

**Bill No.:** HB0017 **Effective:** **Immediately**

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**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0068

**Chapter No.:** 121

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

**Catch Title:** **Range management at military training areas.**

**Subject:** Military department administration of range management and grazing operations at Camp Guernsey.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act creates the Military Department range management and grazing program. There was already range management and grazing at Camp Guernsey, but its administration was paid for by federal funds. The created program also applies to any other Wyoming National Guard training areas.
- The range management and grazing program encompasses
  - Day to day range management and grazing operations;
  - The personnel and materials required for range improvements, including maintenance and repair of fencing, vegetation management, water development, wildfire rehabilitation and restoration and management of invasive species;
  - Determination of animal unit grazing needs and usage and development of forage use plans;
  - Maintenance of lessee and neighbor relationships; and
  - Responding to cultural and environmental assessments related to grazing management.
- The act creates the military department range management operations account into which the Military Department shall deposit monies from the range management and grazing program and from which the Military Department is authorized to operate the program. Amounts in excess of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) in the account at the end of each biennium shall be deposited into the general fund.
- The act also requires the Military Department to promulgate rules to administer the program and appropriates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the program.

**Comments:**

- This act creates the Military Department range management and grazing program.
- This act requires a report annually by October 15 to the Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee regarding all income to and expenditures from the military department range management operations account.

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