

SENATE FILE NO. SF0010

Predator control.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture; specifying that the
2 department of agriculture shall coordinate efforts and may
3 contract for predator control; allowing the animal damage
4 management board to contract directly for predator
5 services; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-6-104(a), 11-6-206 and
10 11-6-304(b)(vii) are amended to read:

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12 **11-6-104. Department to coordinate control efforts;**
13 **centralized and coordinated rodent and predator control**
14 **plan authorized; release of information restricted.**

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1 (a) The department shall coordinate control efforts
2 and may contract among agencies and counties for predator
3 control under this chapter. The department may establish
4 and implement a cooperative and coordinated plan for rodent
5 and predator control. It may cooperate with federal
6 agencies in the control of rodents, predatory animals and
7 predacious birds, as defined in W.S. 23-1-101, which are
8 destructive to livestock, game and poultry, or are
9 detrimental to feed and foodstuffs, crops and forage
10 production and human health. The department may promulgate
11 necessary rules and regulations to carry out the purposes
12 of this section.

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14 **11-6-206. District boards; powers generally.**

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16 Each predator management district board may adopt rules and
17 regulations necessary for carrying out the purpose and
18 provisions of this article. Each board may appoint
19 employees and assistants as necessary and fix their
20 compensation. Each board may work through the department to
21 coordinate predator control including contracting for
22 predator control services or may directly enter into
23 cooperative agreements with boards of county commissioners,

1 other predator management districts, the animal damage
2 management board, federal or state agencies or other
3 organizations or associations for the purpose of
4 controlling predatory animals and predacious birds. Each
5 board is authorized to pay bounties for predatory animals
6 and predacious birds.

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8 **11-6-304. Animal damage management board**
9 **responsibilities; animal damage management policy; rules;**
10 **methods to manage predatory animals, predacious birds,**
11 **depredating animals and rabid wildlife; manner of calling**
12 **meetings; frequency.**

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14 (b) In its deliberations the ADMB shall:

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16 (vii) Develop memorandums of understanding
17 between the Wyoming department of agriculture and the
18 Wyoming game and fish commission and the United States
19 department of agriculture, animal and plant health
20 inspection service, wildlife services (USDA/APHIS/WS) to
21 accommodate funding sources and administrative guidelines
22 for the program and may contract directly with federal or
23 state agencies, boards of county commissioners, predator

1 management districts or other organizations or associations
2 to coordinate predator control services;

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2022.

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