745,529.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming Military Department to pay the extended educational assistance benefits.
- This act authorizes one additional full-time position and appropriates one hundred thirty thousand six hundred seventy-five dollars (\$130,675.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming Military Department for personnel expenses.
- This act appropriates one hundred nine thousand four hundred twelve dollars (\$109,412.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming Military Department for information technology expenses.

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Bill No.: HB0061 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0282**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0022

Chapter No.: 46

Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Source material associated with mining-agreement.**

Subject: Authorizing the Governor to negotiate with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission for assuming regulatory authority over specified source material.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the Governor to negotiate on behalf of the state of Wyoming with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for the state to assume primary regulatory authority over source material (generally, uranium or thorium) recovered from any mineral resources processed primarily for purposes other than obtaining the source material.
- If an agreement between the state and the NRC is completed, the state would assume regulatory primacy over the source material recovered from mineral resource processing. Then, under state law, the Department of Environmental Quality would be authorized to issue (or suspend and revoke) licenses for the possession and use of source material recovered from mineral resources.
- The act requires the Department of Environmental Quality to adopt a fee structure for licenses for source material recovered from mineral resources and to promulgate rules for the regulation of this source material.
- The act authorizes two (2) full-time positions for the Department of Environmental Quality and appropriates one million eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$1,840,000) for the Department to implement this act. The appropriation and positions are authorized until June 30, 2026.

Comments:

- This act is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: HB0062 **Effective:** 7/1/2024 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0159
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0049
Chapter No.: 87
Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Open banking.**
Subject: Open banking.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Open banking means providing access to customer data from a customer's bank to a third-party financial services provider through application programming interfaces (API's).
- This bill authorizes banks to voluntarily participate in and provide for open banking and, if they participate, requires the bank to comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to the protection of customer data. No bank can participate in open banking without the express written consent of the customer.
- This bill requires the commissioner of the Division of Banking to adopt rules regulating the collection, use and disclosure of customer data in open banking.

Comments:

- Delayed Effective Date of 7/1/2024;

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Bill No.: HB0064 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0262

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0095

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Catch Title: **Legislative stabilization reserve account-obligations.**

Subject: Amending and eliminating obsolete or unnecessary obligations or guarantees on the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (LSRA), commonly known as the "rainy day" fund, is an account that, among other things, is used for loans or guarantees for various state programs and obligations.
- This act reduces or eliminates obsolete or unnecessary obligations or guarantees on the LSRA. Specifically, this act:
 - Reduces the LSRA borrowing authority for cash-flow purposes for transportation projects affected by a federal government shutdown from two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000.00) to one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00).
 - Repeals the authority for the Department of Administration and Information to borrow LSRA funds for adding school districts to the state employees' group insurance plan.
 - Repeals the authority for the Department of Workforce Services to borrow LSRA funds for repaying revenues or benefits associated with unemployment compensation.

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Bill No.: HB0065 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0267**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0036

Chapter No.: 70

Prime Sponsor: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

Catch Title: **988 suicide prevention.**

Subject: 988 suicide prevention program

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the 988 suicide prevention program within the Department of Health and specifies the powers and duties of the Department in administering the 988 program.
- The act requires the Governor to appoint an advisory body to provide guidance to the Department on the administration of the 988 program.
- The act creates a 988 trust fund and related reserve account and directs the Department of Health to request funding for the program in its next standard budget request.
- The act includes a sunset date of July 1, 2028.

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Bill No.: HB0067 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0104

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0062

Chapter No.: 125

Prime Sponsor: Styvar

Catch Title: Special license plate decals-women veterans.

Subject: Special license plates.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows an eligible applicant for veteran special license plates to obtain decals designating that the applicant is an honorably discharged woman veteran of the United States armed forces.

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Bill No.: HB0069 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0389**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0012

Chapter No.: 6

Prime Sponsor: Larsen, L

Catch Title: **Coal-fired facility closures litigation funding-amendments.**

Subject: Litigation funding for coal-fired facility closures.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends 2021 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 112 which appropriated funds to the office of the governor for purposes of commencing and prosecuting lawsuits against other states who enacted laws or regulations that impeded Wyoming's ability to export coal.
- This act expands the purposes for using previously appropriated funds by allowing the governor to intervene and defend in the lawsuits against these actors.
- This act expands who the lawsuits may be against to include the federal government and its agencies, local governments and third parties including a corporation, partnership or other unincorporated association.
- This act expands the subject matter of the lawsuits. The lawsuits may involve federal, state or local laws or regulations that result in the decreased use of Wyoming coal or the closure of coal-fired electric generation facilities that use Wyoming coal.

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Bill No.: HB0070 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0365

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0013

Chapter No.: 16

Prime Sponsor: Neiman

Catch Title: Definition of home-based educational program.

Subject: Home-based educational programs.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act modifies the definition of home-based educational programs authorized to operate in Wyoming by eliminating the requirement that an instructional program be provided by a single-family unit.

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Bill No.: HB0074 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0289

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0081

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust fund.**

Subject: Creates the Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust fund account and provides an appropriation.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust fund account. The trust account consists of funds designated by law and any other funds collected from federal grants and other contributions. The trust account is inviolate and constitutes a perpetual trust fund. Funds in the account are to be invested by the State Treasurer. Funds or earnings in the account cannot be expended without further legislative approval.
- Subject to legislative approval, the act suggests a six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) recurring biennial appropriation from the Wyoming tourism reserve and projects account to the new Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust fund account.

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Bill No.: HB0076 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0273

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0093

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Zwonitzer, Dn

Catch Title: **Licensing boards amendments.**

Subject: Licensing boards amendments.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act removes a requirement that examinations for cosmetology and related licensure be conducted by the state board of cosmetology.
- This act also reduces the number of practice years required for a license to practice veterinary medicine without an examination from five years to three.

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Bill No.: HB0079 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0340

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0025

Chapter No.: 64

Prime Sponsor: Crago

Catch Title: **Voter I.D. requirements.**

Subject: Allows voters to use concealed carry permits as in person voter identification.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows voters to use concealed carry permits issued by the state of Wyoming for in person voter identification.

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Bill No.: HB0081 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0011

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0061

Chapter No.: 126

Prime Sponsor: Larsen, L

Catch Title: Hospital supplemental payments-statutory fix.

Subject: Amending the Private Hospital Assessment Act

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the Private Hospital Assessment Act to include practitioners employed by, under contract with or in affiliation with a hospital-affiliated professional service provider group and services provided in a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF). These practitioners and PRTFs are eligible to receive Medicaid supplemental payments under the Act.
- This act authorizes the director of the Department of Health to negotiate with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to include these practitioners and PRTFs under the Private Hospital Assessment Act and to execute any necessary Medicaid plan amendments.
- This act increases permissible administrative fee amounts and assessment amounts under the Private Hospital Assessment Act.

Comments:

- Amends a major program.

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Bill No.: HB0082 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0400**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0016

Chapter No.: 38

Prime Sponsor: Larsen, L

Catch Title: **Defendant mental illness examinations-amendments.**

Subject: Amending examinations of defendants to determine fitness to proceed.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law authorizes a court to order an examination of a defendant to determine the defendant's mental fitness to proceed with the case; the examination may take place at the Wyoming State Hospital on an outpatient or inpatient basis, a local mental health center on an inpatient or outpatient basis or at the place of detention.
- This act provides that, if the defendant is charged only with misdemeanor offenses, the examination may take place at a local mental health center on an inpatient or outpatient basis, at the place of detention or at the Wyoming State Hospital on an outpatient basis.
- The act provides that an examination of defendants charged with misdemeanors may be on an inpatient basis at the Wyoming State Hospital if the outpatient examination shows that an inpatient examination is warranted.
- The act does not change the permissible locations for mental examinations for defendants charged with at least one felony.

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Bill No.: HB0086 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0058

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0027

Chapter No.: 66

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Catch Title: **Disclosure of private cryptographic keys.**

Subject: Privacy of cryptographic keys.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The bill defines a "private key" as a unique element of cryptographic data which is held by a person, paired with a unique, publicly available element of cryptographic data and associated with an algorithm that is necessary to carry out an encryption or decryption required to execute a transaction. While not defined, a "public key" is the publicly available element of cryptographic data described in the definition.
- This bill prohibits compelling the disclosure of a private key that relates to a digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right as part of any civil, criminal, administrative, legislative or other proceeding.
- The bill creates an exception that would allow the disclosure of a private key where the public key is unavailable or where the public key does not make available information necessary in the proceeding.

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Bill No.: HB0089 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0181

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0080

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Catch Title: State investment returns-adequate reserve funding.

Subject: State permanent fund/reserve account investment performance.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund, Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund, Excellence in Higher Education Endowment Fund and the Hathaway Student Scholarship Endowment are inviolate permanent funds, each maintaining their own reserve account. Each reserve account guarantees that a certain level of beneficiary funding will be available each year even if earnings from the associated permanent fund do not satisfy guaranteed funding amounts (i.e., the "spending policy").
- Each reserve account maintains a statutorily set "tip" amount. The tip amount establishes the maximum size of each reserve account before excess funds in the reserve account are deposited into the associated permanent fund.
- This act adjusts each reserve account's tip amount to allow the reserve account to accumulate an amount of money equal to seven (7) years of its maximum annual expenditure obligation. By allowing the reserve accounts to maintain seven (7) years of reserves, each reserve account and its associated permanent fund are more financially stable, and the State Treasurer can invest monies in the permanent funds, and in some instances the reserve accounts, using longer-term investment strategies that will likely provide higher investment returns.
- While the four (4) permanent funds addressed by this act are inviolate – meaning their corpuses are protected from being appropriated or depleted - the reserve accounts are not. This act amends the statutory language that creates each reserve account to express the Legislature's intent that each reserve account be treated as inviolate. The act states that, if the reserve accounts are not treated as inviolate, the benefits of maintaining larger reserve amounts in each reserve account will be diminished.
- The Budget Bill (2023 HB 1) appropriates six hundred thirty-nine million six hundred thousand dollars (\$639,600,000.00) from savings to the reserve accounts addressed in this

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act to allow each account to maintain approximately five (5) times its annual spending obligation.

- The act removes one unnecessary obligation on the permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund reserve account related to a loss reserve account for local infrastructure loans and states the Legislature's intent that a specified appropriation from the Hathaway Scholarship Expenditure Account not be funded from the Account in the 2025-26 fiscal biennium or thereafter.

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Bill No.: HB0093 **Effective:** Immediately

LSO No.: 23LSO-0377

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0092

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Select Water Committee

Catch Title: Omnibus water bill-construction.

Subject: Provides authorization and funding for water development program projects.

Summary/Major Elements:

- **2023 Construction Projects**
 - Cloud seeding: Medicine Bow and Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges 2024
 - Cloud seeding: Wind River and Sierra Madre Mountain Ranges 2024
 - Happy Valley Water Transmission and Storage 2023
 - Sheridan Northeast Transmission Main Extension 2023
 - South End Water Users ISD Pipeline 2023

- **2023 Rehabilitation Projects**
 - CAID Lateral 256 Drop Structure 2023
 - Enterprise WID Calvert Lateral 2023
 - Goshen ID 56.0 Pipeline Phase I 2023
 - Heart Mountain ID Lateral R4S 2023
 - Interstate I&R ID Canal Phase III 2023
 - Lakeview ID Rock Creek Siphon 2023
 - Midvale ID Wyoming Canal Phase I 2023

- **Amendments to Prior Projects**
 - Sponsor's Contingency Fund (New Development)
 - Ethete Water Supply
 - Small Water Development projects 2014
 - Arapahoe Pipeline and Tank
 - Broken Wheel Ranch Water Supply 2017
 - Gillette Regional Extensions 2017
 - Leavitt Reservoir Expansion
 - Gillette Regional Extensions Phase IV 2018
 - Melody Ranch Water System Improvements 2018
 - Riverton Valley Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2018
 - GR/RS/SC JPWB Pump Station 2019

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- Lander Storage Tanks and Pump Station 2019
 - Shoshone Irrigation District Rehabilitation 2019
 - Glenrock Transmission Pipeline 2020
 - Cottonwood Irrigation District Transmission Pipeline 2020
 - Torrington Well Connection 2021
 - Shoshone Irrigation District Improvements 2021
 - Dry Creek Irrigation District Pipeline Replacement 2022
 - Goshen ID Tunnel Rehabilitation 2022
 - Fontenelle Reservoir water storage capacity purchase
 - Goshen Irrigation District Tunnels 1 and 2 rehabilitation
 - LaPrele Dam rehabilitation
- Authorizes the transfer of eleven million two hundred thousand dollars (\$11,200,000.00) from water development account I to water development account II.
 - Appropriates thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the general fund to water development account III.
 - Clarifies that the total amount available from the emergency water projects account is per each emergency project.

Comments:

- See also the companion bill, Senate File 96, Omnibus water bill-planning and administration.

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Bill No.: HB0096 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0149

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0045

Chapter No.: 85

Prime Sponsor: Crago

Catch Title: **Transfer on death deed-insurance coverage.**

Subject: Requiring continued insurance coverage for 60 days after a transfer on death deed takes effect.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires that, upon transfers of property made under a transfer-on-death deed, any insurance coverage on the property transferred must be extended to cover losses as if the grantee beneficiary of the property was a named insured.
- Insurance coverage extended as required by this act continues for sixty (60) days after the transfer of title takes place.
- Not later than sixty (60) days after the transfer of title, each grantee beneficiary must notify the insurer of a transfer of title and must provide a current address for the beneficiary. Then, within twenty (20) days before the end of the sixty (60) day extension, the insurer must provide written notice to the grantee beneficiary that the extended insurance coverage lapses after sixty (60) days. The written notice must specify the exact date on which insurance coverage will cease.
- The extension of insurance does not apply if the grantee beneficiary disclaims the beneficiary's interest in the real property.
- This act applies to all insurance contracts executed, entered into, or renewed on and after July 1, 2023.

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Bill No.: HB0097 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0441

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0003

Chapter No.: 9

Prime Sponsor: Stith

Catch Title: Chancery court jurisdiction amendments.

Subject: Chancery court jurisdiction in the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill amends the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act to provide for the jurisdiction of the chancery court over actions based on a contract entered into by a governmental entity that is otherwise within the jurisdiction of the chancery court and where the contract provides for venue in the chancery court.

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Bill No.: HB0099 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0268**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0075

Chapter No.: 142

Prime Sponsor: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Property tax refund program.**

Subject: Property tax refund program

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the existing property tax refund program as follows:
 - To qualify for the program, the act requires the property to be occupied by the owner for not less than nine (9) months of the applicable tax year;
 - The act increases the maximum household income to qualify for the program from seventy-five percent (75%) of the median gross household income of the county or state to one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the median gross household income;
 - The act increases the maximum household assets to qualify for the program from one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) per adult member of the household and clarifies that the maximum household assets do not apply if the person's tax liability is greater than ten percent (10%) of the person's household income;
 - The act specifies that the maximum refund shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the prior year's property tax.

- This act makes the same changes to the county optional property tax refund program and specifies that the maximum refund under both programs shall not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the prior year's property tax.

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Bill No.: HB0100 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0393**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0055

Chapter No.: 124

Prime Sponsor: Jennings

Catch Title: **Acquisition value study.**

Subject: Acquisition value study.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Department of Revenue to contract with an outside consultant to conduct a study on the statutory, regulatory and procedural changes necessary to convert Wyoming's residential property tax system to a system based on the acquisition value of the property. "Acquisition value" is defined to mean the purchase price paid for the acquisition of property.
- The results of the study are required to be reported to the Joint Revenue Committee not later than September 1, 2023. The Committee is required to review the study and prepare any legislation it deems advisable for the 2025 General Session of the Legislature.

Comments:

- Requires a report from the Department of Revenue to the Joint Revenue Committee.

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Bill No.: HB0101 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0490

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0053

Chapter No.: 118

Prime Sponsor: Crago

Catch Title: Uniform trust code-amendments.

Subject: Uniform Trust Code.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides several amendments to Wyoming's uniform trust code including amending:
 - When a holder of a power of appointment is deemed a fiduciary;
 - Who can commence a proceeding to approve or disapprove a trust modification or termination;
 - When and how modification or termination of a noncharitable irrevocable trust may occur;
 - How a vacancy in the trusteeship of a noncharitable trust is filled;
 - That a trust instrument may provide that one or more trust protectors are not acting as fiduciaries; and
 - The applicability of reporting provisions.

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Bill No.: HB0103 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0434**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0070

Chapter No.: 151

Prime Sponsor: Haroldson

Catch Title: **Political party affiliation declaration and changes.**

Subject: Political party affiliation declaration and changes

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits an elector from declaring or changing their political party affiliation for a primary election between the first day on which nomination applications may be filed through the day of the primary election.
- This act allows an elector to declare or change their political party affiliation for a general election by filing an application with the county clerk after the primary election and not less than fourteen (14) days before the general election.
- This act allows an elector to declare or change their political party affiliation at the polls on the day of the general election or when requesting an absentee ballot for the general election.

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Bill No.: HB0104 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0145

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0052

Chapter No.: 88

Prime Sponsor: Haroldson

Catch Title: **Hunting of predatory animals-amendments.**

Subject: Hunting predatory animals using artificial light.

Summary/Major Elements:

- No person in Wyoming may use any artificial light or lighting devices to take wildlife except for predatory animals. This act specifies that a person who does use artificial light or lighting devices to take predatory animals may use lighting devices that include thermal, infrared or other light imaging.
- This act also allows a person to take predatory animals using artificial light or lighting devices on public or state lands subject to regulation by the Game and Fish Commission.
- The Game and Fish Commission is required to establish rules and regulations for taking predatory animals with the use of artificial light or lighting devices, including specifying zones, areas, valid dates and methods for taking predatory animals.

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Bill No.: HB0108 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0457

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0066

Chapter No.: 99

Prime Sponsor: Sommers

Catch Title: **Sale of THC vaping devices and edibles to minors-prohibited.**

Subject: Prohibiting the sale of THC vaping devices and edible products to persons under age 18.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits any person or retailer from selling edible products or vaping devices that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to persons under age eighteen (18).
- For purposes of this act, THC edible products or vaping devices are those that contain the psychoactive component of the cannabis plant, any psychoactive synthetic analog or any psychoactive isomer of tetrahydrocannabinol.
- A person who violates this act is subject to a fine; the amount of the fine depends on the number of violations within a twenty-four (24) month period. A person who violates this act for a third or subsequent time within a twenty-four (24) month period may be subject to an injunction enjoining the person from selling edible products or vaping devices.
- The act provides an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this act if the person selling the edible product or vaping device was presented with an identification that showed that the person was age eighteen (18) or older.
- The act does not apply to the sale or dispensing of cannabidiol oil that contains less than three-tenths percent (0.3%) of tetrahydrocannabinol to a parent or guardian for use by a child under age eighteen (18).

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Bill No.: HB0111 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0552**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0002

Chapter No.: 10

Prime Sponsor: Oakley

Catch Title: **Endangering children-fentanyl.**

Subject: Adding fentanyl to the substances covered under the child-endangerment offense.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits any person from knowingly and willfully causing or permitting any child to absorb or ingest fentanyl, remain in a room where fentanyl is manufactured or sold or enter and remain in a room or dwelling used to manufacture or store illicit fentanyl. Current law already includes a similar prohibition for methamphetamine.
- The act also clarifies that the prohibition does not apply if fentanyl or methamphetamine is properly stored pursuant to a valid medical practitioner's medication order or prescription.

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Bill No.: HB0112 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0553

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0001

Chapter No.: 7

Prime Sponsor: Oakley

Catch Title: **Theft-penalty for fifth or subsequent offense.**

Subject: Amending the penalty for a fifth or subsequent theft offense.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Generally, a conviction for theft is punishable as a misdemeanor or a felony, depending on the type of theft and the amount of property at issue.
- This act provides that any person who is convicted of a fifth or subsequent theft offense (regardless of whether the previous offenses were felonies or misdemeanors) is guilty of a felony punishable by not more than ten (10) years' imprisonment, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.
- For purposes of the enhanced penalty provided in this act, a theft offense includes a conviction for theft, shoplifting, larceny, wrongful taking of property, wrongful disposal of property, livestock rustling, a municipal theft offense or a substantially similar theft offense from another jurisdiction.

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Bill No.: HB0118 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0462

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0060

Chapter No.: 133

Prime Sponsor: Newsome

Catch Title: **Volunteer firefighter pension-funding.**

Subject: Volunteer firefighter, EMT and search and rescue pension account.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act clarifies the distribution of the gross premium tax on fire insurance premiums between the volunteer firefighter, EMT and search and rescue pension account and the Fire A legislative reserve account.
- This act appropriates additional funds to the volunteer firefighter, EMT and search and rescue pension account.

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Bill No.: HB0123 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0295

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0077

Chapter No.: 145

Prime Sponsor: Berger

Catch Title: **Collection of antler or horns by residents and nonresidents.**

Subject: Requires the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to institute seasons for the collection of antlers and horns on state and public lands.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Game and Fish Commission to establish seasons for the collection of shed big game animal antlers and horns on designated state or public lands.
- Any season to collect antlers and horns will start seven (7) days earlier for residents than for nonresidents.

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Bill No.: HB0127 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0308**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0041

Chapter No.: 74

Prime Sponsor: Angelos

Catch Title: **Health care facilities and clergy.**

Subject: Authorizes clergy members to have in-person visitation at health care facilities.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows clergy members to have in-person visitation with residents or patients of health care facilities during public health emergencies. The visitation must be at the request of the patient or resident or their legally authorized representative if the patient or resident is incapacitated.
- This act allows health care facilities to impose and enforce requirements that clergy members will have to comply with in order to have in-person visitation within the facilities. A health care facility cannot prohibit a clergy member from visiting a facility unless the clergy member refuses to follow these requirements.
- This act provides definitions of clergy member, health care facility and public health emergency.

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Bill No.: HB0128 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0563

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0069

Chapter No.: 101

Prime Sponsor: Clouston

Catch Title: Voyeurism within enclosed spaces.

Subject: Clarifying the elements of the crime of voyeurism.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, a person is guilty of misdemeanor voyeurism if the person looks or views in a clandestine, surreptitious, prying, or secretive nature into an area where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.
- This act provides that a person can commit misdemeanor voyeurism by looking or viewing within (in addition to into) an area where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

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Bill No.: HB0134 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0561

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0048

Chapter No.: 76

Prime Sponsor: Niemiec

Catch Title: Alcohol sales to licensees.

Subject: Alcohol purchases by licensees.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes a licensee that is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages at retail to purchase not more than nine liters of alcoholic liquors per week from the holder of a satellite manufacturer's permit or from a retail licensee. Previously, these purchases were limited to purchases from retail licensees.

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Bill No.: HB0140 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0348

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0068

Chapter No.: 132

Prime Sponsor: Zwonitzer, Dn

Catch Title: **Mental Health care Access-Collaborative Care Model.**

Subject: Mental health benefits - reimbursement.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model is a patient-centered approach to psychiatric treatment that involves a primary care provider, a care manager and a psychiatric consultant.
- This bill requires specified health insurance policies that provide mental health and substance use disorder benefits to provide reimbursement for benefits that are delivered to the insured through the Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model.
- The bill provides exceptions for any policy, contract or service that would require the state to defray the cost as specified and clarifies that the bill does not restrict the health insurer's ability to apply appropriate medical management for the services rendered.
- The bill requires the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance to promulgate any rules necessary and specifies that the bill only applies to plans that are delivered, issued, renewed, modified, amended or extended on or after July 1, 2023.

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Bill No.: HB0142 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0185

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0032

Chapter No.: 49

Prime Sponsor: Western

Catch Title: Notice of annexation.

Subject: Notice of annexation of land by a city or town.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, a city or town is required to provide notice by certified mail to all landowners and public utilities within the territory before that territory can be annexed by a city or town.
- This act would require the city or town to also provide notice by first class mail to all persons owning property that is adjacent to or within three hundred (300) feet of the territory that is proposed to be annexed, whether that property is inside or outside the corporate limits of the city or town.

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Bill No.: HB0144 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0636

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0090

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Strock

Catch Title: Senior citizen district programs and services.

Subject: Senior citizen service districts

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act revises and clarifies how a senior citizen service district can expend the revenues of the district.
- The act removes a provision that prohibited senior citizen service districts from expending funds for real property or capital construction and specifies additional programs and services that are authorized to be provided by a senior citizen service district.
- The act requires a senior citizen service district that wants to expand services as authorized under the act to put the question of the expanded services on the ballot during the next election to renew the mill levy of the district. The act provides a process for a senior service district to expand services for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on the date when the district is required to hold an election to renew its mill levy.

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Bill No.: HB0147 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0572

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0018

Chapter No.: 40

Prime Sponsor: Provenza

Catch Title: **Unlawful trespass signage-taking of wildlife.**

Subject: Amends the crime of interference with lawful taking of wildlife

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the crime of interference with lawful taking of wildlife by prohibiting a person from knowingly and without authorization posting or maintaining in place signs that restrict access to or use of state or federal land on which the lawful taking of or the process of lawfully taking wildlife is permitted.
- This act provides a definition of knowingly which means that the person has received prior notice from a peace officer that the sign is posted on state or federal land.
- This act provides an exception to the crime of interference with lawful taking of wildlife. The exception allows a landowner to post or maintain in place signs that restrict access to the landowner's private property.

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Bill No.: HB0148 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0597
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0047
Chapter No.: 86
Prime Sponsor: Walters
Catch Title: **Airport liquor licenses-amendment.**
Subject: Specifies where alcoholic beverage may be sold by a commercial airport holding a retail liquor license.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that a sale of alcoholic beverages can only be made in the terminal building and the connected concourses of a commercial airport under an airport's retail liquor license.

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Bill No.: HB0152 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0627**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0088

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Rodriguez-Williams

Catch Title: **Life is a Human Right Act.**

Subject: Prohibiting abortion and specifying penalties for violations.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits any person from knowingly administering, prescribing or selling any medicine, drug or other substance to, or from knowingly using or employing any instrument, device, means or procedure upon, any pregnant woman with the specific intent of causing or abetting an abortion.
- The prohibition does not apply to licensed physicians who:
 - Perform a pre-viability separation procedure necessary in the physician's reasonable medical judgment to prevent the death of the pregnant woman after making all reasonable medical efforts to preserve the life of the woman and the unborn baby.
 - Provide medical treatment to a pregnant woman that results in an accidental or unintentional injury or death of the unborn baby.
 - Perform an abortion on a woman whose pregnancy is the result of incest or sexual assault, provided that the woman (or her parent or guardian if a minor) reports the incest or sexual assault to law enforcement.
 - Perform an abortion on a woman if there is a substantial likelihood that the unborn baby has a lethal fetal anomaly or if the pregnancy is a molar pregnancy.
- For purposes of this act, an abortion does not include (1) any prescription or means used to save or preserve the unborn baby, (2) removal of a dead unborn baby caused by spontaneous abortion or intrauterine fetal demise, (3) treatment for an ectopic pregnancy; and (4) treatment for cancer or another disease requiring medical treatment that may be fatal or harmful for the unborn baby.
- The act provides that a violation of the act is a felony punishable by five (5) years' imprisonment, a fine of up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), or both. The act authorizes professional sanctions and civil penalties against physicians or other licensed persons who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly violate the act.

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- The act authorizes civil actions for violations of the act and specifies who may initiate an action.
- The act renumbers current provisions related to abortions and repeals 2022 House Bill 92, the abortion "trigger bill" that took effect upon the United States Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org., 142 S. Ct. 2228 (2022).

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Bill No.: HB0160 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0638

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 00HEA No. 0017

Chapter No.: 39

Prime Sponsor: Pendergraft

Catch Title: Drivers license veterans designation replacing DD form 214.

Subject: Authorizes veterans to use driver's licenses as proof of veteran status.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Authorizes veterans to present their driver's licenses or identification cards to local government entities as proof of their veteran status instead of a military form DD 214 if their driver's licenses or identification cards have veteran designations.
- Allows the military department or local government entities to ask for further documentation of veteran status, including a military form DD 214, if necessary.

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Bill No.: HB0165 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0175

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0043

Chapter No.: 93

Prime Sponsor: O'Hearn

Catch Title: Living organ donor protection.

Subject: Prohibiting discrimination against living organ donors by insurers.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits any individual or group life insurance policy or long-term care insurance policy from discriminating against a covered person solely on the basis of the person's status as a living organ donor.
- This act amends the definition of "covered person" and provides a definition of "living organ donor".

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Bill No.: HB0171 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0596

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0086

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Byron

Catch Title: State land leases.

Subject: Requiring thirty (30) days' notice before the leasing of state lands.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the board of land commissioners to provide thirty (30) days' notice to be posted on the website of the office of state lands and investments, in a newspaper of general circulation and sent to current lessees of the state lands and owners of adjoining lands before initiating a request for a proposed leasing of state lands.

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Bill No.: HB0174 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0547

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0039

Chapter No.: 84

Prime Sponsor: Andrew

Catch Title: Homestead exemption-amendments.

Subject: Homestead exemption.

Summary/Major Elements:

- A homestead may consist of a house on a lot or lots or other lands of any number of acres, or a house trailer or other movable home on a lot or lots, whether or not the house trailer or other movable home is equipped with wheels or resting upon immovable support.
- Wyoming law provides a "homestead exemption" that is a set monetary value of a homestead that is exempt from execution or attachment arising from any debt, contract or civil obligation.
- This bill increases the amount of the homestead exemption from twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).

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Bill No.: HB0175 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0646

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0026

Chapter No.: 47

Prime Sponsor: Strock

Catch Title: Excused absence-state fair events.

Subject: Schools - modification of the definition of excused absence.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act modifies the definition of excused absence for K-12 public schools to include programming or competitions sponsored by nationally recognized organizations and clubs that promote youth agriculture education and for events associated with participating in the annual state fair.

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Bill No.: HB0180 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0373

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0054

Chapter No.: 121

Prime Sponsor: Davis

Catch Title: **Brucellosis testing-notification requirements.**

Subject: Notification required by the Wyoming Livestock Board and State Veterinarian when an animal tests non-negative for brucellosis.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act establishes a new duty of the Wyoming Livestock Board to create a communication protocol to inform livestock producers, veterinarians and brand inspectors of a brucellosis surveillance area when a non-negative brucellosis test has been confirmed in that area.
- The Board may release any information related to a confirmed non-negative brucellosis test in the county where the test was confirmed.
- This act also establishes a new duty of the State Veterinarian to provide brucellosis testing information to the owner of an animal within three (3) days of a non-negative test.

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Bill No.: HB0181 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0219**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0023

Chapter No.: 62

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **Online sports wagering-amendments.**

Subject: Amending licensing and revenue reporting requirements for online sports wagering in Wyoming.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires key personnel of an online sports wagering operator (someone who has applied for a permit, a permittee or a licensee) and employees of online sports wagering operators who are capable of changing play or the outcome of wagers to be licensed by the Wyoming Gaming Commission. As part of the licensing process, these employees and key personnel must complete a background check and must pay a license fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a five (5) year license.
- Under the act, "key personnel" are those persons who are employed in an executive or supervisory capacity by a licensee, permittee or applicant and who are authorized to make discretionary decisions that exhibit influence or control over gaming operations.
- The act extends the time in which the Wyoming Gaming Commission must act on license applications from sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days.
- The act clarifies what qualifies as online sports wagering revenue by excluding the actual dollar value of free wagers and promotional play that an operator provides to patrons.
- The act outlines how an online sports wagering operator may carryover monthly negative revenue into the next succeeding month. An operator can only carryover negative revenue in the next succeeding month, and only up to the amount of the total loss for that month.

Comments:

- This act is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: HB0185 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0405**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0078

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **Local government distributions-revisions.**

Subject: Local government distributions.

Summary/Major Elements:

- In the 2022 budget session, the Legislature made an appropriation for purposes of distributing funds to cities, towns and counties under the local government distribution formula. The local government distribution formula calculates an amount for each city, town and county based on various factors including population, assessed valuation and per capita sales and use tax collection. The appropriation was in the amount of one hundred five million dollars (\$105,000,000.00) over a two (2) year period or fifty-two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$52,500,000.00) per year of the biennium.
- This act increases the amount of the appropriation to one hundred thirty-one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$131,250,000.00), so that seventy-eight million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$78,750,000.00) will be available for distribution under the local government distribution formula in the second year of the biennium.

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Bill No.: HB0188 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0424**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0065

Chapter No.: 98

Prime Sponsor: Winter

Catch Title: **Wolf depredation compensation.**

Subject: Gray wolf depredation compensation program.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates a program administered by the Department of Agriculture to compensate landowners, lessees or their agents whose livestock is damaged by gray wolves in an area of the state where gray wolves are classified as predatory animals.
- The act appropriates three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for the program.

Comments:

- Multiple effective dates. This act is effective July 1, 2023, except the section requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt rules is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: HB0195 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0410**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0091

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments.**

Subject: Creating and amending programs and providing appropriations from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends programs authorized by the Legislature and creates new programs for the expenditure of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Direct Funds and that are consistent with the terms of ARPA and that do not obligate the state to expend state funds.
- For existing programs, this act amends the ARPA appropriations made in the 2022 Budget Session by a net increase of ARPA Direct Funds of seventy-one million four hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$71,486,758.00), effective immediately through December 31, 2026. This act amends the following appropriations (with reductions in appropriations represented by parentheses):
 - Governor's Office-Discretionary Health Response: Forty-five million five hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred dollars ((\$45,585,900.00) (for a new total appropriation of four million four hundred fourteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$4,414,100.00))
 - State Parks and Cultural Resources-Outdoor Recreational Grants: Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000.00)
 - Department of Health-Wyoming Home Services Program: Two million seven hundred forty-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-four dollars (\$2,749,894.00)
 - Department of Family Services-Food Insecurity System Improvement: Three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00)
 - Office of State Lands and Investments-Health and Human Services Capital Construction: Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000.00)
 - Office of State Lands & Investments-Local Government Support Projects: Twenty million three hundred thousand dollars (\$20,300,000.00)
 - Office of State Lands & Investments-Eligible Water and Sewer Projects: Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000.00)
 - University of Wyoming-WWAMI Tuition and Fees Inflation: One million five hundred seventy-nine thousand nine hundred forty-eight dollars (\$1,579,948.00)

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- University of Wyoming-College of Health Sciences (PA Program): Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
- The act creates new programs and appropriates ARPA Direct Funds, effective through December 31, 2026 and consistent with the terms of ARPA:
 - Department of Health-Behavioral Health Redesign: Five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00)
 - Department of Family Services-Family Resource Centers: Two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000.00)
 - Department of Family Services-High Needs and High Risk Youth: Four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00)
 - Department of Family Services-Difficult to Employ Self-Sufficiency Program: Two million two hundred fifty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,252,500.00)
 - Department of Workforce Services-Workforce Programs II: Two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00)
 - Supreme Court-Treatment Courts Transfer: One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00)
- For existing and new programs, the act requires the Governor to implement reporting requirements on the recipient of any grant, distribution or aid authorized under this act to comply with all federal reporting requirements.
- The act requires the Governor to report monthly to the Joint Appropriations Committee on the total expenditures and specific grant awards and grant expenditures for each program.
- The act provides that any unexpended, unobligated ARPA Direct Funds available at project completion revert and are reappropriated in equal amounts to: (1) the Office of State Lands and Investments for grants for qualifying health and human services infrastructure projects; and (2) the Office of State Lands and Investments for eligible water and sewer projects.

Comments:

- The act imposes reporting requirements; the Governor is required to report monthly to the Joint Appropriations Committee on ARPA Direct Fund expenditures.

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Bill No.: HB0199 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0658

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0067

Chapter No.: 100

Prime Sponsor: Conrad

Catch Title: License plate decal-breast cancer awareness.

Subject: License plate breast cancer awareness decal

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that a person may apply for a license plate decal for breast cancer awareness.
- This act describes that the decal will have the breast cancer ribbon symbol and will be attached in the lower left corner of the license plate.

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Bill No.: HB0200 **Effective:** 1/1/2024 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0660

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0073

Chapter No.: 137

Prime Sponsor: Northrup

Catch Title: Nonresident hunting licenses-application fees.

Subject: Increases the nonresident hunting special license fees for elk, deer and antelope and nonresident hunting license fees for the "big 5" animal species: bighorn sheep, mountain goat, moose, grizzly bear and wild bison.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases the fees that are required for an application for a special pool of forty percent (40%) of the nonresident hunting licenses for elk, deer and antelope. The application fee for these pools is in addition to the license fee and the licenses are drawn prior to the remaining available nonresident licenses. The additional application fees for these pools are increased as follows:
 - Nonresident elk from five hundred seventy-six dollars (\$576.00) to one thousand two hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$1,258.00).
 - Nonresident deer from two hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$288.00) to eight hundred twenty-six dollars (\$826.00).
 - Nonresident antelope from two hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$288.00) to eight hundred seventy-four dollars (\$874.00).
- This act also increases the standard nonresident hunting license fees for the "big 5" animal species as follows:
 - Nonresident bighorn sheep from two thousand one hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$2,138.00) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).
 - Nonresident mountain goat from two thousand one hundred sixty dollars (\$2,160.00) to two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00).
 - Nonresident moose from one thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$1,980.00) to two thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$2,750.00).
 - Nonresident grizzly bear from six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00).
 - Nonresident wild bison from four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

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Bill No.: HB0209 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0360**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0079

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Catch Title: **Hathaway scholarship accounts-transfer timing.**

Subject: Hathaway scholarship expenditure and reserve accounts - date of the transfer of funds between the two accounts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, unexpended funds remaining in the Hathaway scholarship expenditure account (the account from which Hathaway scholarships are paid) must be transferred by the State Treasurer at the end of each fiscal year (June 30) to the Hathaway student scholarship reserve account.
- This act provides that, beginning with calendar year 2023, the transfer of unexpended funds from the Hathaway scholarship expenditure account to the Hathaway student scholarship reserve account must take place annually on October 15.

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Bill No.: HB0222 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0682

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0085

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Sommers

Catch Title: Colorado river advisory committee.

Subject: Colorado river advisory committee.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the Colorado River Advisory Committee within the State Engineer's Office and specifies the membership and duties of the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Governor, the State Engineer and Wyoming's Commissioner to the Upper Colorado River Commission regarding the beneficial use, development, protection and conservation of water from the Green and Little Snake rivers relative to Wyoming's rights and obligations under the 1922 Colorado River Compact and the 1948 Upper Colorado River Basin Compact.
- The act specifies the duties of the State Engineer regarding the Committee including providing data to and seeking advice from the Committee. The act requires the State Engineer to designate an employee to provide information and data to the Committee and to act as a liaison between the State Engineer and water users in Wyoming's portion of the Colorado River Basin.
- The act provides an appropriation for the Committee and for the additional employee that is authorized in the State Engineer's Office. The act requires the State Engineer to report on the recommendations and advice provided by the Committee to the Select Water Committee.

Comments:

- Requires a report.
- Creates a Select Committee or Task Force with Legislative Members.
- Requires a Legislative Appointment.

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Bill No.: HB0229 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0691

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0057

Chapter No.: 123

Prime Sponsor: Larson, JT

Catch Title: **Electronic payment of sales and use taxes.**

Subject: Electronic payment of sales and use taxes

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act clarifies that the Department of Revenue and county treasurers are authorized to collect sales and use taxes electronically.
- This act also specifies that county treasurers may charge a processing fee to recoup fees that are charged to the county for processing electronic payments.
- The act makes an appropriation to the Department of Revenue for costs to enable the Department and counties to receive electronic payments of sales and use taxes.

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Bill No.: HB0239 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0705**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0031

Chapter No.: 50

Prime Sponsor: Singh

Catch Title: **Vehicle idling-decriminalization.**

Subject: Unattended vehicle idling on public roadway.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill repeals a prohibition against leaving a vehicle idling unattended on a public roadway.

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Bill No.: HB0276 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0714

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0076

Chapter No.: 144

Prime Sponsor: Wylie

Catch Title: Shed antlers and horns conservation stamp.

Subject: Shed antlers and horns conservation stamp.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Game and Fish Commission to establish by rule a requirement for nonresidents to obtain a conservation stamp for the collection of big game animal shed antlers and horns on designated state lands during specified times. The requirement does not apply to residents or to any person under the age of fifteen (15).
- The act clarifies that shed antlers or horns located on state or public lands are the property of the state.

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Bill No.: HB0279 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0426

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0046

Chapter No.: 78

Prime Sponsor: Knapp

Catch Title: Voter identification requirements.

Subject: Voter identification for absentee ballots.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill specifies that the acceptable identification required for voters when voting in person shall also be required for an elector when the elector is applying in person for an absentee ballot.

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Bill No.: HB0284 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0680

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0058

Chapter No.: 119

Prime Sponsor: Walters

Catch Title: Collection agency regulation-debt buyers.

Subject: Requiring debt buyers to be regulated by the Collection Agency Board.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, the Collection Agency Board regulates collection agencies, which are entities that collect debts.
- This act includes debt buyers in the definition of "collection agency." As a result, the Collection Agency Board will regulate debt buyers as collection agencies, and debt buyers will be required to be licensed by the Board to conduct collections or act as a debt collector.
- Debt buyers are those persons who are regularly engaged in the business of purchasing charged-off consumer debt for collection purposes.
- The act will not affect the validity of any civil action or arbitration filed or commenced by a debt buyer, or any judgment entered for a debt buyer, before July 1, 2023.

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Bill No.: SF0002 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0128
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0001
Chapter No.: 17
Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee
Catch Title: Wyoming telecommunications act-sunset date.
Subject: Wyoming telecommunications act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Wyoming Telecommunications Act, which provides for the regulation of certain telecommunications activities, was scheduled to sunset on July 1, 2023.
- This act extends the sunset date of the act to July 1, 2025.

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Bill No.: SF0004 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0237

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0002

Chapter No.: 18

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: North American Industry Classification System amendments.

Subject: Amends the extrahazardous industries codes.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Amends the extrahazardous industries codes to conform with changes to the North American Industry Classification System manual.
- Repeals an extrahazardous industries code related to nonstore retailers and fuel dealers.

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Bill No.: SF0005 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0292

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0016

Chapter No.: 31

Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Medical malpractice statutory update.**

Subject: Insurance Commissioner may require reporting of medical malpractice claims.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Gives the Wyoming Insurance Commissioner discretion to require reporting of medical malpractice claims.
- Requires the Insurance Commissioner to give insurers three (3) months' notice before they are required to report medical malpractice claims.

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Bill No.: SF0006 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0116

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0017

Chapter No.: 32

Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Insurance rebating modernization.**

Subject: Authorizes specified insurance rebates and clarifies language surrounding insurance rebates and unfair discrimination.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes insurers or insurance producers to offer or give non-cash gifts, items or services to customers in a value of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or five percent (5%), but not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), of the written insurance premium for current or prospective customers. Insurers and insurance producers may also conduct raffles or drawings so long as the total value of the raffle or drawing does not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- This act clarifies language in the unfair discrimination and rebating statutes. The act also clarifies what is permissible insurance practice, such as stating that insurers and insurance producers are not prohibited from paying bonuses to customers, readjusting or reducing premium rates or offering or providing a product or service at no cost under certain circumstances.
- This act provides relevant definitions and authorizes rulemaking by the Department of Insurance.
- This act repeals unnecessary statutory provisions.

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Bill No.: SF0007 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0030**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0036

Chapter No.: 59

Prime Sponsor: Baldwin

Catch Title: **Definition of opiate antagonist-amendment.**

Subject: Change to the statutory definition of opiate antagonist.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act expands the definition of an opiate antagonist to include any device or medication that is approved by the United State food and drug administration to treat an opiate related drug overdose under the Emergency Administration of Opiate Antagonist Act.

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Bill No.: SF0008 **Effective:** 7/1/2024 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0302

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0026

Chapter No.: 51

Prime Sponsor: Baldwin

Catch Title: Essential subsidy payments to behavioral health centers.

Subject: Amends the distribution of essential subsidy payments to behavioral health centers.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the distribution of essential subsidy payments to behavioral health centers. Previously, the Department of Health was required to make essential subsidy payments to these centers.
- This bill makes the subsidy payments permissive rather than mandatory and provides that the payment amounts will be based on service needs as demonstrated by the behavioral health center.

Comments

- This act delays its effective date to July 1, 2024.

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Bill No.: SF0009 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0027

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0053

Chapter No.: 107

Prime Sponsor: Baldwin

Catch Title: Medicaid coverage-licensed pharmacists.

Subject: Providing Medicaid coverage for licensed pharmacists.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes Medicaid coverage for the services of a licensed pharmacist.

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Bill No.: SF0010 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0165**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0039

Chapter No.: 71

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Licensed professional counselor compact.**

Subject: Facilitation of interstate practice of professional counseling.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This Act enters the State into a formal agreement with other member states to facilitate the interstate practice of professional counseling through the Interstate Compact for Licensed Professional Counselors.
- Under this Compact, professional counselors licensed in a Compact member state may practice in other Compact member states through means of a "privilege to practice," which is equivalent to a license. Professional counselors who have a privilege to practice under the Compact may practice in person or through telehealth appointments.
- The Compact establishes an interstate commission, composed of member state officials, to carry out the Compact's purposes.

Comments:

- Creates a major program;
- Popular name: "Interstate Compact for Licensed Professional Counselors".

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Bill No.: SF0011 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0276**
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0027
Chapter No.: 53
Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Cancer early detection amendments.**
Subject: Amends the eligibility requirements for cancer prevention program.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the eligibility requirements for the Department of Health's cancer early detection and prevention program by allowing individuals who meet appropriate age requirements in accordance with national evidence-based recommendations to participate in the program. If an individual is underinsured, the program will pay for the applicable expenses that are not covered by insurance.
- This act also amends the reimbursement system for the program. Vouchers will no longer be distributed to program participants and instead the Department of Health will provide reimbursement for the cost of a colonoscopy.

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Bill No.: SF0013 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0119

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0005

Chapter No.: 20

Prime Sponsor: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Bar and grill liquor license phaseout.**

Subject: Amends bar and grill liquor license requirements and number of licenses issued.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act repeals the current population formula for bar and grill liquor licenses and increases the number of bar and grill liquor licenses allowed in cities, towns and counties over a period of ten years.
- This act also specifies that not less than sixty percent (60%) of revenue from operation of the bar and grill be derived from food services, entertainment or a combination of food services and entertainment and provides a definition of entertainment.
- This act authorizes licensing authorities to consider the type, level and appropriateness of food services and entertainment sales proposed in each license application when determining whether to issue a license.

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Bill No.: SF0014 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0007

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0015

Chapter No.: 30

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Wyoming national guard professional malpractice liability.**

Subject: Amending eligibility for professional malpractice liability coverage.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The state defends, holds harmless and indemnifies members of the Wyoming national guard from professional malpractice claims if they were acting in the discharge of their duties when the alleged malpractice occurred.
- This act amends the malpractice liability statute so that, instead of applying to any attorney or doctor of medicine serving as a member of the Wyoming national guard, it applies to any member of the Wyoming national guard who possesses a license or credentials to practice a profession and who meets the requirements of the Wyoming national guard for practice of the profession.

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Bill No.: SF0015 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0010

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0014

Chapter No.: 28

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Military leave for state employees.**

Subject: State employee military leave.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act removes a requirement for a state employee to have been employed for at least one (1) year before being authorized to take a leave of absence for military duty without pay, without losing seniority, status, efficiency rating, vacation leave, sick leave or other benefits while the employee is engaged in active military training or service.

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Bill No.: SF0016 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0014
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0048
Chapter No.: 103
Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee
Catch Title: State employee-moving expenses.
Subject: Authorizing state agencies to pay moving expenses for specified state officers, employees and new hires.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that an employing state agency: shall pay the moving expenses of any state officer or employee required to transfer for the benefit of the state; and may pay the moving expenses of a state officer, employee or new hire whose respective transfer or employment results from the agency's recruitment efforts.

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Bill No.: SF0017 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0019

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0013

Chapter No.: 29

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Off-road recreational vehicles-safety and insurance.**

Subject: Requiring specified safety equipment and liability insurance for certain off-road recreational vehicles; creating an exception.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates new equipment and liability insurance requirements for certain off-road recreational vehicles.
 - Off-road recreational vehicles operated upon any public road rights-of-way, streets, roads or highways within Wyoming must be equipped with a horn, a muffler, and a mirror.
 - Off-road recreational vehicles operated upon roadways designated as trails must have proof of liability insurance with limits not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).
- This act creates an exception: these equipment and insurance requirements do not apply to off-road recreational vehicles operated on public road rights-of-way, streets or highways for agricultural operations.

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Bill No.: SF0018 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0023**
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0022
Chapter No.: 5
Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Benefits for spouses of law enforcement members.**
Subject: Retirement benefits.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends and conforms two retirement plans, the Law Enforcement Retirement Plan and the State Highway Patrol, Game and Fish Warden and Criminal Investigator Retirement Plan, to provide for the following benefits:
 - The pre-retirement duty-related death benefit paid to a spouse is amended be the greater of either sixty-two and one-half percent (62.5%) of the member's salary at time of death or two and one-half (2.5%) of the member's salary multiplied by the number of years of the service;
 - The pre-retirement non-duty death benefit paid to a spouse is amended to be fifty percent (50%) of salary.
 - The amount paid as a benefit for a member's children is amended to be six percent (6%) of salary;
 - The maximum allowable benefit paid to the surviving spouse and children is amended to be one hundred percent (100%) of salary;
 - The definition of "salary" for purposes of calculating benefits is amended to be the greater of the member's highest average salary over three (3) years or final actual salary during the last full month of credited service.

- The act applies to benefits paid after the effective date of the act.

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Bill No.: SF0020 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0177

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0021

Chapter No.: 35

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Driver's license and ID card photo quality.**

Subject: Striking the requirement for the photograph on a Wyoming driver's license and identification card to be in color.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Wyoming driver's licenses and identification cards must include a full facial digital photograph.
- This act strikes the requirement that the photograph be in color.
- This act requires the Department of Transportation to adopt any rules necessary to implement this act and the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

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Bill No.: SF0021 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0209

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0045

Chapter No.: 95

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: **High occupancy vehicle lanes.**

Subject: Highways.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the director of the Department of Transportation or a local authority in charge of a road to designate a high occupancy vehicle lane if the road has more than one available lane of travel in a given direction. A high occupancy vehicle is defined as a vehicle occupied by at least two people.
- The act provides exemptions from high occupancy vehicle lane requirements, specifies a penalty for unauthorized operation in a high occupancy vehicle lane, and requires the Department of Transportation to promulgate rules.

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Bill No.: SF0023 **Effective:** 7/1/2024 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0096

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0003

Chapter No.: 1

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: Treatment courts-transfer to judicial branch.

Subject: Transferring oversight and administration of treatment courts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Currently, the Department of Health oversees treatment courts, which are special courts for substance offenders to complete treatment and to be held accountable for completing treatment.
- This act transfers responsibility and oversight for treatment courts to the Wyoming Supreme Court on July 1, 2024. The act transfers all obligations, property, equipment and unexpended funds allocated for treatment courts from the Department of Health to the Supreme Court.
- Between now and July 1, 2024, the act requires the Department of Health to consult with the Supreme Court regarding any agreement, contract or other obligation the Department of Health seeks to enter on behalf of the treatment-court program.
- The act imposes reporting requirements on the Department of Health and the Wyoming Supreme Court regarding the transfer of treatment courts and its functions and responsibilities.

Comments:

- This act transfers the administration of treatment courts from the Department of Health to the Wyoming Supreme Court on July 1, 2024. All funds, positions and obligations of the treatment courts are transferred to the Wyoming Supreme Court on that date.
- This act requires the Department of Health and the Wyoming Supreme Court to report to the Joint Judiciary Committee by August 1, 2023, on the development of a plan to effectuate the transfer of the treatment courts to the Wyoming Supreme Court.
- This act has a split effective date. Provisions related to reporting and contract requirements are effective immediately; the substantive provisions related to the transfer of treatment courts to the Wyoming Supreme Court are effective July 1, 2024.

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Bill No.: SF0024 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0279

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0018

Chapter No.: 8

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.**

Subject: Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires financial institutions who are notified of suspected financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult to assess the suspected financial exploitation and, if warranted, submit a report to the department of family services.
- This act allows financial institutions to notify third parties reasonably associated with the vulnerable adult of the suspected financial exploitation unless the financial institution suspects the third party of financial exploitation of that vulnerable adult.
- This act authorizes financial institutions to place temporary holds on any transaction that involves an account of a vulnerable adult or that contains the vulnerable adult's assets or property. This hold shall not exceed five (5) business days after the date the hold is placed unless the hold is extended for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
- This act provides immunity to financial institutions and other qualified persons from civil liability and requires financial institutions to disclose financial records relevant to the suspected financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

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Bill No.: SF0025 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0097

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0029

Chapter No.: 54

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **District and prosecuting attorneys-bar license requirement.**

Subject: Requiring district attorneys and county-and-prosecuting attorneys to be licensed members of the state bar during their terms of office.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law requires each district attorney to be a licensed attorney and in good standing with the Wyoming State Bar immediately prior to the attorney's election. Similarly, county-and-prosecuting attorneys must be a member of the state bar at the time of nomination and election and during the attorney's term.
- This act provides that district attorneys must be licensed members of the state bar and in good standing with the bar throughout the attorney's term of office.
- The act clarifies that county-and-prosecuting attorneys must be members in good standing with the state bar during the attorney's term of office.
- The act applies to each district attorney and county-and-prosecuting attorney whose term of office begins on and after July 1, 2023.

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Bill No.: SF0026 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0164**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0006

Chapter No.: 21

Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.**

Subject: Facilitation of interstate practice of psychology.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act enters the State into a formal agreement with other member states to facilitate the interstate practice of psychology through the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact.
- Under this Compact, psychologists licensed in a Compact member state may practice in Compact member states through the use of telepsychology and through temporary psychological practice in receiving Compact states.
- The Compact establishes an interstate commission, composed of member state officials, to carry out the Compact's purposes.

Comments:

- Creates a major program;
- Popular name: "Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact".

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Bill No.: SF0028 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0106

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0012

Chapter No.: 25

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Catch Title: Livestock infectious disease control-tribal inclusion.

Subject: Livestock infectious disease control.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that livestock producers on the Wind River Indian Reservation may participate in state programs for livestock contagious and infectious reportable disease testing, containment and reimbursements.
- This act provides that testing, containment and reimbursement services on the Wind River Indian Reservation may be provided pursuant to a cooperative agreement entered into by the Wyoming Livestock Board, in consultation with the State Veterinarian, and the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, both tribes or a cooperative governing body of the two tribes.
- This act authorizes the Governor to negotiate with tribes of the regions adjacent to Wyoming on brucellosis containment.

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Bill No.: SF0029 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0136

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0041

Chapter No.: 79

Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Brucellosis management updates.**

Subject: Modifies the requirements and provisions for testing cattle for brucellosis.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act changes the requirement to brand cattle that test positive for brucellosis to be discretionary and updates terms related to a brucellosis surveillance program, including temporary surveillance areas and the establishment of a brucellosis mitigation plan.
- This act modifies the requirements for providing documentation to the Wyoming Livestock Board related to compensation for brucellosis testing. The documents must be submitted in a format and manner prescribed by rule of the Board.

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Bill No.: SF0031 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0109

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0028

Chapter No.: 52

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Adjacent land resource data trespass-repeal.**

Subject: Trespassing through adjacent land to collect resource data.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill repeals a civil and criminal prohibition on trespassing across adjacent land to collect resource data. These prohibitions had been previously found unconstitutional in federal court. (See *Western Watersheds Project v. Michael*, 869 F.3d 1189 (10th Cir. 2017); *Western Watersheds Project v. Michael*, 353 F.Supp.3d 1176 (D. Wyo. 2018)).

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Bill No.: SF0032 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0110**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0067

Chapter No.: 131

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Prohibiting drones over penal institutions.**

Subject: Drones and penal institutions.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill defines an "unmanned aircraft system" as an unmanned, powered aircraft that : (1) does not carry a human operator; (2) can be autonomous or remotely piloted or operated; and (3) is expendable or recoverable.
- This bill creates a new crime that prohibits using an "unmanned aircraft system" to intentionally trespass over or into a penal institution without authorization for the purpose to:
 - Photograph, surveil, broadcast or otherwise record a penal institution;
 - Convey or attempt to convey contraband into a penal institution; or
 - Deliver or attempt to deliver a deadly weapon into a penal institution.
- This bill makes a violation of the prohibition against photographing or conveying contraband a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail, a two thousand dollar (\$2,000.00) fine or both. A violation for delivering a deadly weapon is a felony punishable by not more than ten (10) years in jail, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) or both.
- The bill provides rulemaking authority to the Department of Corrections to establish reasonable means of preventing violations of the new crime and authorizing the use of reasonable means of prevention.
- The bill provides exceptions for law enforcement and emergency purposes, state business, the United States government and satellites orbiting the earth.

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Bill No.: SF0033 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0111

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0011

Chapter No.: 26

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Defining aircraft for purposes of hunting prohibitions.**

Subject: Defines "aircraft" for prohibitions on their use related to hunting and wildlife.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill defines "aircraft" to mean any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight including airplanes, helicopters, gliders, dirigibles or unmanned arial vehicles.
- The definition relates to prohibitions on harassing, pursuing, hunting, shooting or killing wildlife using an aircraft, or to aid in the taking of wildlife.

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Bill No.: SF0036 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0155

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0010

Chapter No.: 27

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Capital Financing & Investments

Catch Title: **Investment funds committee-selection panel amendments.**

Subject: Amending procedures for the Investment Funds Committee and Selection Panel.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Investment Funds Committee (IFC) is an entity under state law that recommends investment policies associated with the investment of state funds to the State Loan and Investment Board. Members of the IFC are chosen by a selection panel, whose members are selected by the State Loan and Investment Board.
- This act requires that vacancies of both IFC and selection panel members must be filled within sixty (60) days of the vacancy.
- This act also requires the selection panel to appoint a chairperson from among its members.
- The act provides that a member of the selection panel who seeks to become a member of the IFC must first resign from the selection panel before seeking a nomination to the IFC.

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Bill No.: SF0037 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0278

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0040

Chapter No.: 80

Prime Sponsor: Baldwin

Catch Title: Podiatry medical services-Medicaid.

Subject: Providing Medicaid coverage for podiatry services.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes Medicaid coverage for the services of a licensed podiatrist, provided that a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice nurse practitioner made the referral to the podiatrist.

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Bill No.: SF0038 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0179

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0047

Chapter No.: 102

Prime Sponsor: Schuler

Catch Title: Special license plates-organ donations.

Subject: Organ, eye and tissue donation license plates.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides for the creation and sale of organ, eye and tissue donation license plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial or multipurpose vehicle.
- This act establishes an application form for the organ, eye and tissue donation license plates and allows for monetary donations from applicants. The donations collected are deposited to the anatomical awareness account to promote general public awareness and education for the procurement of organ and tissue donations for anatomical gifts.
- This act requires the Department of Transportation to make the license plates available beginning July 1, 2024. It also ceases production of the plates if five hundred (500) sets of plates are not issued before December 31, 2031.

Comments:

- This act requires a report on the cessation of production to the organ, eye and tissue donation license plates to the Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee.

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Bill No.: SF0040 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0312

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0035

Chapter No.: 60

Prime Sponsor: Case

Catch Title: Federal political action committees-reports.

Subject: Elections- federal political action committee reporting.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Currently, federal political action committees are not required to file contribution and expenditure reports with the Wyoming Secretary of State if the committee is required to comply with federal election law requirements.
- This act clarifies that federal political action committees are not required to file reports with the Wyoming Secretary of State if the committee is making contributions or expenditures only to federal candidates or for federal issues.

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Bill No.: SF0041 **Effective:** 4/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0064

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0025

Chapter No.: 43

Prime Sponsor: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

Catch Title: Skill based amusement games-authorized locations.

Subject: Authorized locations for skill-based amusement games.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that skill-based amusement games may only be located in an authorized location which is limited to truck stops, smoke shops or businesses that are licensed to sell alcoholic liquor or malt beverages. The act provides definitions of "truck stop" and "smoke shop".
- The act authorizes an establishment that is not an authorized location under the act, but that was operating skill-based amusement games before September 14, 2022, to continue operating skill based amusement games.

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Bill No.: SF0042 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0062

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0098

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

Catch Title: Taxation of cigars.

Subject: Taxation of cigars, snuff and other tobacco products.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides that the tax on cigars, snuff and other tobacco products shall be due on the sale of the tobacco product.

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Bill No.: SF0043 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0048

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0038

Chapter No.: 72

Prime Sponsor: Case

Catch Title: EMS districts.

Subject: EMS districts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Currently, an improvement and service district can be formed by filing a petition with the county commissioners and the district is formed by an election with an elected board of directors.
- This act provides an alternative method that allows a board of county commissioners to form an EMS district for the provision of emergency medical services by passing a resolution and appointing a board of directors for the district.
- The act specifies that if a district to provide emergency medical services is formed by resolution of the board of county commissioners, the district is required to submit any proposed property tax mills to the electors of the district for approval.

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Bill No.: SF0052 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0304**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0058

Chapter No.: 111

Prime Sponsor: Joint Education Interim Committee

Catch Title: **School finance-special education funding.**

Subject: Modifying payment to K-12 public schools for special education.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act modifies the distribution of funds for K-12 public school special education services by removing this component from the education resource block grant model.
- This act does not change the amount received by school districts for special education.

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Bill No.: SF0053 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0006

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0059

Chapter No.: 129

Prime Sponsor: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Interim Committee

Catch Title: Wyoming national guard medical insurance premiums.

Subject: Wyoming National Guard medical insurance premiums.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that a Wyoming National Guard member serving in state active duty may be reimbursed as specified for medical insurance premiums.

Comments:

- This act appropriates ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming Military Department to make the reimbursement payments.

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Bill No.: SF0055 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0384
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0034
Chapter No.: 58
Prime Sponsor: Nethercott
Catch Title: **Chancery court vacancies-extension amendment.**
Subject: Extending the time in which other judges can temporarily serve as chancery court judges.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law provides that, before the appointment of a full-time chancery court judge, the position and duties of a chancery court judge may be temporarily assigned to a retired supreme court justice, a retired district court judge, a current district court judge, a special master, or a magistrate. The chancery court duties may be temporarily assigned until January 1, 2024.
- This act extends the time that the position and duties of a chancery court judge may be temporarily assigned to until January 1, 2025.

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Bill No.: SF0056 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0108

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0060

Chapter No.: 112

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Prohibiting travel across private land for hunting purposes.**

Subject: Trespass for hunting purposes.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill amends existing prohibitions on trespassing across private lands for hunting related purposes. It prohibits entering upon, traveling through or returning across the private property of any person to take wildlife, hunt, fish, collect antlers or horns or trap without permission. The bill clarifies that "travel through or return across" requires physically touching or driving on the surface of the private property.

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Bill No.: SF0057 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0221**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0009

Chapter No.: 24

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **State held drainage district bonds.**

Subject: Forgiving uncollectible state-held drainage district bonds and repealing procedures for state-held drainage district bonds.

Summary/Major Elements:

- In this act, the Legislature declares that any outstanding debt owed to the state on two (2) drainage district bonds (The Lovell Drainage District bond purchased December 23, 1932, and the North Bench District Bond No. 2, dated July 1, 1935) is uncollectible.
- The act requires the State Treasurer to take all actions necessary to discharge and extinguish the outstanding principal and interest of those two bonds.
- The act appropriates twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) from the General Fund to the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund to restore the loss of corpus as a result of discharging and extinguishing the principal due on the Lovell Drainage District Bond.
- The act repeals provisions related to irrigation district and drainage district bonds held by the State of Wyoming.

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Bill No.: SF0058 **Effective:** 2/24/2023 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0140
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0044
Chapter No.: 89
Prime Sponsor: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Sutton archaeological site administration.**
Subject: Designates the Sutton archaeological site as a state archaeological site.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act designates the Sutton archaeological site in Platte County as a state archaeological site, provides a legal description and specifies that the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources will administer the site.

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Bill No.: SF0059 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0013

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0020

Chapter No.: 34

Prime Sponsor: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Catch Title: State parks account-agency expenditure authority.

Subject: Use of funds in the state parks account for maintenance and operational costs of outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources is authorized to use not more than sixty percent (60%) of the funds in the state parks account for the purposes of maintenance and operational costs of outdoor recreation areas and facilities, but no funds may be used to hire or increase salaries of full-time employees.
- This act removes a prior authorization for the Department to use sixty percent (60%) of the funds in the state parks account for maintenance and operational costs for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 only.

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Bill No.: SF0061 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0228

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0079

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Management Council

Catch Title: **Legislator per diem.**

Subject: Per diem rates for specified state employees, officials and appointees.

- This bill requires the State Auditor to annually set the per diem rate for legislators and all boards and commissions statutorily tied to legislator per diem. The rate is set at the federal General Service Administrations per diem rates for locations within Wyoming.
- This is very similar to the manner in which mileage reimbursement is determined for a legislator under W.S. 28-5-101(d).
- Legislator per diem was last increased in 2008, from eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) a day to one hundred nine dollars (\$109.00) a day.
- The bill will provide location rates in Wyoming, which will allow higher per diem rates for meetings held in Teton, Sublette and Park Counties.
- There are 52 Boards and Commissions with their per diem statutorily tied to legislator per diem amounts. The vast majority of the members of those boards and commissions serve without any other compensation.

Comments:

- Appropriations:
 - One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to LSO for the remainder of the biennium.
 - Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to State Auditor for the remainder of the biennium for GF boards and commissions.
 - The bill provides authorization for spending authority for those boards and commissions who don't receive general funds to supplement the per diem rate for their boards and commissions (usually paid from licensing fees).

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Bill No.: SF0063 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0404

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0019

Chapter No.: 33

Prime Sponsor: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

Catch Title: Tax administration revisions.

Subject: Tax administration.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that the Department of Revenue may credit or waive interest related to mine product taxes, which is consistent with the administration of other taxes.
- This act provides that the assessment or levy of sales and use taxes, including any penalty or interest, that results from an audit or review shall be issued within one (1) year following the completion of the audit or review, which is consistent with the administration of other taxes.

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Bill No.: SF0065 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0311**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0043

Chapter No.: 90

Prime Sponsor: Baldwin

Catch Title: **Compensation of local registrars-repeal.**

Subject: Repeals the requirement for compensation to be paid to local registrars who register certificates of death, birth and stillbirth.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act repeals the statutory provision requiring the payment of compensation to local registrars when they register certificates of birth, death or stillbirth.
- Any payments and fees for the registration of records that are due pursuant to the statute before it is repealed shall be paid in accordance with the statute.

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Bill No.: SF0066 **Effective:** 7/1/2024

LSO No.: 23LSO-0226

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0096

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **School capital construction funding.**

Subject: Consolidation of accounts related to K-12 public schools.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act eliminates the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments projects account, the school lands mineral royalties account and the school capital construction account. The act redirects future revenues for those accounts to the public school foundation program account beginning at the end of the FY 20235-20246 biennium. Expenses associated with operation of the education resource block grant model and facility needs, including but not limited to planning, design and construction of new facilities, leasing, component projects and major maintenance, for K-12 public schools will first be made by the public school foundation program account.
- This act clarifies, for the period beginning with effective date of the act through July 1, 2024, that the transfer from the strategic investments and projects account to the school major maintenance subaccount occurs prior to the transfer from the strategic investments and projects account to the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account.
- This act directs the state auditor to transfer any unencumbered, unobligated funds in the school major maintenance subaccount within the strategic investments and projects account, the school lands mineral royalties account and the school capital construction account to the public school foundation program account effective July 1, 2024, and any funds that are to revert to those accounts are directed to the public school foundation program account.

Comments:

- Multiple effective dates.

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Bill No.: SF0067 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0412

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0061

Chapter No.: 113

Prime Sponsor: Schuler

Catch Title: Multipurpose vehicles-disabled license plates.

Subject: Special license plates.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows a person with a disability to be issued a special license plate for a multipurpose vehicle.
- This act specifies that a special license plate may contain a distinctive symbol or letters indicating the vehicle type.

Comments:

- The Wyoming Department of Transportation must make the special license plates required by this act available beginning on January 1, 2024.

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Bill No.: SF0068 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0046

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0030

Chapter No.: 69

Prime Sponsor: Select Water Committee

Catch Title: Prescriptive easement for water conveyances.

Subject: Prescriptive easements for water conveyances.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill codifies the process for obtaining a prescriptive easement for a water conveyance. A prescriptive easement is an easement that arises out of operation of law, and not as the result of a formal agreement between a landowner and the person claiming the easement.
- This bill establishes the elements necessary to establish a prescriptive easement for a water conveyance by requiring that use of the water conveyance be continuous and uninterrupted, open and notorious and adverse to the landowner for a period of ten (10) years. The bill provides definitions, limitations and for the maintenance of the water conveyance. The bill requires that the State Engineer's Office post an informational document related to water conveyance easements.

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Bill No.: SF0069 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0418

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0033

Chapter No.: 55

Prime Sponsor: Nethercott

Catch Title: **Electronic records retention.**

Subject: Court records.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill amends existing statute to allow Wyoming courts to scan and digitize court records, maintain the digitized copies in a case management system and dispose of the original documents in accordance with rules or orders provided by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

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Bill No.: SF0071 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0100**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0037

Chapter No.: 135

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **State loan and bond programs.**

Subject: Amending terms, rates, conditions, and availability of state bond and loan programs.

Summary/Major Elements:

- State law authorizes the State Loan and Investment Board to loan permanent funds for specified purposes under set terms and conditions.
- This act amends the interest rates for some of these loan programs. The interest rates for farm loans, infrastructure project loans, and street-and-road project loans are amended to be equal to the yield on a United States treasury security of the same duration as the loan. The State Loan and Investment Board may add an additional percentage to the interest rate as a risk premium.
- The act decreases the maximum aggregate funding limits for the use of permanent funds for these loan programs. For the farm-loan program, the limit is now fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000.00) (down from two hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$275,000,000.00)). For the infrastructure-loan program, the limit is now one hundred seventy-five million dollars (\$175,000,000.00) (down from four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000)).
- The act strikes authorization for the investment of the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund in community-college-district bonds.
- The act prohibits the issuance of new loans under the Wyoming Joint Powers Act and new loans for student dormitories on and after April 1, 2023.

Comments:

- This act requires a report to the Joint Appropriations Committee once all existing loans under the Wyoming Joint Powers Act and all existing student-dormitory loans are retired.

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Bill No.: SF0075 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0158

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0054

Chapter No.: 108

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Catch Title: **Decentralized autonomous organizations-amendments.**

Subject: Decentralized autonomous organizations.

Summary/Major Elements:

- A decentralized autonomous organization (DAO) is a limited liability company with special provisions allowing the company to be algorithmically managed (in whole or in part) through smart contracts that are executed by computers.
- Existing statute requires a decentralized autonomous organization to include a publicly available identifier in the articles of organization but does not define the term.
- This bill amends the decentralized autonomous organization law to include a definition of "publicly available identifier". A publicly available identifier is an address that is publicly available and that identifies a smart contract and may include a uniform resource locator, contract address or other similar reference.
- This bill requires a decentralized autonomous organization to amend their articles of organization when the publicly available identifier has changed.

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Bill No.: SF0076 **Effective:** 12/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0171

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0095

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Catch Title: Wyoming digital asset registration act.

Subject: Digital asset registration.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides for the registration of digital assets in Wyoming. The lawful owner of any digital asset or the owner's agent may register the asset with the Wyoming Secretary of State if the applicant is a resident of Wyoming or is incorporated or organized in Wyoming. Any digital asset registered shall be deemed to be located within Wyoming for purposes of all laws and regulations of the state and for purposes of any applicable federal laws that are not in conflict with this provision.
- The bill provides for registration requirements, fees, rulemaking and the cancellation of a registration.
- Each registration is valid for five (5) years and may be renewed.
- The bill extends the jurisdiction of the Wyoming chancery court to include disputes concerning registered digital assets.
- The bill provides an appropriation to the Secretary of State's office to implement the act.

Comments:

- Split effective date – rule making authority is effective immediately and the substantive law changes are effective December 1, 2023.

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Bill No.: SF0077 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0069

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0004

Chapter No.: 19

Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Public works apprenticeship programs-repeal.**

Subject: Repeals the program for use of apprentices on public works projects.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act repeals statutory provisions that authorize the use of apprenticeship programs on public works projects that are awarded by the state of Wyoming, the University of Wyoming, a community college or a school district.
- The act repeals the bid preference for contractors who commit to using apprentices to complete not less than ten percent (10%) of the labor hours on a public works project.
- Repeals the reporting requirements of the Department of Workforce Services to provide information and data on the use of the public works apprenticeship program.

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Bill No.: SF0078 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0142

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0023

Chapter No.: 42

Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Apprenticeship and job training promotion in schools.**

Subject: Providing information and guidance to secondary students in Wyoming on apprenticeship programs, on-the-job training and student learner agreements.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the Department of Workforce Services (the Department) to provide information and guidance to school districts regarding registered apprenticeship programs, on-the-job training and student learner agreements that are available to secondary students in Wyoming for credit, pay or both, including the rights and responsibilities of school districts, employers and students participating in the programs and available financial assistance.
- This act establishes new duties for school districts to disseminate the information provided by the Department to students and to establish procedures to provide school credit to those students who participate in apprenticeship programs, on-the job training or student learner agreements.

Comments:

- The Department must report not later than October 1 each year to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee and the Joint Education Interim Committee on the provision of information required under this act to boards of trustees and on efforts of school districts to provide school credit to students participating in these programs.
- The information required to be provided by the Department shall be given to each school district board of trustees beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

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Bill No.: SF0079 **Effective:** 1/1/2024 12:00:00 AM
LSO No.: 23LSO-0471
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0069
Chapter No.: 143
Prime Sponsor: Baldwin
Catch Title: Plan of safe care-newborns.
Subject: Requiring plans of safe care for infants born addicted to alcohol or substances.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires health care providers to develop plans of safe care for infants born or suspected to be born affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug or alcohol exposure. A plan of safe care is to be developed in cooperation with the infant's parents, family or guardians and with a priority of keeping the infant in the home as the safety and wellbeing of the infant allows. A plan of safe care is meant to address the health and substance use treatment needs of the infant and affected family members or caregivers, as well as ensuring that appropriate referrals are made for the infant to address those needs.
- This act requires that the plan of safe care have a termination date not to exceed one year after it is put into place. Subsequent plans of safe care may be initiated if necessary.

Comments:

- Has a Delayed Effective Date of January 1, 2024.

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Bill No.: SF0080 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0496

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0078

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: McKeown

Catch Title: Visitation rights.

Subject: Visitation rights in health care facilities.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires specified health care facilities that provide twenty-four (24) hour per day care to allow visitation for a person receiving care in the facility. In addition, the health care facility:
 - May impose and enforce specified restrictions on visitation;
 - Shall provide a written copy of its visitation policy upon request;
 - Shall visibly post a copy of its visitation policy in the facility;
 - Shall allow the person receiving care or that person's representative to designate persons as visitors or to prohibit some or all visitation.

- The visitation requirement shall not apply to persons involuntarily detained or adults who have been charged with or convicted of a crime and are in the custody of the state or a local jurisdiction.

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Bill No.: SF0083 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0152**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0077

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Rothfuss

Catch Title: **K-12 school facility leasing.**

Subject: K-12 school facility leasing.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires K-12 public school districts and charter schools separately identify, and account for, the amount to be expended on major maintenance for any facility or building leased by a school district or a charter school. This act requires approval by the school district or the charter school prior to the expenditure of funds allocated for major maintenance.
- This act authorizes the State Construction Department to review the reasonableness of any expenditure for the major maintenance of leased space at the request of a school district or a charter school.
- This act requires the State Construction Department to review requests submitted by charter schools to determine whether space exists within the applicable school district for operation of the charter school.
- This act clarifies that school districts may not charge charter schools for any space that is deemed available and adequate by the State Construction Department.

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Bill No.: SF0087 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0207

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0049

Chapter No.: 104

Prime Sponsor: Cooper

Catch Title: **Natural resource funding-large project threshold increase.**

Subject: Increases the monetary threshold for small and large wildlife and natural resource projects funded by the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act increases the threshold for legislative approval for small and large projects funded by the Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust from two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) to four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00). Any project less than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) is considered a small project and does not require legislative authorization.
- This act also increases the threshold for additional grants to Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust projects to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). Additional grants to an existing project below the threshold do not require legislative authorization.
- This act applies to project applications that are initially approved or submitted for an additional grant after the effective date of this act.

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Bill No.: SF0091 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0544

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0052

Chapter No.: 97

Prime Sponsor: Nethercott

Catch Title: **Creation of tenancy by the entirety.**

Subject: Tenancy by the entirety - presumption.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill provides that the designation of tenants on an instrument of conveyance or transfer of real property as "husband and wife", "spouses" or similar language shall be deemed to establish a tenancy by the entirety unless another form of tenancy is specified.
- The bill further provides that its provisions are intended to clarify existing Wyoming law, and not to make any substantive change.

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Bill No.: SF0094 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0494**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0089

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Ellis

Catch Title: **Federal Indian Child Welfare Act codification.**

Subject: Codifying the Indian Child Welfare Act into Wyoming law.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 is a federal law that provides procedures for states to follow regarding child abuse cases, neglect cases and adoption proceedings involving Indian children.
- This act substantially codifies the Indian Child Welfare Act into state law. Among other things, the act provides:
 - That an Indian tribe has exclusive jurisdiction over child custody proceedings (those concerning adoption, abuse or neglect) involving an Indian child who resides within the tribe's reservation.
 - For requirements to provide notice to parents, Indian custodians and tribes of pending child-custody proceedings involving Indian children.
 - For parental rights and protections in child-custody proceedings involving Indian children, including the right to consent and to withdraw consent for shelter care placements, relinquishment and adoption of Indian children.
 - A preference list for the adoptive placement of an Indian child.
 - Reporting requirements for state courts entering a final decree or order in any adoption proceeding involving an Indian child; reports must be sent to the Department of Family Services and the United States Secretary of the Interior.
- The act applies to any case or proceeding involving an Indian child on and after July 1, 2023.
- This act is repealed on July 1, 2027.

Comments:

- This act imposes reporting requirements on state courts in adoption proceedings involving Indian children.

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Bill No.: SF0095 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0362

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0042

Chapter No.: 92

Prime Sponsor: Ellis

Catch Title: Moon landing day.

Subject: Moon Landing Day

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act recognizes the American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin as the first humans to land and walk on the moon on July 20, 1969 and the men and women who aided the astronauts in landing on the moon and returning home safely including Michael Collins who piloted the command module.
- This act designates July 20 of each year as "Moon Landing Day" and states the Governor may, in advance of July 20 of each year, issue a proclamation requesting proper observance of "Moon Landing Day."

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Bill No.: SF0096 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0376**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0097

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Select Water Committee

Catch Title: **Omnibus water bill-planning and administration.**

Subject: Provides authorization and funding for water development program studies.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Authorizes and provides funding for specified Wyoming Water Development Program reconnaissance (Level I) and feasibility (Level II) studies.
- Amends prior reconnaissance and feasibility studies.
- Provides funding for a conveyance loss study.
- Authorizes and provides funding for a full-time employee and consultants for upper Colorado river basin projects and potential projects.
- Provides appropriations from the general fund to water development accounts I and III.

Comments:

- See also the companion bill, House Bill 93, Omnibus water bill-construction.
- Requires the Water Development Commission to provide a report to the legislature for each of the funded reconnaissance and feasibility studies.

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Bill No.: SF0097 **Effective:** 7/1/2024 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0264

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0068

Chapter No.: 139

Prime Sponsor: Hicks

Catch Title: Education trust fund transfer.

Subject: Repeal of Education Trust Fund.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act repeals the Wyoming Education Trust Fund and transfers any unencumbered, unobligated funds in the Fund to the corpus of the Common School Account within the Permanent Land Fund.
- This act revises the operation of innovative program grants to remove references to the Education Trust Fund and to specify that the source of funds for the grants are from amounts appropriated by the Legislature.

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Bill No.: SF0098 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0463

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0062

Chapter No.: 114

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: Education-certificate of completion.

Subject: Certificate of completion in K-12 public schools.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires the State Board of Education to establish requirements for the award of a certificate of completion to be issued by Wyoming high schools for students with disabilities as identified under the federal Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act.

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Bill No.: SF0099 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0538

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0083

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: **Witnessing of wills-remote methods.**

Subject: Authorizes witnesses of wills to appear electronically.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes witnesses to a will to appear through the use of audio-video communication technology, provided that the witnesses can see and hear the testator in real time, have the opportunity to judge the competency of the testator, have the ability to securely sign the will electronically and can determine that the testator is freely and voluntarily signing and executing the will.

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Bill No.: SF0100 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0554

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0070

Chapter No.: 140

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: **Designation of spouses-revocation upon divorce or annulment.**

Subject: Provides for the revocation of designations of a former spouse in governing instruments and severance of property interests upon divorce or annulment.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that when spouses are divorced or the marriage is annulled, any revocable designation of a person's former spouse in a governing instrument shall be immediately revoked, unless otherwise expressly provided by the governing instrument, specifically:
 - Dispositions or appointments of property to a former spouse.
 - Dispositions or appointments by law or those created by a governing instrument to a relative of a former spouse.
 - Designations conferring a general or special power of appointment on a former spouse or a former spouse's relative.
 - Nominations in a governing instrument that nominate a former spouse or a former spouse's relative to serve in any fiduciary or representative capacity.
- This act also severs the interest of former spouses in property that the spouses held prior to divorce or annulment to become a tenancy in common. This severance does not affect third party interests in the property.
- Once a divorce or annulment is entered, a governing instrument between former spouses shall be given the effect that the former spouses have disclaimed all interests revoked by this act.
- However, any provision of a governing instrument that is revoked by operation of this act shall be revived if former spouses choose to remarry, unless otherwise prohibited. No change of circumstances will revoke a will except as prescribed in the act.
- Under this act, a third party payor or similar entity is not liable for having made a payment to or transferred an item of property or a benefit to a former spouse if they act in good faith reliance on the validity of a governing instrument between former spouses.

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- This act is applicable to all wills and revocable governing instruments that are in effect before, on and after the effective date of the act.

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Bill No.: SF0102 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0398

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0051

Chapter No.: 96

Prime Sponsor: Salazar

Catch Title: Food Freedom Act-amendments.

Subject: Expands permissible sales of homemade foods under the Wyoming Food Freedom Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies that, in addition to non-potentially hazardous foods, a person may sell eggs and dairy products under the Wyoming Food Freedom Act. The Act allows producers of certain homemade foods to sell their products to end consumers without requiring certification, regulation, license or inspection as long as the producer complies with the provisions of the Act.
- This act also defines the term "designated agent." A designated agent is a person, consignment model market or food freedom store that a producer may designate to act on the producer's behalf to facilitate transactions, including the marketing, transport, storage and delivery of food.
- The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is prohibited from setting standards for food and health inspections applicable to the Food Freedom Act that are more stringent than standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Bill No.: SF0106 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0208**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0050

Chapter No.: 105

Prime Sponsor: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Catch Title: **2023 large project funding.**

Subject: Large conservation projects approved for funding from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Wyoming Legislature has established an account for natural resource conservation and wildlife projects and the Legislature must approve each project that exceeds two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).
- This year's large-project bill includes nine (9) new projects for the purposes of supporting wildlife highway crossings, conservation easements, river and fish passage restoration and wild horse removal for rangeland improvement.
- This year's large projects are:
 - Teton Migration
 - Fish Hook Ranch Conservation Easement
 - Lakeview Canal Fish Passage
 - Wind River Feral Horse Removal
 - SR Cattle Company Conservation Easement
 - Sims Creek Slough
 - Little Medicine Bow River
 - Ellsbury Ranch Conservation Easement
 - New Fork 351

Comments:

- The act authorizes the expenditure of appropriated funds from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Income Account.
- This act is commonly known as the "Large Projects Funding Bill".

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Bill No.: SF0108 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0351**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0074

Chapter No.: 148

Prime Sponsor: Nethercott

Catch Title: **Court reporter fees-district court discretion.**

Subject: Court reporter fees.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill repeals a provision that specifies the amount a court reporter may charge for transcripts, records and other papers required to be made and issued as the official court reporter and instead requires the fees to be set by rule of the district court judicial conference.

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Bill No.: SF0109 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0428

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0093

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Salazar

Catch Title: **Prohibiting chemical abortions.**

Subject: Prohibits prescribing, dispensing, distributing, selling or using any drug to perform a chemical abortion and provides a penalty.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act makes it unlawful for any person to prescribe, dispense, distribute, sell or use any drug to procure or perform an abortion.
- This act provides specific exemptions to the prohibition on a chemical abortion, including:
 - The sale, use or administration of contraceptives.
 - Treatment of a natural miscarriage.
 - Treatment necessary to save a woman from imminent peril that substantially endangers the woman's life or health. For purposes of this exemption, "imminent peril" is defined.
 - When the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest.
- Any physician or other person who violates this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by six (6) months imprisonment, a fine of not more than nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00) or both. A woman upon whom a chemical abortion is performed cannot be criminally prosecuted under this act.

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Bill No.: SF0112 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0369

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0075

Chapter No.: 149

Prime Sponsor: Nethercott

Catch Title: Peer support counseling-confidentiality.

Subject: Peer support confidentiality.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill defines a "peer support specialist" as a person:
 - Designated by a law enforcement agency, emergency services provider, employee assistance program or peer support team leader to lead, moderate or assist in a peer support counseling session;
 - Is a member of a peer support team; and
 - Has received training in counseling and providing emotional and moral support to law enforcement officers or emergency services personnel who have been involved in emotionally traumatic incidents by reason of their employment.
- This bill provides for the confidentiality of communications made between a peer support specialist and a participant. It specifies when confidentiality applies and the circumstances when it does not.

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Bill No.: SF0113 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0508

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0063

Chapter No.: 115

Prime Sponsor: Pappas

Catch Title: Architects practice act-amendments.

Subject: Amends the qualifications of persons applying to become an architect.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends the qualifications of persons applying to become a licensed architect or landscape architect by allowing for an education alternative with practical experience option for licensure.
- This act amends the notification requirement when architects' licenses are about to expire by no longer requiring notification through mail or certified mail.
- This act authorizes the Board of Architecture to use annual renewal fees to offer continuing education programs.

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Bill No.: SF0116 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0157**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0071

Chapter No.: 141

Prime Sponsor: Dockstader

Catch Title: **Protection of lawful commerce in firearms.**

Subject: Providing immunity for firearm manufacturers and sellers in civil actions.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides immunity to firearm manufacturers and sellers from civil actions or administrative proceedings brought against a manufacturer or seller for the criminal or unlawful misuse of a firearm or ammunition. Except as provided in the act, any action brought against a manufacturer or seller must be dismissed.
- The act does not affect the liability of a person who was legally provided ammunition or a firearm from a manufacturer or seller or of a person who provided ammunition or a firearm in violation of state or federal law.
- The immunity in the act does not apply to the following actions:
 - An action brought against a person who transfers a firearm and who is convicted for doing so under federal or state law by a party directly harmed by the conduct of which the transferor was convicted.
 - An action in which a manufacturer or seller knowingly violated state or federal law applicable to the sale or marketing of the firearm, and the violation was a proximate cause of the harm for which relief was sought.
 - A breach-of-contract action or warranty action involving a firearm or ammunition.
 - Actions where death, physical injuries or property damage resulted from a defect in the design or manufacture of ammunition or a firearm (except if the act causing the injury or damage is a criminal offense).
 - Actions to enforce federal or state law concerning the possession and sale of firearms.
 - Actions that allege an injury or death due to an act or omission of the manufacturer or seller that constitutes gross negligence, recklessness or intentional misconduct.
- The act (and the immunity conferred) applies to causes of action accruing on and after the effective date of the act. The act is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: SF0118 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0509**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0008

Chapter No.: 23

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **Fund balance calculations-federal encumbrances excluded.**

Subject: Amending the calculation of fund balances of state funds.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, the calculation of fund balances of state funds excludes from the fund balance reserved encumbrances of any type.
- This act provides that, for purposes of calculating fund balances of state funds, encumbrances of federal funds are not excluded or subtracted from the calculation of fund balances.

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Bill No.: SF0120 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0406

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0094

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Barlow

Catch Title: Restoration of civil rights.

Subject: Provides for the loss and restoration of civil rights, including the right to use or possess a firearm.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act provides that a person who has been convicted of a felony loses the right to use or possess a firearm in addition to the loss of voting rights, the right to sit on a jury and hold a public office.
- This act also provides that a person may have their civil rights restored, including the right to use or possess a firearm, when five (5) years have passed since the person has completed their sentence, including any applicable parole or probationary period, and the person has not been convicted of any other felony offense.
- When a person is eligible to have their civil rights restored, the Department of Corrections shall issue a certificate noting the restoration of those rights and the Department shall notify the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that the person has had their right to use or possess a firearm restored. The Department shall also file a copy of the certificate of restoration with the Secretary of State. If a person who has been issued a certificate of restoration under this act is convicted of a new felony, the certificate is void.
- This act also creates a new misdemeanor offense to make it unlawful for any person who has pleaded guilty or been convicted of a felony that is not a violent felony pursuant to Wyoming statute to use or possess a firearm.
- The Department of Corrections is authorized one at-will employment contract position to implement the provisions of the act.

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Bill No.: SF0122 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0622**
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0007
Chapter No.: 22
Prime Sponsor: Driskill
Catch Title: **Nonresident workers-vehicle registration extension.**
Subject: Expiration date for nonresident temporary worker vehicle registration.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, a nonresident owner of a noncommercial vehicle who works and drives in Wyoming can apply for a temporary worker vehicle registration in lieu of paying for a yearly vehicle registration. Currently, the registration expires in one hundred twenty (120) days.
- This act extends the expiration date of the temporary worker vehicle registration to one hundred eighty (180) days.

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Bill No.: SF0123 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0260

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0066

Chapter No.: 130

Prime Sponsor: Boner

Catch Title: **Military dependents-school choice.**

Subject: School transfer for military dependents

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act allows a child whose parent or guardian is an active-duty military member to transfer from one public school to another public school within the school district if the active-duty military member provides proof of having filed an official complaint with the military base describing discrimination against the child.
- This act allows a school district to decline to transfer a child to a particular public school if that child has been suspended or expelled.
- This act requires a school district to report a transfer denial to the state superintendent of public instruction not later than ten (10) days after the school district issues the transfer denial.
- This act does not require a public school to offer additional programs, alter the structure of the school or alter eligibility criteria to accommodate a child seeking a transfer of enrollment.
- This act outlines an appeal process for any parent or guardian who is an active duty military member aggrieved by a decision of the school district.
- This act provides a definition of active duty military to mean full-time duty status in the active uniformed services of the United States, but it does not include members of the national guard and reserve on active duty orders.

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Bill No.: SF0127 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0051**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0085

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

Catch Title: **Wyoming Stable Token Act.**

Subject: Wyoming stable tokens.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill creates the Wyoming stable token commission which is authorized to issue Wyoming stable tokens. These tokens are a virtual currency that are redeemable for one United States dollar. All funds received from the issuance of the token will be placed in a trust account and invested exclusively in United States treasury bills. The funds are held in trust with any earnings beyond one hundred two percent (102%) of the notional value of the outstanding issued stable tokens being placed in an administrative account to pay for operating costs with any remainder being distributed quarterly into the School Foundation Program Account.
- The commission is governed by a board consisting of the Governor, State Auditor and State Treasurer, or their respective designees, and up to four (4) subject matter experts chosen by the three (3) elected members.
- The commission is authorized to issue stable tokens, enter into contracts, hire employees including a director, retain professional services, seek guidance from federal agencies, utilize the services of the Treasurer's Office in investing and managing the trust account and promulgate any necessary rules.
- The commission is required to maintain, invest and reinvest funds as required by statute and rules of the commission, and to oversee the review and audit of the operations and transactions implemented pursuant to this act, including independent audits.
- Prior to issuing any stable tokens, the director of the commission is required to provide a comprehensive report and the attorney general is required to monitor the startup phase of issuance, and ensure the issuance is permissible under federal and state law.
- This bill appropriates five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the general fund for purposes of this act.

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Comments:

- Requires a report prior to issuing any stable tokens to the Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Innovation Technology and the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee.

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Bill No.: SF0128 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0478

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0064

Chapter No.: 116

Prime Sponsor: Hicks

Catch Title: **Transfer of state lands-exchange.**

Subject: Removes the requirement that exchanged state and federal lands be equal in size.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act removes the requirement that state and federal lands be equal in size when exchanged by the state and federal government.
- This act requires federal and state land exchanges be subject to the statutory orders, rules and regulations related to the exchange of lands.

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Bill No.: SF0129 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0645**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0055

Chapter No.: 109

Prime Sponsor: Landen

Catch Title: **Background checks-governor's office.**

Subject: Authorizing the Governor to require and access criminal history record information for Governor's Office employees who have access to confidential information.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the Governor to access criminal history record information for purposes of obtaining the criminal background history of an employee, intern or applicant for employment or an internship in the Governor's Office.
- This act requires employees, interns or employment or internship applicants of the Governor's Office who have access to confidential information to submit to fingerprinting for purposes of a criminal background check if the Governor requires the background check as a condition of employment or an internship.

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Bill No.: SF0131 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0616**
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0076
Chapter No.: [Chapter Number R0]
Prime Sponsor: Hutchings
Catch Title: **Prohibition on delivery of unsolicited ballot forms.**
Subject: Prohibition on the delivery of unsolicited absentee ballot request forms

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits a person, except a county clerk or the secretary of state or their designees, from distributing an absentee ballot request form by mail, email or other means to any qualified elector unless that qualified elector specifically solicits an absentee ballot request form.

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Bill No.: SF0133 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0391

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0092

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Schuler

Catch Title: Student eligibility in interscholastic sports.

Subject: Student eligibility in athletic activities for grades 7 through 12.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Article 1 of this bill prohibits a student of the male sex from competing in an athletic activity designated for students of the female sex. The prohibition applies to public school athletic activities for grades seven (7) through twelve (12). The bill further prohibits government entities from taking adverse action against a school for maintaining separate teams for students of the female sex, or against a student who seeks review of a school failing to enforce the provisions of the article. The bill defines "sex" as the biological, physical condition of being male or female, determined by an individual's genetics and anatomy at birth.
- Should Article 1 be enjoined by a court of competent jurisdiction, Article 2 of the bill becomes effective. Article 2 creates a commission composed of five (5) members appointed by the Wyoming high school activities association to include a current or former athletic director or coach, a mental health professional, a parent of a current student and two (2) members at large. The commission promulgates rules to determine student eligibility based on physical characteristics for the age and gender group in a given gender-designated interscholastic activity. The bill provides immunity from liability for the commission, and requires the commission to assess on an individual basis any student wishing to participate in a gender-designated interscholastic activity that does not correspond with the student's biological sex. The bill further provides for the confidentiality of any proceeding to determine eligibility and the process for determining eligibility.

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Bill No.: SF0137 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0663

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0091

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Steinmetz

Catch Title: Subdivisions-fencing requirements.

Subject: Providing requirements for the construction and costs of perimeter fences.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act streamlines and clarifies requirements for the construction, financial responsibility and maintenance of perimeter fences in subdivisions adjacent to land where livestock can legally run at large.
- The act provides that the subdivider is responsible for the construction of perimeter fences in subdivisions adjacent to livestock land, unless all adjacent landowners consent that a perimeter fence is not necessary, or a legal fence already exists.
- The subdivider is responsible for all costs of the original construction for the perimeter fence, which must meet statutory requirements for a lawful fence (in terms of the construction, material and spacing of the fence).
- After construction is completed, the subdivider is responsible for the costs of maintaining the fence, unless the fence is made of steel or concrete posts, in which case the adjoining landowner is responsible for one-half of the costs.
- After construction, the subdivider is not liable for any fence damage caused by livestock, provided that the perimeter fence is properly maintained.
- Before receiving a subdivision permit from the county, a subdivider must provide information regarding the construction of or the plans to construct a perimeter fence if required.

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Bill No.: SF0139 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0644

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0032

Chapter No.: 56

Prime Sponsor: Kolb

Catch Title: **Unlawful use of a charge card or debit card.**

Subject: Expands the offense of unlawful use of a credit card to include charge cards and debit cards.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act incorporates charge cards and debit cards into the existing criminal offense of unlawful use of a credit card together with the associated penalties. A person is guilty of this offense if the person uses a credit card, charge card or debit card to obtain property or services and that person:
 - Uses a card of another person without their consent;
 - Uses a card that the person knows has been revoked, cancelled or expired; or
 - Knowingly uses a card that is falsified, mutilated or altered.
- This act also provides definitions for the terms "charge card" and "debit card" as used in the statutory provisions of the criminal offense.

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Bill No.: SF0140 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0569

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0057

Chapter No.: 134

Prime Sponsor: Pappas

Catch Title: **Building code requirements-refrigerants.**

Subject: Refrigerants and building codes.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill prohibits any code, ordinance, rule or regulation of any state or local agency, or any political subdivision of the state of Wyoming, from prohibiting or regulating any refrigerant designated acceptable pursuant to federal rules promulgated pursuant to 42 U.S.C 7671k. 42 U.S.C 7671k requires that the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency maintain a list of safe alternatives for certain dangerous refrigerants. The use of acceptable refrigerants in Wyoming must be in accordance with all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

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Bill No.: SF0146 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0409**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0084

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **State funded capital construction.**

Subject: State funded capital construction.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates two accounts: (1) the Wyoming State Hospital Demolition Account; and (2) the University of Wyoming 2023 Capital Projects Account.
- The act authorizes the State Construction Department and the University of Wyoming to incorporate a provision in state agency contracts and use unobligated, unexpended funds within available appropriations for capital construction to apply a material cost escalation (or de-escalation) factor. Any escalation factor included in an agency contract cannot be less than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) and cannot exceed thirty percent (30%).
- The act requires the State Construction Department and the University of Wyoming to expend appropriations designated for inflationary costs only after all other alternative project funding sources and appropriations have been obligated or exhausted and only after the Department or University determines that the authorized project cannot be completed without additional funds due to inflation-related cost increases.
- The act reverts 2019 appropriations of forty-nine million dollars (\$49,000,000.00) from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account to the University of Wyoming for purposes of student housing. Any unexpended funds from that appropriation revert to the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account on March 24, 2023.
- The act provides funding for state construction projects administered by the State Construction Department, including community-college projects and other state-agency projects, in the following amounts:
 - Eighty-eight million three hundred sixty-one thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars (\$88,361,263.00) in General Funds.
 - Twenty-five million eight hundred sixty-five thousand three hundred ninety-nine dollars (\$25,865,399.00) in Federal Funds.

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- The act appropriates fifty-seven million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$57,250,000.00) in General Funds and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from Private Funding Sources for capital-construction projects for the University of Wyoming, as follows:
 - Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000,000.00) in General Funds to the University of Wyoming 2023 Capital Projects Account.
 - Twelve million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$12,250,000.00) in General Funds to the University Science Initiative.
 - Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in private-source funds for the AMK Ranch Renovation Project.
- The act authorizes the State Construction Department to include the office, housekeeping area, locker room, storage, and remodel of the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy in a Level I and Level II reconnaissance and feasibility study from Other Funds appropriated in 2021.
- The act requires any unexpended, unobligated funds appropriated for the construction of the Thyra Thomson State Office Building in Casper to revert to the Casper State Facilities Account, after which funds are to be transferred and appropriated to the State Building Commission's Contingency Fund.
- The act appropriates four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the General Fund to the Office of State Lands and Investments for purposes of providing grants for pedestrian transportation infrastructure associated with an indoor or outdoor rodeo with a total seating capacity of not less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500). Expenditure of a grant awarded from this appropriation is conditioned on a dollar-for-dollar match from any other source, including in-kind contributions.
- The act establishes the Riverton State Office Building Task Force, which includes six legislators, the director of the State Construction Department (or the director's designee), and not more than four (4) members that the Governor appoints from state agencies with a physical presence in Riverton.
- The Riverton State Office Building Task Force is required to serve in an advisory role and provide recommendations regarding the completion of a Level II feasibility study and Level III construction and operation plans for the construction or acquisition of a building for the Riverton State Office Building Project. The State Construction Department is required to staff the task force, which terminates on June 30, 2028. The Legislative Service Office is required to provide assistance for the task force. There is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Service Office for purposes of providing salary, mileage, and per diem for the legislative members.
- The act appropriates up to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the Wyoming State Penitentiary Capital Construction Account to the State Construction Department for projects related to: (1) the demolition of the North Unit at the Old State Penitentiary in Rawlins; (2) the demolition of the Wyoming Honor Farm Administrative Building; and (3) the relocation

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of utilities and information-technology assets from the administrative building to another suitable location at the Honor Farm.

- The act appropriates one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000,000.00) from the University of Wyoming 2023 Capital Projects Account to the University of Wyoming for construction of any or all of: (1) the student housing project; (2) the West Stands of War Memorial Stadium; and (3) Corbett Pool at the Natatorium. The act authorizes the State Treasurer and the State Auditor to utilize interfund loans of up to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000,000.00) from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account to the University of Wyoming 2023 Capital Projects Account for the specified projects.
- The act requires the University of Wyoming to report after each calendar quarter to the Joint Appropriations Committee on the budget, construction status, timelines, fundraising, and matching efforts of all University construction projects supported by appropriations in this act.
- The act prohibits the University of Wyoming from engaging in any new capital construction projects until the specified projects are completed. Major-maintenance projects, emergency projects, projects entirely from private funds, and projects at the agriculture and research extension centers are excluded from this prohibition.

Comments:

- This act is effective immediately.
- This act is commonly known as the state capital construction, or "cap-con," bill.
- This act imposes reporting requirements on the University of Wyoming to report to the Joint Appropriations Committee quarterly.

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Bill No.: SF0147 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0664

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0088

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Anderson

Catch Title: Government contracts-labor organization.

Subject: Government construction contracts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill prohibits a governmental entity from entering into any contract for construction-related projects regarding a facility the governmental entity owns or leases when that contract:
 - Requires, prefers or prohibits a bidder, offeror, contractor or subcontractor from entering into or adhering to an agreement with any person, including a labor organization.
 - Subject to the Wyoming Preference Act of 1971, discriminates against a bidder, offeror, contractor or subcontractor for an agreement, or lack thereof, with any person, including a labor organization.
- This bill prohibits a governmental entity from awarding or renewing a grant for a construction-related project that is conditioned on the recipient including a term prohibited above.
- The head of a governmental entity may exempt a bid specification, project agreement, grant or other controlling document from these requirements if they find the exemption necessary to avert an imminent threat to public health or safety.

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Bill No.: SF0148 **Effective:** 2/27/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0306

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0056

Chapter No.: 110

Prime Sponsor: Kinskey

Catch Title: Preemption of local firearms regulation.

Subject: Firearms regulation.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill clarifies that state preemption of local regulations on firearms, weapons and ammunition applies regardless of where the firearms, weapons or ammunition were manufactured.
- Specifically, this bill amends the Wyoming Firearms Freedom Act to exclude W.S. 6-8-401 as part of the definition of "this act". This clarifies that W.S. 6-8-402(b), limiting applicability of the act to firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition that are manufactured in Wyoming, does not apply to W.S. 6-8-401 which preempts many local regulations of firearms, weapons and ammunition, and which otherwise may have been interpreted to only preempt regulations of firearms, weapons and ammunition manufactured in Wyoming.

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Bill No.: SF0151 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0430

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0090

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Hutchings

Catch Title: Wyoming prescription drug transparency act.

Subject: Amends pharmacy benefit manager practices.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act prohibits certain actions by pharmacy benefit managers. These prohibited actions include in part retroactively denying or reducing reimbursement for a covered pharmacy service or claim, restricting a person's choice of network providers for prescription drugs, conducting spread pricing and reimbursing a pharmacy for pharmacy services in an amount less than the amount a pharmacy benefit manager reimburses a pharmacy benefit manager owned or affiliated pharmacy. This act also authorizes people to choose a retail pharmacy as a network provider.
- This act requires all contracts between a pharmacy benefit manager and a pharmacy services administrative organization or a pharmacy to include a process to investigate and resolve disputes and allow appeals.
- This act requires pharmacy benefit managers to provide reliable contact information to pharmacies for purposes of discussing appeals and also authorizes network pharmacies to file appeals in electronic batch formats.
- This act also authorizes pharmacies to decline to provide pharmacy services if the pharmacy or pharmacist is to be paid less than the pharmacy acquisition cost for the pharmacy providing pharmacy services.
- This act authorizes one position to the Department of Insurance and appropriates one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) for the salary and benefits of the position. It also appropriates one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the Department of Insurance to implement this act.

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Bill No.: SF0152 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0671**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0082

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Pappas

Catch Title: **Occupational therapist criminal history.**

Subject: Allowing criminal history information to be disseminated to the Board of Occupational Therapy.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act clarifies that criminal history record information for currently licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapist assistants applying for a compact privilege under the Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact shall be disseminated to the Board of Occupational Therapy.

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Bill No.: SF0153 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0431**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0086

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Boner

Catch Title: **Election security.**

Subject: Election security

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act requires each county clerk to complete an audit of the county's unofficial election results.
- This act provides a definition of an air gap and requires every electronic voting system to have and use an air gap.
- This act states that the county clerk shall distribute an absentee ballot to an applicant not more than twenty-eight (28) days before the election.
- This act requires that election records and returns be transported in a sealed and locked container that includes a number or unique identifier on the seal.
- This act provides an appropriation to be distributed to each county clerk for purposes of obtaining an election consultant or attending training, including professional development training on election administration and security.

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Bill No.: SF0154 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0683**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0073

Chapter No.: 147

Prime Sponsor: Cooper

Catch Title: **Energy authority project financing-refineries.**

Subject: Including oil and gas refineries and mineral processing facilities in the purposes and bonding authority of the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Wyoming Energy Authority is a state instrumentality created to diversify and expand the Wyoming economy through improvement in the state's energy industries.
- This act provides that one of the purposes of the Wyoming Energy Authority is to support efforts to maintain and expand the mineral industry and the oil-and-gas industry in Wyoming through the development of mineral processing and concentration facilities and oil-and-gas refineries.
- Under current law, the Wyoming Energy Authority is authorized to issue and have outstanding bonds not to exceed three billion dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for energy transmission, pipeline and other projects. This act provides that the Energy Authority may issue and have outstanding bonds under its existing bonding authority to finance the construction or expansion by other parties of oil-and-gas refineries in Wyoming.

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Bill No.: SF0157 **Effective:** **Immediately**
LSO No.: **23LSO-0693**
Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0065
Chapter No.: 117
Prime Sponsor: Cooper
Catch Title: **Weed and pest mitigation-tribal inclusion-2.**
Subject: Weed and pest emergency insect management program participants.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill clarifies that tribes may apply to participate in specified state weed and pest emergency insect management programs, and requires applicants to coordinate participation in emergency insect management programs with the applicable weed and pest control district.

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Bill No.: SF0164 **Effective:** 4/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0687

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0087

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Boner

Catch Title: Public improvement contract requirements-amendments.

Subject: Amending requirements for contracts and purchases of public improvements.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law provides various requirements for municipalities to follow when entering contracts for public improvements or purchasing certain equipment, including automobiles.
- This act amends those requirements, including:
 - Increasing the bid threshold at which public improvement contracts must be advertised for bid from thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) to seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00).
 - Eliminating the requirement for a bidder to furnish a bond or other bid guarantee for a contract for the purchase or lease of a new automobile or truck if the purchase or lease price is less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
 - Clarifying that a contract for the purchase or lease of a new automobile or truck where the purchase or lease price exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) cannot be assigned or transferred unless the municipal governing body consents.
 - Authorizing a municipality to proceed to acquire a vehicle or equipment with a purchase price above one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and below two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) if the municipality is unsuccessful in acquiring the vehicle or equipment through the required bid process.
- The act applies to all solicitations for contracts, purchases and leases initiated on and after April 1, 2023. Nothing in the act can be construed to impair any existing contract or agreement.

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Bill No.: SF0167 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0635**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0081

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Nethercott

Catch Title: **Domestic violence protection hearings-remote appearance.**

Subject: Authorizing remote appearances at hearings for protection orders.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the petitioner or another party to a proceeding for a domestic violence protection order to request to appear at a hearing on the protection-order petition by remote means.
- The act provides that the court, in its discretion, may grant the petition for the petitioner or other party to appear at the hearing remotely, provided that the courtroom is equipped with the appropriate technology to ensure that the party appearing remotely can fully participate in the hearing.

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Bill No.: SF0169 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0587**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0072

Chapter No.: 146

Prime Sponsor: Hicks

Catch Title: **State shooting complex task force.**

Subject: State shooting complex task force

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the state shooting complex task force and requires the task force to develop a framework for the selection of a location for the Wyoming state shooting complex and to make recommendations for the development, location and administrative structure of the state shooting complex. The task force will terminate June 30, 2026.
- The task force is required to report the activities of the task force to the Governor, the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Interim Committee.
- The act creates the state shooting complex account and appropriates funds to the account to be expended only through additional action of the Legislature for the siting and construction of the state shooting complex.

Comments:

- Requires a report;
- Appropriates funds to LSO;
- Creates a Select Committee or Task Force with Legislative Members.

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Bill No.: SF0173 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0530

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0031

Chapter No.: 57

Prime Sponsor: Driskill

Catch Title: **Financial institutions-similar names.**

Subject: Similar names for financial institutions and public trust companies

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act modifies the requirements for approval of applications for proposed financial institutions and public trust companies by stating the name of the proposed financial institution and public trust company cannot resemble similar names of existing financial institutions transacting business in the state.

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Bill No.: SF0174 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0459

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0080

Chapter No.: [Chapter Number RO]

Prime Sponsor: Driskill

Catch Title: Wyoming charter school authorizing board.

Subject: K-12 public charter schools.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates the Wyoming charter school authorizing board as an independent authorizer to supervise and approve the operation of charter schools, replacing the State Lands and Investments Board added in 2021. School districts retain the ability to approve and supervise the operation of charter schools.
- This act includes additional duties for charter school authorizers related to review and approval of charter school applications and modifies provisions governing application and operation of converted charters schools.
- This act provides charter schools with the ability to appeal an authorizer's decision to revoke or not renew a charter application to the Office of Administrative Hearings, then to a state district court.
- This act modifies the funding for charter schools and provides that charter schools are entitled to one hundred percent (100%) of the amount computed by the education resource block grant model generated by the students that attend the charter school, minus amounts generated for district level resources.
- This act provides that one (1) additional charter school may be authorized by the Wyoming charter school authorizing board, beginning July 1, 2026, through July 1, 2028.

Comments:

- This act requires annual reporting through 2028, by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the State Construction Department, to the Legislature on the financial implications of the operation of charter schools.

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Bill No.: SF0176 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0567**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0024

Chapter No.: 44

Prime Sponsor: Driskill

Catch Title: **Solid waste disposal districts-consolidation.**

Subject: Authorizing the consolidation of existing solid waste disposal districts.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Current law authorizes a board of county commissioners in a county to establish by resolution one or more solid waste disposal districts composed of any portion of the county.
- This act authorizes two or more solid waste disposal districts to consolidate into a single solid waste disposal district, under the following conditions:
 - Consolidation may be initiated by the voters of the district or by the board of county commissioners.
 - Any consolidation under this act cannot enlarge or alter the existing boundaries of the solid waste disposal districts to be consolidated.
 - Solid waste disposal districts in different counties may be consolidated, so long as each district and the board of county commissioners in each county approves the proposed consolidation before the question of consolidation is submitted to the voters of each county for approval.
 - The number of directors for the consolidated district cannot exceed nine directors.
 - No taxes in excess of the three (3) mill limit authorized for solid waste disposal districts can be levied in the consolidated district.
- The act clarifies that, before solid waste disposal districts in two or more counties are consolidated, the board of county commissioners in each county must complete the procedures required for dissolution of county boards as provided by law (which include publication of the proposed action, payment of all debt, the disposition of all assets and public meeting and comment).

Comments:

- This act is effective immediately.

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Bill No.: SF0178 **Effective:** 7/1/2023 12:00:00 AM

LSO No.: 23LSO-0696

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0046

Chapter No.: 106

Prime Sponsor: Boner

Catch Title: Mountain lion pursuit seasons.

Subject: Provides authority to the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to establish and regulate mountain lion pursuit seasons.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act creates a new duty for the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission to consider establishing and regulating mountain lion pursuit seasons for residents of Wyoming. A mountain lion pursuit is designed to pursue but not kill mountain lions. The Commission may regulate the use of dogs during a mountain lion pursuit season.
- The Commission is authorized to require by rule that a resident purchase a special management permit to participate in a mountain lion pursuit season.
- This act also creates a new misdemeanor offense if any person knowingly kills a mountain lion during a mountain lion pursuit season.

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Bill No.: SJ0003 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0043**

Enrolled Act No.: SEJR No. 0003

Chapter No.: N/A

Prime Sponsor: Dockstader

Catch Title: **Property tax residential property class.**

Subject: Residential property class.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under Article 15, Section 11 of the Constitution, for purposes of property taxes, all property is required to be uniformly valued at its full value in three classes: the gross production of minerals and mine products; industrial property; and all other property real and personal. The third class includes residential property, commercial property, agricultural property and personal property.
- This amendment to the Constitution would create a fourth class of property by making residential property a separate class from the all other property class.
- The Constitution also prohibits the Legislature from creating any subclass within the authorized classes of property. This amendment would allow the Legislature to create a subclass of residential property for owner occupied primary residences.

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Bill No.: SJ0005 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0504**

Enrolled Act No.: SEJR No. 0002

Chapter No.: N/A

Prime Sponsor: Boner

Catch Title: **Air Force 75th Anniversary.**

Subject: Recognizes the 75th anniversary of the United States Air Force.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This joint resolution commends the United States Air Force on its 75th anniversary since it was founded in 1947.
- This joint resolution:
 - Recites notable events in the United States Air Force's history with emphasis on Wyoming's role, including Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, the ROTC detachment at the University of Wyoming and the support of the Wyoming Air National Guard.
 - Acknowledges the strong and historic relationship between the United States Air Force and the state of Wyoming.
 - Recognizes the service the United State Air Force provides in protecting vital state and national interests.
 - Expresses the state of Wyoming's determination to continue the strong partnership between the state and the United States Air Force.

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Bill No.: SJ0007 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0568**

Enrolled Act No.: SEJR No. 0001

Chapter No.: N/A

Prime Sponsor: Driskill

Catch Title: **Support for Taiwan.**

Subject: Support for Taiwan

Summary/Major Elements:

- This joint resolution recognizes the historic relationship between Taiwan and the United States in general, and in particular between Taiwan and the state of Wyoming.
- This joint resolution reaffirms Wyoming's commitment to the strong and deepening relationship between Taiwan and the state of Wyoming.
- This joint resolution states that Wyoming supports Taiwan's participation in internal organizations that impact the global trade, health, safety and well-being of Taiwan.
- This joint resolution expresses support for a closer economic and trade partnership between the United States and Taiwan including signing the United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement.

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1	Fiscal Profile for 2023-24	
2	January 2023 CREG revenue forecast	
3	All profiled accounts with the exception of SIPA and water accounts	
4		
5		23-24 Biennium
6		JCC01 with Gov.'s
7		HB 1 Actions
8	General Fund (GF)	
9	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$0
10	Sales & Use Taxes	\$1,218,000,000
11	Investment Income from PWMTF & Pooled Income	\$664,304,724
12	Severance Taxes	\$414,200,000
13	Other General Fund Revenues	\$387,000,000
14	Transfers in from BRA and other adjustments	\$858,955,823
15	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$3,542,460,547
16	Appropriations	(\$3,542,460,547)
17	Total Balance Available	\$0
18		
19	Budget Reserve Account (BRA)	
20	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$113,185,000
21	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$2,085,000
22	Appropriations	\$0
23	Total Balance Available	\$115,270,000
24		
25	Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (LSRA)	
26	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$1,989,683,320
27	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$324,574,467
28	Appropriations	(\$813,699,231)
29	Total Balance Available	\$1,500,558,556
30		
37	American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA)	
38	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$72,113,440
39	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$50,415,742
40	Appropriations/Expenditures	(\$121,902,500)
41	Total Balance Available	\$626,682
42		
43	School Foundation Program (SFP)	
44	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$100,000,000
45	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$2,189,697,130
46	Appropriations	(\$1,970,999,469)
47	Total Balance Available	\$318,697,661
48		
49	School Capital Construction Account (SCCA)	
50	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$15,316,172
51	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$359,097,950
52	Appropriations	(\$374,414,122)
53	Total Balance Available	\$0
54		
55	School Foundation Program Reserve Account (SFPRA)	
56	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$50,438,160
57	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$376,047,590
58	Appropriations	(\$423,479,897)
59	Total Balance Available	\$3,005,853
60		
61	PWMTF Spending Policy Reserve Account	
62	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$461,338,717
63	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$288,900,000
64	Appropriations	(\$174,100,000)
65	Total Balance Available	\$576,138,717
66		
67	CSPLF Spending Policy Reserve Account	
68	Beginning Balance 7-1-22	\$276,912,048
69	Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$367,500,000
70	Appropriations	(\$214,700,000)
71	Total Balance Available	\$429,712,048
72		

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1	Fiscal Profile of Traditional Funding Sources			
2				
3				BY 23-24
4				JCC01 with Gov.'s
5	General Fund (GF)			HB 1 Actions
6				
7			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$0
8			REVENUES	
9			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$2,683,900,000
13			2022 Budget Bill - Transfer from Local Govt. CapCon Acct.	\$0
17			2023 General Session	
18			HB 24 State investments-compensation and relocation amendments	(\$395,276)
20			Net Revenues Available before Transfers	\$2,683,504,724
21			2023 General Session	
22			Transfer in from BRA - 2022 Budget, Sec 300	\$858,955,823
23			Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$3,542,460,547
24				
25			APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS	
30			2022 Budget Bill	(\$2,498,043,708)
31			2023 Budget Bill	(\$380,275,893)
32			Dept. of Family Services ARPA Conserved GF	\$81,828,484
34			2022 Budget Bill - Transfers to Savings	(\$77,500,000)
35			2023 Budget Bill - Transfers to Savings	(\$185,458,085)
36			Other Bills:	
40			2022 Budget Session	(\$152,737,482)
41			2023 General Session	
42			HB 4 Medicaid twelve month postpartum coverage	(\$1,900,000)
43			HB 14 Civil case filing fees-amendments	(\$47,800)
44			HB 19 State Indian Child Welfare Act task force	(\$80,000)
45			HB 38 Wyoming national guard member referral	(\$215,000)
46			HB 59 Wyoming national guard tuition benefits	(\$985,616)
47			HB 61 Source material associated with mining-agreement	(\$1,840,000)
48			HB 93 Omnibus water bill-construction	\$0
49			HB 100 Acquisition value study	(\$50,000)
50			HB 118 Volunteer firefighter pension-funding	(\$9,000,000)
51			HB 185 Local government distributions-revisions	(\$26,250,000)
52			HB 188 Wolf depredation compensation	(\$300,000)
53			HB 222 Colorado river advisory committee	(\$200,000)
54			HB 229 Electronic payment of sales and use taxes	(\$228,000)
55			SF 42 Taxation of cigars	(\$265,000)
56			SF 53 Wyoming national guard medical insurance premiums	(\$10,000)
57			SF 57 State held drainage district bonds	(\$24,000)
58			SF 61 Legislator per diem	(\$200,000)
59			SF 76 Wyoming digital asset registration act	(\$170,000)
60			SF 96 Omnibus water bill-planning and administration	(\$33,577,184)
61			SF 120 Restoration of civil rights	(\$60,000)
62			SF 127 Wyoming Stable Token Act	(\$500,000)
63			SF 133 Student eligibility in interscholastic sports	(\$100,000)
64			SF 146 State funded capital construction	(\$149,661,263)
65			SF 151 Wyoming prescription drug transparency act	(\$225,000)
66			SF 153 Election security	(\$100,000)
67			SF 169 State shooting complex task force	(\$5,085,000)
68			Total Other Bills 2023 General Session	(\$231,073,863)
69			Auto. Appropriations - PWMTF Spending Policy	(\$99,200,000)
70			Subtotal	(\$3,542,460,547)
71				
72			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$0
73				

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1	Fiscal Profile of Traditional Funding Sources			
2				BY 23-24
3				JCC01 with Gov.'s
4	Budget Reserve Account (BRA)			HB 1 Actions
5				
6			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$113,185,000
7			GF reversions transferred to the BRA & other adjustments	\$50,653,977
8			REVENUES	
9			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$927,900,000
11			Net Revenues Available before Transfers	\$1,091,738,977
12			Transfer out to GF - 2022 Budget, Sec 300	(\$858,955,823)
13			Transfer from (to) LSRA - 2022 Budget	(\$117,513,154)
14			Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$115,270,000
15				
16			APPROPRIATIONS	
17			2022 Budget Session	\$0
18			Subtotal	\$0
19				
20			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$115,270,000
21				
22				BY 23-24
23				JCC01 with Gov.'s
24	Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (LSRA)*			HB 1 Actions
25				
26			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$1,989,683,320
27			Reversions and other adjustments	\$347,621
28			Adjustment for Reappropriation in B-11 21018 Previously Profiled	\$213,692
29			SF 146 State funded capital construction	\$49,000,000
30			REVENUES	
32			Auto. Appropriations from GF - PWMTF Spending Policy	\$49,600,000
33			Pari-Mutuel Revenues and Transfers	\$7,900,000
34			Net Revenues Available before Transfers	\$2,096,744,633
35			2017 Laws, Ch. 205, School fin.-Transfer from LSRA	\$0
36			Transfer from (to) BRA - 2022 Budget Bill	\$117,513,154
37			2022 Budget Bill - Transfer from SIPA	\$100,000,000
40			Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$2,314,257,787
41				
42			APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS	
45			2022/2023 Budget Bill - Energy Matching, Transfer to School CapCon Acct.	(\$100,000,000)
48			2022 Budget Session	(\$10,000,000)
49			2023 Budget Bill - Transfers to Savings	(\$637,748,090)
50			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer to SFP Res. Acct.	(\$45,951,141)
51			2023 General Session	
52			Auto. Approp. for Public Health Emergencies - 2021 Session Laws, Ch. 124	(\$20,000,000)
53			Subtotal	(\$813,699,231)
54				
55			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$1,500,558,556
56				
57	* Statute, prior Session Laws and the 2022 Budget Bill authorize multiple borrowing authorities from the LSRA for cash flow, emergencies or specified projects. Only loans with a repayment schedule that extends beyond one fiscal year are shown and only to the extent of the actual obligations.			
58				
62				BY 23-24
63				JCC01 with Gov.'s
64	Strategic Investments and Projects Account (SIPA)			HB 1 Actions
65				
66			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$162,634,082
67			Reversions and other adjustments	\$1,307,918
68			REVENUES	
69			Auto. Appropriations from GF - PWMTF Spending Policy	\$49,600,000
70			Auto. Appropriations from PWMTF Reserve	\$163,900,000
72			Net Revenues Available	\$377,442,000
73				
74			APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS	
79			2022 Budget Bill - University of Wyoming Research Grants Match	(\$25,000,000)
80			2022 Budget Bill - Transfer to LSRA	(\$100,000,000)
81			2022 Budget Bill - Transfer to School CapCon Account	\$0
82			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer to SFP Res. Acct.	(\$14,690,596)
83			2023 Budget Bill	(\$104,661)
84			2022 Budget Session	(\$119,238,825)
85			2023 General Session	
86			SF 146 State funded capital construction	(\$1,000,000)
87			Auto. Appropriations to State Penitentiary Capital Construction Account	(\$20,000,000)
88			Auto. Appropriations to School Major Maintenance Subaccount	(\$96,100,000)
89			Subtotal	(\$376,134,082)
90				
91			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$1,307,918
92				

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1	Fiscal Profile of Traditional Funding Sources			
2				
3				BY 23-24
4				JCC01 with Gov.'s
5	School Foundation Program (SFP)			HB 1 Actions
6				
7			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$100,000,000
8			REVENUES	
9			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$2,384,210,800
10			2023 Budget Bill - Redirection of SFP FMRs to CSPLF RA/CSPLF	(\$246,500,000)
11			2023 Budget Bill - K-12 Funding Model External Cost Adjustment	(\$13,000,000)
12			2023 General Session	
13			SF 51 School finance-regional cost adjustment	(\$200,000)
14			SF 52 School finance-special education funding	\$121,100,000
15			Total Other Bills 2023 General Session	\$120,900,000
16			Reversions and other adjustments	\$21,213,231
17			School Foundation Program - LSO est. adj.*	\$250,000,000
19			Net Revenues Available before Transfers	\$2,616,824,031
20			2017 Laws, Ch. 205, School fin.-transfer from LSRA	\$0
21			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer to SCCA	(\$327,126,901)
22			Net Revenues Available	\$2,289,697,130
23				
24			APPROPRIATIONS	
25			School Foundation Program	(\$1,736,310,422)
26			Education - School Finance / COPs, assessment, perf. data	(\$29,179,870)
34			All Other Agency Budgets	(\$33,430,421)
35			Other Bills with appropriations and expenditure changes	
37			2022 Budget Session	(\$938,756)
38			2023 Budget Bill - K-12 Funding Model External Cost Adjustment	(\$57,400,000)
39			2023 Budget Bill - A.G. Law Office	(\$750,000)
40			2023 Budget Bill - Department of Education	(\$280,000)
42			2023 General Session	
43			HB 33 School finance-career technical education grants	(\$250,000)
44			Effects of other bills which (increase) decrease expenditures	
45			SF 51 School finance-regional cost adjustment	(\$660,000)
46			SF 52 School finance-special education funding	(\$121,100,000)
47			SF 174 Wyoming charter school authorizing board	\$9,300,000
48			Total Other Bills 2023 General Session	(\$112,710,000)
49			Auto. appropriations to CSPLF Reserve	\$0
50			Subtotal	(\$1,970,999,469)
51				
52			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$318,697,661
53			* Amounts reflect LSO's estimates using most recent data available for the K-12 model variables and calculations reflecting	
54			current law.	
55				BY 23-24
56				JCC01 with Gov.'s
57	School Capital Construction Account (SCCA)			HB 1 Actions
58				
59			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$15,316,172
60			REVENUES	
61			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$10,692,000
62			Reversions and other adjustments	\$17,245,209
64			Net Revenues Available before Transfers	\$43,253,381
65			2022/2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SLMRA	\$0
66			2022/2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from School MM Subaccount	\$0
67			2022/2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SIPA	\$0
68			2022/2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SFP Res. Acct.	\$4,033,840
69			2022/2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from LSRA	\$0
70			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SFP	\$327,126,901
71			Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$374,414,122
72				
73			APPROPRIATIONS	
74			Major Maintenance	(\$158,965,715)
75			Operations, Engineering & Technical	(\$8,334,299)
77			2022 Budget Bill - Capital Construction	(\$77,776,152)
78			2023 Budget Bill - Capital Construction and Major Maintenance	(\$129,337,956)
79			Subtotal	(\$374,414,122)
80				
81			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$0
82				
83				BY 23-24
84				JCC01 with Gov.'s
85	School Foundation Program Reserve Account (SFPR)			HB 1 Actions
86				
87			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$50,438,160
88			REVENUES	\$112,400,000
89			Net Revenues Available before Transfers	
90			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from School MM Subaccount	\$63,005,853
91			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SIPA	\$14,690,596
92			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from LSRA	\$45,951,141
93			HB 208 - Transfer from CSPLF RA	\$140,000,000
94			Net Revenues Available after Transfers	\$426,485,750
95				
96			APPROPRIATIONS	
98			2022 Budget Bill - Transfer to School CapCon	(\$4,033,840)
99			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer to School CapCon	\$0
100			2023 Budget Bill - Transfer to CSPLF RA	(\$219,446,057)
101			HB 208 - Transfer from CSPLF RA	(\$200,000,000)
102			Subtotal	(\$423,479,897)
103				
104			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$3,005,853
105				

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1	Fiscal Profile of Other Sources of Funds			
2				
3	The statutory purposes of the spending policy amounts (SPA), in descending order of importance, are:			
4	(i) Consistent, sustainable flow of earnings for expenditure over time;			
5	(ii) Protection of the corpus of the permanent funds against inflation; and			
6	(iii) To the extent practicable, increases in earnings available for expenditure to offset effects of inflation.			
7				
8				BY 23-24
9				JCC01 with Gov.'s
10	PWMTF Spending Policy Reserve Account			HB 1 Actions
11				
12	BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22			\$461,338,717
13	REVENUES			
14	Investment income			\$14,200,000
15	2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from LSRA			\$274,700,000
16	Auto. Appropriations from GF			\$0
17	Net Revenues Available			\$750,238,717
18				
19	APPROPRIATIONS			
21	Auto. Appropriation to GF			(\$10,200,000)
22	Auto. Appropriation to SIPA			(\$163,900,000)
23	Auto. Appropriation to PWMTF corpus			\$0
24	Subtotal			(\$174,100,000)
25				
26	TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE			\$576,138,717
27				
28				BY 23-24
29				JCC01 with Gov.'s
30	CSPLF Spending Policy Reserve Account			HB 1 Actions
31				
32	BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22			\$276,912,048
33	REVENUES			
34	Investment income			\$8,400,000
35	2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SFP			\$0
36	2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from LSRA			\$139,653,943
37	2023 Budget Bill - Transfer from SFP Res. Acct.			\$219,446,057
38	Auto. Appropriations from SFP FMRs			
39	Net Revenues Available			\$644,412,048
40				
41	APPROPRIATIONS			
42	HB 208 School foundation program reserve account-investments			(\$140,000,000)
43	Auto. Appropriation to CSLIA/SFP			(\$74,700,000)
44	Auto. Appropriation to CSPLF corpus			\$0
45	Subtotal			(\$214,700,000)
46				
47	TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE			\$429,712,048
48				
49				BY 23-24
50				JCC01 with Gov.'s
51	American Rescue Plan Act Fund (ARPA)			HB 1 Actions
52				
53	BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22			\$72,113,440
54	Reversions and other adjustments			\$50,415,742
55	REVENUES			
57	Net Revenues Available			\$122,529,182
58				
59	APPROPRIATIONS			
62	2023 General Session			
63	HB 195 American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments			(\$121,902,500)
65	Subtotal			(\$121,902,500)
66				
67	TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE			\$626,682
68				

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1	Fiscal Profile of Other Sources of Funds			
2				BY 23-24
3				JCC01 with Gov.'s
4	Water Development Account I			HB 1 Actions
5				
6			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$47,352,400
7			REVENUES	
8			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$43,595,000
9			Transfer from LSRA	
10			2023 General Session	
11			HB 93 - Transfer to Water Dev. Acct. II	(\$11,200,000)
13			SF 96 - From Water Dev. Acct. III	\$1,125,000
14			Reversions and other adjustments	
15			SF 96 Omnibus water bill-planning and administration (reversion)	\$3,577,183
16			Net Revenues Available	\$84,449,583
17				
18			APPROPRIATIONS	
19			2020 Budget Bill	
20			2022 Budget Bill	(\$26,548,635)
21			Other Bills:	
22			2020 Budget Session	
23			2021 General Session	
24			2022 Budget Session	(\$18,718,962)
25			2023 General Session	
26			HB 93 Omnibus water bill-construction (deappropriation)	\$0
27			HB 93 Omnibus water bill-construction	(\$10,824,940)
28			SF 96 Omnibus water bill-planning and administration (deappropriation)	\$0
29			SF 96 Omnibus water bill-planning and administration	(\$4,966,820)
30			Subtotal	(\$61,059,357)
31				
32			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$23,390,226
33				
34				BY 23-24
35				JCC01 with Gov.'s
36	Water Development Account II			HB 1 Actions
37				
38			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$58,447,485
39			REVENUES	
40			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$8,910,000
41			Transfer from Buffalo Bill Dam Account	
42			Transfers from Water Dev. Acct. I	\$7,000,000
43			Transfers from LSRA	
44			2023 General Session	
45			HB 93 - Transfer from Water Dev. Acct. I	\$11,200,000
46			Reversions and other adjustments	
47			Net Revenues Available	\$85,557,485
48				
49			APPROPRIATIONS	
50			Other Bills:	
51			2020 Budget Session	
52			2021 General Session	
53			2022 Budget Session	(\$18,641,805)
54			2023 General Session	
55			HB 93 Omnibus water bill-construction	(\$12,389,150)
56			SF 96 Omnibus water bill-planning and administration	(\$2,593,000)
57			Subtotal	(\$33,623,955)
58				
59			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$51,933,530
60				
61				BY 23-24
62				JCC01 with Gov.'s
63	Water Development Account III			HB 1 Actions
64				
65			BEGINNING BALANCE 7-1-22	\$25,407,336
66			REVENUES	
67			2023-24 Estimated Revenue	\$5,950,000
68			2023 General Session	
69			HB 93 - Transfer from General Fund	\$0
70			SF 96 - Transfer from General Fund	\$30,000,000
71			Reversions and other adjustments	
72			Net Revenues Available	\$61,357,336
73				
74			APPROPRIATIONS	
75			Other Bills:	
76			2020 Budget Session	
77			2022 Budget Session	(\$24,147,000)
78			2023 General Session	
79			SF 96 - Appropriation to Water I	(\$1,125,000)
80			SF 96 Omnibus water bill-planning and administration	(\$420,000)
81			Subtotal	(\$25,692,000)
82				
83			TOTAL BALANCE AVAILABLE	\$35,665,336
84				



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