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AMENDMENTS
TO THE
CONSTITUTION
OF THE
STATE OF WYOMING

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Ratified by the electors at the General Election held on November 5, 2024.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. A

A JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the Wyoming Constitution by providing for the assessment of residential real property as a separate property class for the purpose of taxation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING, twothirds of all the members of the two houses, voting separately, concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposal to amend Wyoming Constitution, Article 15, Section 11 is proposed for submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the next general election for approval or rejection to become valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority of the electors at the election:

Article 15, Section 11. Uniformity of assessment required.

(a) All property, except as in this constitution otherwise provided, shall be uniformly valued at its full value as defined by the legislature, in ~~three (3)~~ four (4) classes as follows:

(i) Gross production of minerals and mine products in lieu of taxes on the land where produced;

(ii) Property used for industrial purposes as defined by the legislature; ~~and~~

(iii) Residential real property; and

(iv) All other property, real and personal.

(b) The legislature shall prescribe the percentage of value which shall be assessed within each designated class. All taxable property shall be valued at its full value as defined by the legislature except agricultural and grazing lands which shall be valued according to the capability of the land to produce agricultural products under normal conditions. The percentage of value prescribed for industrial property shall not be more than forty percent (40%)

higher nor more than four (4) percentage points more than the percentage prescribed for residential real property or more than forty percent (40%) higher nor more than four (4) percentage points more than the percentage prescribed for all other property other than minerals.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection the legislature shall not create new classes or subclasses or authorize any property to be assessed at a rate other than the rates set for authorized classes. The legislature may create a subclass of residential real property for owner occupied primary residences.

(d) All taxation shall be equal and uniform within each class and subclass of property. The legislature shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, real and personal.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

The adoption of this amendment would separate residential real property into its own class of property for purposes of property tax assessments. The amendment would authorize the legislature to create a subclass of owner occupied primary residences.

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Chapter 1

VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTING-AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 25

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending when notification and reporting is required for motor vehicle accidents; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-5-1105 and 31-5-1106(c) are amended to read:

31-5-1105. Notice required of driver.

(a) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident ~~resulting in injury to or death of any person, in property damage to another or others to an apparent extent of at least one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or in any vehicle, excluding bicycles or any other vehicle moved solely by human power, becoming so disabled as to prevent its normal and safe operation,~~ shall immediately by the quickest means of communication give notice of the accident to:

(i) The local police department if the accident occurs within a municipality~~;, otherwise~~ or

(ii) To the nearest office of the state highway patrol or to the office of the county sheriff.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section shall only apply if the accident results in:

(i) Injury to or death of any person; or

(ii) Property damage to the extent the vehicle, excluding bicycles or any other vehicle moved solely by human power, is so disabled as to prevent its normal and safe operation.

31-5-1106. Written reports required of police officers; reporting of vehicles struck by bullets.

(c) Every police officer who investigates a motor vehicle accident ~~resulting~~ shall forward a written report of the accident to the highway department within ten (10) days after his investigation of the accident if the motor vehicle accident results in:

(i) Bodily injury to or death of any person; or

(ii) Total property damage to ~~an apparent~~ the extent ~~of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) or more~~ the vehicle is so disabled as to prevent its normal and safe operation, either:

(A) At the time of and at the scene of the accident; or ~~thereafter by interviewing the participants or witnesses shall forward a written report of the accident to the highway department within ten (10) days after his investigation of the accident.~~

(B) After the motor vehicle has been moved from the scene of the accident and the police officer is informed by the participants or witnesses of the accident that the motor vehicle is no longer operable.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 2

DISABLED PARKING WINDSHIELD PLACARDS-REVISIONS

Original House Bill No. 27

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending disabled windshield placard contents as specified; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-213(d)(iv)(D) is amended to read:

31-2-213. Department to supply registration certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield placards.

(d) As used in this section:

(iv) "Removable windshield placard" means a two (2) sided, tamper resistant, hooked placard which includes on each side:

(D) An expiration date for a temporary removable placard or the word "permanent" for a permanent removable placard.

Section 2. The department of transportation shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 3

WYOMING LIVESTOCK BOARD-MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

Original House Bill No. 92

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming livestock board; requiring the board to initiate memorandums of understanding regarding the identification of livestock delivered to other states; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Wyoming livestock board shall initiate memorandums of understanding with any state that receives Wyoming livestock. The memorandums of understanding shall establish that livestock may be identified by the methods provided in W.S. 11-18-117(c).

Section 2. The Wyoming livestock board shall provide a status report to the joint agriculture, state and public lands and water resources interim committee on the progress of developing memorandums of understanding with other states on or before January 1, 2026 and on or before June 30, 2026.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 4

SOLID WASTE MUNICIPAL CEASE AND TRANSFER FUNDING

Original House Bill No. 14

AN ACT relating to the prioritization of cease and transfer projects for municipal solid waste facilities; authorizing expenditure of previously appropriated funds; establishing a prioritized list of projects; establishing a maximum amount to be expended on projects; granting the department of environmental quality limited discretionary authority to modify the prioritized list; specifying expenditures for a carcass management project; providing definitions; requiring reports; repealing a prior priority list of cease and transfer projects; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "(C)" means closure project;

(ii) "Maximum amount" means the total amount to be expended on the listed project and reflects one hundred percent (100%) of the project cost, including any award by the state loan and investment board under W.S. 35-11-528;

(iii) "SWDD" means solid waste disposal district;

(iv) "(T)" means transfer project.

(b) From amounts appropriated by 2013 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 194, Section 2(a) and (b), 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 333(a) and (b), 2015 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 142, Section 345 (priority 2), 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 31, Section 316(a), 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134, Section 323(a), (c) and (d), as amended by 2019 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80, Section 323, 2019 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 67, Section 1, 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 2, Section 020, footnote 2 and other funds appropriated and authorized for program expenses, the following amounts and prioritized projects are authorized pursuant to the municipal solid waste facilities cease and transfer program created by W.S. 35-11-528:

Priority Index	Project	Maximum Amount
1	Carcass management project	$ 77,303
2	Newcastle, City of (T)	$1,200,000
3	Moorcroft, Town of – Moorcroft #3 (T)	$1,500,000
4	Thermopolis, Town of (T)	$2,000,000
5	Rawlins, City of (T)	$ 780,000
6	Thermopolis, Town of (C)	$2,500,000
7	Baggs SWDD (C)	$2,250,000

8	Big Horn County SWDD – North #2 (C)	$2,800,000
9	Newcastle, City of (C)	$3,700,000
10	Lincoln County – Cokeville (C)	$1,000,000
11	Uinta County Solid Waste – Bridger Valley (C)	$4,000,000
12	LaGrange, Town of (C)	$1,400,000
13	Upton, Town of (C)	$2,900,000
14	Park County Landfills – TS Rolling Stock (T)	$ 351,000

(c) Any municipal solid waste facility operator may apply for the funds associated with the carcass management project listed as priority 1 in subsection (b) of this section. Funds for the carcass management project shall be expended only for infrastructure necessary to haul, bury or compost dead animals. Funds expended under this subsection shall not exceed the amount listed in priority 1 in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The department of environmental quality may modify the authorized funds and the order of the projects listed in the prioritized list contained in subsection (b) of this section for any of the following reasons:

(i) To optimize efficiency;

(ii) Based on project readiness;

(iii) Based on compliance with grant or loan qualifications or conditions;

(iv) To address emergency or immediate environmental concerns.

(e) Not later than October 15 of each year, the department of environmental quality shall report:

(i) Any modification of the prioritized list contained in subsection (b) of this section to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the joint appropriations committee;

(ii) The names of recipients and amounts expended for the carcass management project established by priority 1 in subsections (b) and (c) of this section to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee.

Section 2. 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 32 is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 5

DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDS-REVISIONS

Original House Bill No. 30

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending expiration and renewal of licenses for persons under twenty-one (21) years of age; amending identification card contents; clarifying the timeline for contested case hearings regarding licenses; amending requirements for replacement licenses; adding a fee for replacement licenses; repealing obsolete provisions; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-7-105(e), 31-7-113(a) by creating a new paragraph (xiii), 31-7-115(b), 31-7-118 and 31-8-102(a)(vii) are amended to read:

31-7-105. Administrative hearings.

(e) The licensee has twenty (20) days from the date the department denies the license or gives the notice of intent to suspend, revoke or cancel the license or disqualify the licensee from driving a commercial motor vehicle within which to request a hearing or the opportunity for a hearing is waived. If the request for a hearing is timely and the request is for a contested case, the department shall forward the request and certified record to the hearing examiner who shall schedule a hearing within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the certified record at a time and place specified by the hearing examiner. The hearing examiner shall provide the licensee notice of the hearing at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing. If the hearing examiner fails to schedule the hearing within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the ~~request~~ certified record from the department, other than at the request of the licensee, the licensee, as his sole remedy, shall be given credit against any action upheld at the hearing for the time between the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period and the date the hearing was first scheduled. The hearing examiner may administer oaths, subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of relevant books, papers and other evidence reasonably necessary to resolve the matters under consideration in accordance with W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115 and may require reexamination of the licensee. The hearing examiner shall issue subpoenas upon his own motion or upon the request of any party to the proceedings in compliance with the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure. Upon hearing, the hearing examiner shall either rescind or uphold the action or upon a showing of good cause, may continue or modify a suspension of the license.

31-7-113. Fees.

(a) The following fees are imposed, in addition to the fee in subsection (g) of this section:

(xiii) Replacement license under W.S. 31-7-118 . . . . . .$ 20.00

31-7-115. Issuance, description and contents.

(b) Licenses issued to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age shall bear distinctive markings indicating the licensee is under twenty-one (21) years. After January 1, 1994, a license and shall expire no later than when the licensee attains twenty-one (21) years of age. The department shall notify the licensee at least ninety (90) days prior to his twenty-first birthday of the expiration date of his license. A licensee may apply for a license within ninety (90) days of attaining the age of twenty-one (21) years, payment of the proper fee and surrender of the original license in accordance with W.S. 31-7-119(a).

31-7-118. Replacement license.

(a) If a license issued under this act is lost, destroyed or if the licensee desires to withdraw or insert notice of anatomical organ donation or a medical alert designation, the person may obtain the appropriate replacement license upon payment of the proper fee and surrender of the original license, if available.

(b) The department may issue a replacement license under this section without the examinations required under W.S. 31-7-114, except for a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement, upon request by the licensee either by mail or in person if the following conditions exist:

(i) The expiration date of the licensee's original license is more than one (1) year from the date of the licensee's request for a replacement license;

(ii) The licensee has not legally changed the licensee's name since issuance of the licensee's original license; and

(iii) The department has a digitized photograph and signature of the licensee on record.

(c) A replacement license issued under this section shall expire on the expiration date of the licensee's original license.

31-8-102. Contents.

(a) The identification card or digital identification card shall resemble a Wyoming driver's license or digital driver's license. It shall have:

(vii) The following: "State of Wyoming"-"Identification Card No. ...."-"This card is provided solely for the purpose of identification of the person described on the card FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY";

Section 2. W.S. 31-7-113(a)(iv) and 31-7-119(e) are repealed.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 6

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY-IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT

Original House Bill No. 41

AN ACT relating to environmental quality; clarifying the financial institutions from which operators may obtain irrevocable letters of credit to deposit with the department of environmental quality in lieu of a bond; specifying applicability; authorizing rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-11-418 and 35-11-504(e) are amended to read:

35-11-418. Cash or securities in lieu of bond.

(a) For coal mining operations, in lieu of a bond, the operator or its principal may deposit federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, or cash, or government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank organized to do business in the United States, or all four (4).

(b) For noncoal mining operations that take place on land that is not owned or operated by the United States or a federal agency, in lieu of a bond, the operator or the operator's principal may deposit federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, or cash, or government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank or credit union organized to do business in the United States, or all four (4).

(c) Irrevocable letters of credit deposited under this section shall be issued by a bank that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or a credit union that is insured by the national credit union administration.

35-11-504. Bonding for solid waste management facilities.

(e) In lieu of a bond, the operator may deposit federally insured certificates of deposit payable to the Wyoming department of environmental quality, cash, government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank or a credit union organized to do business in the United States, or all four (4). Irrevocable letters of credit deposited under this subsection shall be issued by

a bank that is insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or a credit union that is insured by the national credit union administration.

Section 2. This act shall apply to irrevocable letters of credit deposited under W.S. 35-11-418 and 35-11-504(e) that are issued on and after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. The environmental quality council, upon recommendation by the department of environmental quality, shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 7

FOREIGN ADVERSARY OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL OF BUSINESS ENTITIES

Original House Bill No. 69

AN ACT relating to corporations, partnerships and associations; amending the grounds for administrative dissolution, revocation and forfeiture to include foreign adversary ownership or control as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 17-16-1420(a)(vi)(B), (C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D), 17-16-1530(a)(viii)(A), (B) and by creating a new subparagraph (C), 17-19-1420(a)(v)(A), (B) and by creating a new subparagraph (C), 17-19-1530(a)(vii)(A), (B) and by creating a new subparagraph (C), 17-29-705(c)(iii)(B), (C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D) and 17-30-904(h)(iii)(C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D) are amended to read:

17-16-1420. Grounds for administrative dissolution.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-16-1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if any of the following has occurred:

(vi) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(B) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false

information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing under this act with the secretary of state;~~ or~~

(C) Cannot be served by either the secretary of state or the registered agent at its address provided pursuant to W.S. 17-28-107;~~.~~ or

(D) Is owned or controlled by a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a) or a successor regulation, except if the ownership or control has been approved by the committee on foreign investment in the United States.

17-16-1530. Grounds for revocation.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-16-1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state if:

(viii) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(A) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing under this act with the secretary of state;~~ or~~

(B) Cannot be served either by the registered agent or by mail or electronically by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process;~~.~~ or

(C) Is owned or controlled by a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a) or a successor regulation, except if the ownership or control has been approved by the committee on foreign investment in the United States.

17-19-1420. Grounds for administrative dissolution.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-19-1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if any of the following has occurred:

(v) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(A) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing under this act with the secretary of state;~~ or~~

(B) Cannot be served by either the secretary of state or the registered agent at its address provided pursuant to W.S. 17-28-107;~~.~~ or

(C) Is owned or controlled by a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a) or a successor regulation, except if the ownership or control has been approved by the committee on foreign investment in the United States.

17-19-1530. Grounds for revocation.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-19-1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state if any of the following has occurred:

(vii) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(A) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing with the secretary of state under this act; ~~or~~

(B) Cannot be served either by the registered agent or by mail or electronically by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process; ~~.~~ or

(C) Is owned or controlled by a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a) or a successor regulation, except if the ownership or control has been approved by the committee on foreign investment in the United States.

17-29-705. Administrative forfeiture of authority and articles of organization.

(c) A limited liability company shall be deemed to be transacting business within this state without authority, to have forfeited any franchises, rights or privileges acquired under the laws thereof and shall be deemed defunct and to have forfeited its articles of organization or certificate of authority acquired under the laws of this state, and the forfeiture shall be made effective in the manner provided in subsection (a) of this section, if:

(iii) It is in the public interest and the limited liability company or any of its members:

(B) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing with the secretary of state under this chapter; ~~or~~

(C) Cannot be served by either the registered agent or by mail or electronically by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process; ~~.~~ or

(D) Is owned or controlled by a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a) or a successor regulation, except if the ownership or control has been approved by the committee on foreign investment in the United States.

17-30-904. Administrative forfeiture of authority and articles of formation.

(h) A statutory foundation shall be deemed to be operating within this state without authority, to have forfeited any rights or privileges acquired under the

laws of this state and shall be deemed to have forfeited its articles of formation filed in this state if:

(iii) The public interest is served by forfeiture and the statutory foundation, its founder or any other person authorized to act on behalf of the statutory foundation:

(C) Cannot be served by either the registered agent or by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process;~~.~~ or

(D) Is owned or controlled by a foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a) or a successor regulation, except if the ownership or control has been approved by the committee on foreign investment in the United States.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 8

RECREATION SAFETY-ROCK CLIMBING

Original House Bill No. 73

AN ACT relating to recreation safety; adding rock climbing as a recreation activity for purposes of the Recreation Safety Act and for liability of the land owner whose land is used for recreation purposes; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-1-122(a)(iii) and 34-19-101(a)(iii) are amended to read:

1-1-122. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iii) "Sport or recreational opportunity" means commonly understood sporting activities including baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball, swimming, hockey, wrestling, cheerleading, rodeo, dude ranching, nordic or alpine skiing and other alpine sports, snowboarding, mountain climbing, rock climbing, outdoor education programs, river floating, hunting, fishing, backcountry trips, horseback riding and any other equine activity, snowmobiling and similar recreational opportunities and includes the use of private lands for vehicle parking and land access related to the sport or recreational opportunity. "Sport or recreational opportunity" does not include skiing in a ski area as defined by the Ski Safety Act;

34-19-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iii) "Recreational purpose" includes, but is not limited to, any one (1) or more of the following: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, winter sports, bicycling, mountain biking, horseback riding and other equine activities as defined in W.S. 1-1-122(a)(iv), rock climbing, noncommercial aviation activities and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites;

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 9

SURRENDER DRIVER'S LICENSE-REPEAL

Original House Bill No. 23

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; repealing requirements to physically surrender a driver's license; repealing temporary licenses; requiring peace officers to submit signed statements to the department of transportation after alcohol concentration tests for persons under twenty-one (21) years of age as specified; clarifying the timeline for contested case hearings as specified; repealing obsolete provisions; making conforming amendments; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-6-102(f), 31-6-104(b), 31-6-108(f), 31-7-113(e), 31-7-116, 31-9-105 and 31-9-106(a) are amended to read:

31-6-102. Test to determine alcoholic or controlled substance content of blood; suspension of license.

(f) In addition to the signed statement submitted under subsection (e) of this section, the peace officer shall ~~issue the person a temporary license similar to but in lieu of the license authorized under W.S. 31-7-138. This temporary license shall be valid for thirty (30) days, shall not be renewed, shall contain a~~ provide notice to the person. The notice shall state that the person has twenty (20) days from the date of ~~issuance~~ the notice within which to request a hearing from the department and that failure to timely request a hearing will result in the suspension automatically commencing ~~upon expiration~~ thirty (30) days after the date of the ~~temporary license~~ notice or upon ~~expiration~~ the conclusion of any existing suspension or revocation if the person's license or privilege is currently suspended or revoked at the time the ~~temporary license is issued. W.S. 31-7-138(d) and (e) apply to a license under this section~~ peace officer provides notice. For purposes of this section, the peace officer acts as an agent for the department when providing notice of the suspension and notice of the opportunity for a hearing. W.S. 31-7-137 applies to a notice under this

act. Failure to ~~demand~~ request a hearing within the twenty (20) day period is a waiver of the right of hearing, and the suspension shall commence ~~upon expiration of the temporary license~~ thirty (30) days after the date of the notice or upon ~~expiration~~ the conclusion of any existing suspension or revocation if the person's license or privilege is currently suspended or revoked at the time the ~~temporary license is issued~~ peace officer provides notice. If a timely ~~demand~~ request for hearing is made, the department shall forward the ~~demand~~ request to the independent hearing examiner who shall schedule a hearing within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the request from the department and provide the ~~arrested~~ person at least ten (10) days notice of the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted by the hearing examiner. If the hearing examiner fails to schedule the hearing within forty-five (45) days of the request from the department, other than at the request of the ~~licensee~~ person, the ~~licensee~~ person, as his sole remedy, shall be given credit against any action upheld at the hearing for the time between the expiration of the forty-five (45) day period and the date the hearing was first scheduled.

31-6-104. Right to petition for subsequent hearing; suspension applies to all licenses held; persons not required to take test.

(b) A suspension under this act applies to all driver's licenses held by the person. ~~and all driver's licenses shall be surrendered to the department. The department shall physically retain the license or licenses during the period of suspension except as provided in W.S. 31-7-138(f).~~

31-6-108. Implied consent requirements for youthful drivers.

(f) If a test discloses an alcohol concentration of two one-hundredths of one percent (0.02%) or more, the peace officer shall ~~issue the person a temporary license similar to but in lieu of the license authorized under W.S. 31-7-138. This temporary license shall be valid for thirty (30) days, shall not be renewed,~~ submit his signed statement to the department. In addition to the signed statement submitted under this subsection, the peace officer shall ~~contain a~~ provide notice to the person that the person has twenty (20) days from the date ~~of issuance~~ of the notice within which to request a hearing from the department pursuant to W.S. 31-7-105 and that failure to timely request a hearing will result in the period of suspension or license denial automatically commencing ~~upon expiration of the temporary license~~ thirty (30) days after the date of the notice or upon ~~expiration~~ the conclusion of any existing suspension or revocation if the person's license or privilege is currently suspended or revoked at the time the ~~temporary license is issued~~ peace officer provides notice. For purposes of this section, the peace officer acts as an agent for the department when providing notice of the suspension and notice of the opportunity for a hearing. W.S. 31-7-137 applies to a notice under this act. Failure to ~~demand~~ request a hearing within the twenty (20) day period is a waiver of the right of hearing, and the period of suspension or denial shall commence ~~upon expiration of the~~

~~temporary license~~ thirty (30) days after the date of the notice or upon ~~expiration~~ the conclusion of any existing suspension or revocation if the person's license or privilege is currently suspended or revoked at the time the ~~temporary license is issued. A temporary license issued under this subsection shall afford no driving privilege to a person who is not otherwise licensed to drive a motor vehicle~~ peace officer provides notice. The signed statement submitted by the officer under this subsection shall contain:

(i) His probable cause to believe the person was driving or in actual physical control of a motor vehicle:

(A) On a public street or highway in this state;

(B) In violation of W.S. 31-5-234(b) or any other law prohibiting driving under the influence as defined by W.S. 31-5-233(a)(v).

(ii) That a test was taken of the person; and

(iii) The person had an alcohol concentration of two one-hundredths of one percent (0.02%) or more.

31-7-113. Fees.

(e) ~~Notwithstanding W.S. 31-7-131(c),~~ If a driver's license is reinstated after a period of suspension or revocation, the fee for the reinstatement shall be fifty dollars ($50.00) unless the final decision by the hearing examiner, or a court reverses the action taken by the department. If a driver's license is reinstated after suspension for nonpayment of child support pursuant to W.S. 20-6-111 or 20-6-112, the fee for reinstatement shall be not more than five dollars ($5.00).

31-7-116. Carrying and displaying.

Every licensee shall have his driver's license in his immediate possession at all times when driving a motor vehicle and shall display the license upon demand of any judicial officer, municipal court judge, any officer or agent of the division or any police officer as defined in W.S. 31-5-102(a)(xxxiii). However, no person charged with violating this section shall be convicted if he produces in court a driver's license previously issued to him and valid at the time of his arrest. For the purposes of this section "display" of a physical license means the surrender of the physical license to the demanding officer. After examination the officer shall immediately return the license to the licensee. ~~except as provided in W.S. 31-5-1205(k).~~ For purposes of this section, "display" of a digital driver's license means that a licensee may provide access to the digital driver's license on the licensee's portable electronic device. No law enforcement or judicial officer demanding display of a licensee's digital driver's license for any licensing or identification verification purpose shall take custody of the licensee's portable electronic device. Display of a digital driver's license shall not serve as consent to search the driver's portable electronic device. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a person, other than the department if it has chosen

to issue a digital driver's license, to accept a digital driver's license or otherwise require the purchase of equipment to verify the accuracy of a digital driver's license.

31-9-105. Return of registration to division.

Any person whose ~~license or~~ registration is suspended under this act, or whose policy of insurance or bond, when required under this act, is cancelled or terminated, or who neglects to furnish other proof upon request of the division shall immediately return ~~his license and~~ the registration to the division. If any person fails to return to the division the ~~license or~~ registration as required, the division shall direct any peace officer to confiscate and return the ~~license or~~ registration to the division.

31-9-106. General penalties.

(a) Any person willfully failing to return a ~~license or~~ registration as required in W.S. 31-9-105 shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00).

Section 2. W.S. 8-1-102(a)(xvii), 31-5-1205(k), 31-7-131, 31-7-133(a)(iv) and 31-7-138 are repealed.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 10

REMOVING OTTERS AS PROTECTED ANIMALS

Original House Bill No. 45

AN ACT relating to game and fish; removing otters from the definition of protected animals for purposes of hunting regulations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-1-101(a)(ix) is amended to read:

23-1-101. Definitions of wildlife.

(a) As used in this act:

(ix) "Protected animal" means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, ~~otter,~~ pika or wolverine;

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 11

CHANCERY COURT JUDGES-DISTRICT AND CIRCUIT COURT ASSISTANCE

Original House Bill No. 54

AN ACT relating to courts; authorizing the assignment of cases and proceedings from circuit courts and district courts to chancery court judges; specifying requirements for transfers; authorizing retired chancery court judges to provide judicial service as specified; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 5-1-106(f), 5-3-112(a)(intro) and (iii), 5-9-131(a)(intro) and 5-13-116 by creating new subsections (b) and (c) are amended to read:

5-1-106. Retirement of judges of the supreme court or district courts; pension; assignment of retired judges.

(f) Any justice of the supreme court, chancery court judge or district court judge of this state, who has retired pursuant to the provisions of this section, and who is not practicing law, may, notwithstanding his retirement, be called upon, with his consent, at the request of a district court judge or circuit court judge, with the consent of the chief justice, or by the chief justice, and assigned to service on any court. A retired justice or judge shall receive as a salary during any period of assignment an amount equal to the current compensation of a judge of the court to which he is assigned. The salary received by a retired justice or judge during any period of assignment shall not affect the receipt of any retirement allowance received by the retired justice or judge during the period of assignment. Assignments of retired justices or judges under this section shall only be made in a manner that does not jeopardize the qualified status of state retirement plans established by the Wyoming legislature. When called to serve, a retired judge or justice shall receive the same per diem and travel allowances as allowed active judges or justices. Per diem, allowances and compensation shall be paid from the contingent fund of the court to which the judge or justice is assigned.

5-3-112. Assignment to circuit court judge or chancery court judge.

(a) A judge of the district court may assign to a circuit court judge or a chancery court judge any case or proceeding within the jurisdiction of the district court subject only to the following restrictions:

(iii) Consent of each plaintiff and each defendant in a civil action; ~~wherein the amount in controversy is greater than fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00);~~ and

5-9-131. Assignment to district court judge or chancery court judge.

(a) A circuit court judge may assign to a district court judge or a chancery court judge any case or proceeding within the jurisdiction of the circuit court subject only to the following restrictions:

5-13-116. Powers generally; expenses of judges when acting in a circuit court or in a district court.

(b) A judge of the chancery court may hear any case or proceeding assigned to the chancery court by a district court in accordance with W.S. 5-3-112(a) or a circuit court in accordance with W.S. 5-9-131.

(c) The expenses of any chancery court judge holding court in any circuit court pursuant to assignment under W.S. 5-9-131 or in any district court pursuant to assignment under W.S. 5-3-112(a), including the judge's traveling expenses, and the judge's expenses while holding court, shall be charged to the fund of the court where the judge is holding court pursuant to assignment under W.S. 5-3-112(a) or 5-9-131.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 12

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS-AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 86

AN ACT relating to public property and buildings; amending and creating provisions related to budgeting, planning and reporting for capital construction projects, major maintenance and routine maintenance for public buildings, facilities and sites; conforming and repealing definitions; amending requirements for contracting for public works; specifying duties related to capital construction projects, major maintenance and routine maintenance for the state construction department, the state building commission, the school districts, the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming and the community college commission; repealing major maintenance funding requirements; requiring reports; requiring rulemaking; specifying applicability; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-17-208 is created to read:

21-17-208. University property maintenance and capital construction.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Capital construction project" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ii);

(ii) "Major maintenance" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix);

(iii) "Property" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(x);

(iv) "Routine maintenance" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xii).

(b) As part of its administrative functions, the board of trustees shall identify University of Wyoming property needs and develop a prioritized list of capital construction projects. The prioritized capital construction projects shall be reported by the board to the state construction department not later than June 1 of each year. Following review, analysis and study, the state construction department shall forward the prioritized list of university capital construction projects to the state building commission.

(c) The state construction department shall submit to the state building commission a recommendation for funding university major maintenance each biennium in preparation for the development of the state budget. This recommendation for major maintenance shall be based on a formula adopted by the state building commission pursuant to W.S. 9-5-107(g) and upon forms and in a format specified by the state budget department. At the end of each fiscal year, the board of trustees shall submit a report to the state construction department on major maintenance expenditures and commitments incurred in the immediately preceding fiscal year as required by W.S. 9-5-107(j).

(d) With respect to University of Wyoming property, the board of trustees shall:

(i) Develop and implement schedules for routine maintenance that are designed to eliminate maintenance backlogs, establish proactive maintenance practices and ensure that university property and the components, equipment and systems of university property reach their full life expectancy;

(ii) Plan for the funding of major maintenance for the components, equipment and systems of university property that have a life expectancy that is less than the life expectancy of university property of which the component, equipment or system is part;

(iii) Maintain records of routine maintenance for university property and the components, equipment and systems of university property.

Section 2. W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ii) and by creating new paragraphs (viii) through (xii), 9-2-3004(c)(i), (vi) and by creating new paragraphs (x) through (xii), 9-2-3202(a) by creating a new paragraph (xi), 9-4-207(d)(intro) and by creating a new paragraph (iv), 9-5-107(d)(intro), (iii), by creating new paragraphs

(v) and (vi), (g)(intro), (i) and by creating new subsections (j) through (m), 16-6-101(a)(v), 16-6-102(a) and by creating a new subsection (g), 16-6-401(a)(intro) and (ix), 16-6-1001(f)(i), 21-15-108(b), 21-15-109(a)(iii)(intro), (iv), (vi), (viii) and (e), 21-15-111(a)(iii) through (v) and by creating new paragraphs (x) and (xi), 21-15-116(a)(intro) and (v), 21-15-119(a)(i), 21-15-123(f)(v)(intro), (E) and (vi), 21-18-102(a) by creating new paragraphs (xxiii) through (xxvi) and by renumbering (xxiii) as (xxvii), 21-18-202(d)(v)(intro), (A) and (C), 21-18-225(a)(intro), (b) by creating new paragraphs (v) through (vii), (d)(intro), (e), (g), (h) and (j) and 21-18-319(e)(ii) are amended to read:

9-2-3001. State construction department created; definitions.

(b) As used in this article:

(ii) "Capital construction project" means new construction, demolition, renovation, ~~and~~ capital renewal and major maintenance of or to ~~any public building or facility and any other public improvement necessary for the public building or facility, major maintenance as defined in W.S. 16-6-101(a)(v) and major building and facility repair and replacement as defined in W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii)~~ property;

(viii) "Capital renewal" means capital construction infrastructure upgrades and replacement projects to systems external to a building or facility that are necessary for the continued functionality of a building or facility. "Capital renewal" includes projects that do not qualify as new construction and for which the costs exceed amounts typically appropriated or expended on major maintenance for a property such as water projects, sewer projects, electrical projects and other major infrastructure projects external to a building or facility that impact the life, health and safety of occupants in a building or facility;

(ix) "Major building and facility repair and replacement" and "major maintenance" mean the repair, replacement or upgrade of complete or major portions of any component, equipment or system of a property at irregular intervals that is required to continue the use of the property at its designed capacity for its designed intended use and is typically accomplished by contractors due to the personnel demand to accomplish the work in a timely manner, the level of sophistication of the work or the need for warranted work. The terms include, but are not limited to, the following categories as hereafter defined:

(A) "Code compliance" means the repair, replacement or upgrade of a component, equipment or system of a property that is mandated by law, regulation or code to continue the use of the property at its designed capacity for its designed intended use;

(B) "Site improvements" means the repair, replacement or upgrade of a component, equipment or system of a site, including the repair, replacement or

upgrade of any of the following:

(I) Sidewalks;

(II) Parking lots;

(III) Athletic tracks;

(IV) Playground features;

(V) Outdoor security features;

(VI) Landscaping;

(VII) Drainage systems;

(VIII) Campus roads or streets;

(IX) Components, equipment or systems similar to those specified in subdivisions (I) through (VIII) of this subparagraph.

(C) "System improvements" means the repair, replacement or upgrade of a component, equipment or system of a building or facility, including any of the following:

(I) Structural systems;

(II) Fire protection systems;

(III) Indoor security features;

(IV) Electrical, lighting, plumbing, heating, ventilation or air conditioning systems;

(V) Roofs;

(VI) Windows and doors;

(VII) Conveyance systems, including elevators and escalators;

(VIII) Information technology systems;

(IX) Components, equipment or systems similar to those specified in subdivisions (I) through (VIII) of this subparagraph.

(x) "Property" means a building, facility or site;

(xi) "Renovation" means work done to restore property to a condition that is functional for its original or designed intended use and capacity, to modernize or adapt property to an approved new use and capacity or for the purpose of making it code compliant, including architectural and structural changes and the modernization of mechanical and electrical systems. "Renovation" includes the repair, strengthening or restoration of major building systems or structures to a safe condition. "Renovation" does not include work that consists primarily of routine maintenance, minor repairs and replacement due to normal use, wear and tear or deterioration;

(xii) "Routine maintenance" means activities necessary to keep a property

and the components, equipment and systems of a property in safe and good working order so that the property may be used at its original or designed capacity for its original or designed intended use. "Routine maintenance" includes custodial, groundskeeping and maintenance tasks done on a routine basis by building personnel and specialized equipment and building system maintenance that is accomplished on a routine basis by contractors.

9-2-3004. Duties of the department.

(c) The department shall:

(i) Review and make recommendations to the governor concerning capital construction project and land acquisition budget requests made by the state building commission, school facilities commission, the University of Wyoming, community college commission and any agency;

(vi) Plan for all capital construction projects in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 9-5-107, 9-5-108 and rules, procedures and criteria adopted pursuant to those sections;

(x) Not later than September 1 of each odd numbered year, submit to the state building commission a recommendation for funding for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium for major maintenance for state property, community college property and University of Wyoming property. This recommendation shall be based on the formula adopted by the state building commission pursuant to W.S. 9-5-107(g);

(xi) Review and approve any renovation that changes the intended capacity or designed intended use of a property that receives appropriations for major maintenance;

(xii) Develop and maintain a twenty (20) year statewide strategic facility plan and comprehensive system for monitoring and reporting appropriations and expenditures for capital construction projects, major maintenance, and routine maintenance for state property, community college property, school district property and University of Wyoming property.

9-2-3202. Definitions; powers generally; duties of governor; provisions construed; cooperation with legislature and judiciary; divisions enumerated.

(a) As used in this act:

(xi) "Routine maintenance" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xii).

9-4-207. Disposition of unexpended appropriations.

(d) Appropriations for the purposes specified in this subsection shall be excluded from reverting pursuant to subsections (a) through (c) of this section. Appropriations ~~which~~ that do not revert pursuant to this subsection shall be expended only on the projects for which the funds were appropriated or as authorized by paragraph (iv) of this subsection. Funds subject to this

subsection are appropriations:

(iv) For major maintenance as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix) for state property, community college property and University of Wyoming property. Appropriations subject to this paragraph that do not revert may be expended on any expenses incurred for major maintenance as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix).

9-5-107. Duties and responsibilities with respect to state property; state capital construction needs assessment and priorities; neglected routine maintenance; supplemental major maintenance funding.

(d) The state building commission shall adopt rules implementing policies for the management of state ~~buildings~~ property. The rules shall establish:

(iii) Requirements for ~~planned~~ development and implementation of routine maintenance schedules designed to eliminate maintenance backlogs, ~~and to~~ establish proactive maintenance practices and ensure that state property and the components, equipment and systems of state property reach their full life expectancy;

(v) Requirements for planning for the funding of major maintenance for the components, equipment and systems of state property that have a life expectancy that is less than the life expectancy of the state property of which the component, equipment or system is part;

(vi) Requirements for maintaining records of routine maintenance for state property and the components, equipment and systems of state property.

(g) The state building commission shall adopt a formula for major ~~building and facility repair and replacement for~~ maintenance for state property, community college ~~facilities~~ property and University of Wyoming property. The formula shall:

(i) Be based on the gross square footage ~~of buildings and facilities~~ for not more than seven (7) categories of buildings each for state property, community college property and University of Wyoming property and shall:

(A) For community college property, include only buildings providing education programs comprising the statewide college system strategic plan developed and maintained under W.S. 21-18-202(a)(v);

(B) Specifically exclude student housing, student unions and auxiliary services areas funded exclusively through university or community college generated revenues unless otherwise specified by law.

(j) At the end of each fiscal year, the state construction department, any agency responsible for the operation and management of a state property, the community college commission and the University of Wyoming shall report to the state building commission on the expenditures and commitments made from any funds appropriated for major maintenance.

(k) To the extent the amount of funds appropriated in any fiscal biennium pursuant to the formula adopted by the state building commission under subsection (g) of this section for major maintenance are insufficient to repair, replace or upgrade a poor component, equipment or system of a property, the state building commission, the community college commission, any agency and the University of Wyoming may separately identify and request in its capital construction budget request submitted to the governor the additional amount necessary for the major maintenance. Any supplemental funding appropriated in response to a budget request submitted under this subsection shall be conditioned on the requesting entity expending all funds appropriated in the fiscal biennium for major maintenance on the poor component, equipment or a system, except as otherwise provided by law.

(m) As used in this section:

(i) "Major maintenance" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix);

(ii) "Property" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(x);

(iii) "Routine maintenance" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xii).

16-6-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(v) "Major maintenance" means ~~the repair or replacement of complete or major portions of building and facility systems at irregular intervals which is required to continue the use of the building or facility at its original capacity for its original intended use and is typically accomplished by contractors due to the personnel demand to accomplish the work in a timely manner, the level of sophistication of the work or the need for warranted work~~ as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix);

16-6-102. Resident contractors; preference limitation with reference to lowest bid or qualified response; decertification; denial of application for residency.

(a) If a contract is let by a public entity for a public work, the contract shall be let, if advertisement for bids or request for proposal is not required, to a resident of the state, provided that if the services required are not offered by any known resident of the state, the public entity may let the contract to a nonresident. If advertisement for bids is required, the contract shall be let to the responsible certified resident making the lowest bid if the certified resident's bid is not more than five percent (5%) higher than that of the lowest responsible nonresident bidder.

(g) Whenever an emergency arises requiring a contract for a public work, a public entity may waive any applicable requirement of this section if the requirement endangers the health, welfare or safety of the public.

16-6-401. Definitions.

(a) As used in ~~W.S. 16-6-401 through 16-6-403~~ this article:

(ix) "Renovation" means ~~revision to a major facility which will affect more than fifty percent (50%) of the gross floor area in the building~~ as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xi).

16-6-1001. Capital construction projects restrictions; preference requirements; waivers.

(f) As used in this section:

(i) "Capital construction project" means ~~new construction, demolition, renovation and capital renewal of or to any public building or facility and any other public improvement necessary for the public building or facility, major maintenance~~ as defined ~~in~~ by W.S. ~~16-6-101(a)(v) and major building and facility repair and replacement as defined in W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii)~~ 9-2-3001(b)(ii);

21-15-108. Revenue bonds for grants and loans; refunding revenue bonds.

(b) The school facilities commission may borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000.00) by the issuance from time to time of one (1) or more series of revenue bonds. The commission may encumber revenues under subsection (a) of this section for bonds in total amounts not to exceed one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000.00) issued for ~~school capital construction~~ projects and assistance as determined by the commission and approved by the legislature under W.S. 21-15-119. Any bonds issued under this section, together with any interest accruing thereon and any prior redemption premiums due in connection therewith, are payable and collectible solely out of revenues authorized under this section. The bondholders may not look to any general or other fund for payment of the bonds except the revenues pledged therefore. The bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness or a debt within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision or limitation. The bonds shall not be considered or held to be general obligations of the state but shall constitute its special obligations and the commission shall not pledge the state's full faith and credit for payment of the bonds.

21-15-109. Major building and facility repair and replacement payments; computation; square footage allowance; use of payment funds; accounting and reporting requirements; neglected routine maintenance.

(a) As used in this act:

(iii) "Major building and facility repair and replacement" ~~means the repair or replacement of complete or major portions of~~ and "major maintenance" mean as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix) for school building and facility systems~~, at irregular intervals which is required to continue the use of the building or facility at its original capacity for its original intended use and is typically accomplished by contractors due to the personnel demand to accomplish the~~

~~work in a timely manner, the level of sophistication of the work or the need for warranted work. The term includes the following categories as hereafter defined:~~

(iv) "Office building" means a school building or facility primarily used in connection with or for the purpose of district administrative functions, the major purpose or use of which is not dedicated to the provision of educational programs offered by the district in accordance with law;~~. "Office building" shall include maintenance facilities and storage buildings in which supplies are stored;~~

(vi) "Routine maintenance" ~~and repair"~~ means ~~activities necessary to keep a school building or facility in safe and good working order so that it may be used at its original or designed capacity for its originally intended purposes, including janitorial, grounds keeping and maintenance tasks done on a routine basis and typically accomplished by district personnel with exceptions for any routine tasks accomplished by contractors such as elevator or other specialized equipment or building system maintenance~~ as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xii) for school buildings and facilities;

(viii) "Warehouse building" means a school building or facility primarily used for storage of ~~equipment,~~ materials and other district property and supplies, including facilities in which school buses and school equipment are stored, maintained or serviced.

(e) Amounts distributed under subsection (b) of this section shall be deposited by the recipient district into a separate account, the balance of which may accumulate from year-to-year. Except as specified under subsection (f) of this section, expenditures from the separate account, including any interest earnings on the account, shall be restricted to expenses incurred for major building and facility repair and replacement ~~as defined in subsection (a) of this section~~ and shall be in accordance with the district's facility plan under W.S. 21-15-116. Account expenditures may include the expenses of district personnel performing work described under paragraph (a)(iii) of this section if approved by the department and if documented within the district's facility plan. The district's facility plan shall clearly specify proposed major maintenance expenditures for addressing district major building and facility repair and replacement needs on a building-by-building basis, updated for the applicable reporting period, which shall be aligned to the statewide adequacy standards and prioritized based upon the impact of the building or facility on the district's ability to deliver the required educational program. The district shall include plans for maintaining any district building or facility which is under a lease agreement, specifying lease revenues available to the district for maintenance of facilities to the level required by statewide adequacy standards. No expenditures shall be made from the separate account unless the repair or replacement of the building or facility systems for which the expenditure is

to be made is clearly specified within the district's facility plan or otherwise approved by the department. In a manner and form required by commission rule and regulation, each district shall annually report to the department on the expenditures made from the separate account during the applicable reporting period, separating account expenditures on a building-by-building basis. The department shall annually review account expenditures. ~~and~~ The department shall, ~~report expenditures to~~ in consultation with each respective school district, provide a report to the commission, ~~and~~ the select committee on school facilities established under W.S. 28-11-301 and the joint appropriations committee on major maintenance expenditures. The department shall compile reported building-by-building expenditure information for each district and the district facility plan and include this information in its annual report to the select committee pursuant to W.S. 21-15-121. If any district expends funds within the separate account for purposes not authorized by this subsection or by rule and regulation of the commission, the payments for that district shall be reduced by the amount of the unauthorized expenditure in the school year following the year in which the expenditure was discovered or the school year in which notification was provided by the department, whichever first occurs.

21-15-111. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise:

(iii) "Local enhancements to school buildings and facilities" or "local enhancements" means any renovation, capital renewal, construction, replacement, repair or other improvement of or to any school building or facility initiated by a school district which is designed to bring the building or facility to a condition exceeding the statewide building adequacy standards and the commission's facility design standards and guidelines;

(iv) "Project" means replacement, renovation, capital renewal or new construction projects ~~which~~ that increase the value of the school building or facility by improving the functioning of the building or facility or the capacity of the building or facility, or both, excluding major building and facility repair and replacement as defined ~~under~~ by W.S. ~~21-15-109(a)(iii)~~ 9-2-3001(b)(ix), and routine maintenance ~~and repair~~ as defined ~~under~~ by W.S. ~~21-15-109(a)(vi)~~ 9-2-3001(b)(xii);

(v) "Remedy" or "remediation" means a course of action addressing identified building and facility needs in accordance with statewide adequacy standards developed under this act, consisting of building or facility construction, replacement, renovation, capital renewal, repair or any combination thereof;

(x) "Capital renewal" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(viii) for school buildings and facilities;

(xi) "Renovation" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xi) for school

buildings and facilities.

21-15-116. School district facility plans; development, review and approval; plan criteria; administrative review; collaborative committee process.

(a) In accordance with rules and regulations of the commission, long range comprehensive school building and facility plans for each school district shall be developed by the department in coordination with the applicable district, which address district wide building and facility needs. The facility plan shall identify building and facility needs aligned with the statewide adequacy standards, actions to remediate building and facility needs including new construction, demolition as provided in this subsection, renovation, capital renewal and major building and facility repair and replacement expenditures, and any local enhancements to buildings and facilities beyond statewide adequacy standards. The facility plan shall include a response to each school building and facility need identified on a building-by-building, space-by-space basis. The plan shall also review, and to the extent practical, identify and prioritize nonconstruction alternatives to school building and facility needs such as building closure, modification of school boundaries, modification of school grade configurations and similar approaches. Demolition or use, lease or other methods of disposition of surplus buildings and facilities shall be incorporated as part of the district plan, including the disposition of any existing land owned by the district. The plan shall not include the abandonment or demolition of any school facility or building unless there has first been a public hearing on the issue. The plan shall also specify identified alternative methods of building disposition, proposed allocation of costs incurred or revenues resulting from disposition and allocation of disposition revenues to offset any costs paid by the department. In addition, district facility plans shall include:

(v) A plan for addressing district major building and facility repair and replacement needs as required under W.S. 21-15-109(e) and routine maintenance needs. The routine and major maintenance plan shall:

(A) Be designed to eliminate maintenance backlogs, establish proactive maintenance practices and ensure that school buildings and facilities and components, equipment and systems of school buildings and facilities reach their full life expectancy;

(B) Anticipate the funding of major building and facility repair for the components, equipment and systems of school buildings and facilities that have a life expectancy that is less than the life expectancy of the school building or facility of which the component, equipment or system is part

(C) Establish requirements for maintaining routine maintenance records for school buildings and facilities and the components, equipment and systems of school buildings and facilities.

21-15-119. Commission budget and funding recommendations.

(a) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1012, the commission shall annually, not later than September 1, develop and submit a recommended budget for projects and school capital construction financing to the governor, through the state budget department and to the select committee on school facilities. The department shall prepare and provide information as requested by the commission. The commission shall include with its recommended budget to the select committee the prioritized schedules of projects specified in W.S. 21-15-117 including the amounts allocated to each project and the annual building status report specified under W.S. 21-15-121. The recommended budget submitted by the commission shall include:

(i) The estimated costs and proposed funding amounts for all projects determined under W.S. 21-15-117 and 21-15-118 and proposed for that budget period, together with estimated expenditures for major building and facility repair and replacement program payments under W.S. 21-15-109 for the same budget period. To the extent the amount of payments under W.S. 21-15-109 for the same budget period are insufficient to repair, replace or upgrade a poor component, equipment or system of a school building or facility, the recommended budget may separately identify and request additional amounts necessary to repair, replace or upgrade the poor component, equipment or system. Except as otherwise provided by law, any supplemental funding appropriated in response to a budget recommendation submitted under this paragraph shall be conditioned on the school district amounts available in the separate account established under W.S. 21-15-109(e) for major building and facility repair and replacement;

21-15-123. State construction department; duties and authority relating to school facilities.

(f) The state construction department shall:

(v) Enter into or approve ~~construction or renovation~~ project agreements with school districts, as appropriate. Each agreement shall:

(E) Assure the state is not responsible or liable for compliance with ~~construction or renovation~~ project schedules or completion dates;

(vi) Review district proposals for the disposition or demolition of buildings and facilities made surplus by an approved ~~construction or renovation~~ project or by changes in school population, including allocation of resulting costs and revenues and report the proposals to the commission. Disposition shall include options for use, lease, sale and any other means of disposing of the surplus building or facility. The costs and revenues incurred by the disposition or demolition of the building or facility shall be accounted for in each district's school facility plan and considered in any building or facility remedy for that district, including the allocation of revenues resulting from the disposition of property rendered surplus to offset property demolition costs. The department

shall report this review to the commission. The commission, after receiving a report of the review by the department, shall approve the proposal related to disposition or demolition submitted pursuant to this paragraph unless the commission determines that the proposal does not protect the financial interests of the state or is not otherwise in the public interest. Any revenues resulting from property disposition under this paragraph shall not be considered or counted under W.S. 21-13-310(a)(xiv) or (xv);

21-18-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxiii) "Capital construction project" and "capital construction" mean as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ii);

(xxiv) "Capital renewal" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(viii);

(xxv) "Major maintenance" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(ix);

(xxvi) "Renovation" means as defined by W.S. 9-2-3001(b)(xi);

~~(xxiii)~~(xxvii) "This act" means W.S. 21-18-101 through 21-18-409.

21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.

(d) The commission shall perform the following approval functions:

(v) Approve ~~all new capital construction projects~~ the following expenditures in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00) market value for which state funds are or could be eventually applied~~:. "New capital construction projects" include:~~

(A) ~~New~~ Capital construction projects, ~~renovation and capital renewal~~ excluding major maintenance, in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00) market value~~; which is not necessary maintenance or repair~~;

(C) Previously approved and uncompleted ~~new~~ capital construction projects, excluding major maintenance, which have increased in total cost by ten percent (10%) or more since cost estimates were developed at the time of initial project approval under this paragraph and W.S. 21-18-205(g).

21-18-225. College maintenance and capital construction funding.

(a) As part of its administrative functions, the community college commission shall identify community college building needs and develop a prioritized list of community college capital construction projects. The prioritized community college capital construction projects shall be reported by the commission to the state construction department in accordance with subsection (g) of this section. Following review, analysis and study, the state construction department shall forward recommendations for community college capital construction projects to the state building commission. The state construction department shall also submit ~~major maintenance budget requests for college buildings to the legislature in accordance with this section. Major maintenance~~

~~budget requests shall be based upon the square footage submitted by the commission under subsection (f) of this section and upon a formula adopted by the state building commission , and upon forms and in a format specified by the state budget department~~ to the state building commission and the joint appropriations committee a recommendation for funding community college major maintenance each biennium in preparation for the development of the state budget. This recommendation shall be based on a formula adopted by the state building commission pursuant to W.S. 9-5-107(g) and upon forms and in a format specified by the state budget department. At the end of each fiscal year, the commission shall submit a report to the state construction department on major maintenance expenditures incurred in the immediately preceding fiscal year as required by W.S. 9-5-107(j). College building maintenance budget requests submitted by the state construction department to the legislature and capital construction budget requests forwarded by the state building commission to the legislature shall include only necessary building square footage:

(b) To carry out this section and in accordance with rules and regulations of the state building commission promulgated under W.S. 9-5-107(d) and (e) serving as guidelines for implementation and administration of this section, the commission shall establish and maintain:

(v) Requirements for community college districts to develop and implement routine maintenance schedules that are designed to eliminate maintenance backlogs, establish proactive maintenance practices and ensure that community college buildings, facilities and sites and the components, equipment and systems of community college buildings, facilities and sites reach their full life expectancy;

(vi) Plan for the funding of the major maintenance for the components, equipment and systems of community college buildings, facilities and sites that have a life expectancy that is less than the life expectancy of the building, facility or site of which the component, equipment or system is part;

(vii) Maintain records of routine maintenance for community college buildings, facilities and sites and any components, equipment and systems of community college buildings, facilities and sites.

(d) On or before November 1 of each year, the commission shall, based upon the assessment performed under subsection (c) of this section and upon facility plans and annual reports submitted by each college pursuant to W.S. 21-18-304(a)(xi), prioritize community college capital construction project needs for the current fiscal year and the succeeding four (4) fiscal years based upon:

(e) The commission may modify capital construction project needs prioritized under subsection (d) of this section in any subsequent fiscal year as necessary

to address statewide needs as substantiated by data, condition assessments, needs analysis and other information assembled by the commission under this section. Needs receiving a lower priority than previously assigned may be removed or reprioritized by the commission. Capital construction project needs modified under this subsection shall be reported to the state construction department.

(g) Upon prioritizing community college capital construction project needs under subsection (d) of this section, the commission shall not later than June 1 of each year, report the prioritized list to the state construction department. In accordance with W.S. 9-5-108(a)(ii), the state construction department shall review, analyze and study construction needs prioritized under subsection (d) of this section and conduct necessary value engineering analysis, schematic design review, safety and security assessments and other analysis and review prior to submission of recommendations to the state building commission. The state building commission shall consider and incorporate prioritized capital construction project needs recommendations into legislation requesting necessary funding, developed under W.S. 9-5-108(a)(ii)(J), for submission to the legislature for review, authorization and approval. The legislation shall also include a separate appropriation for contingency costs associated with recommended capital construction projects and a separate appropriation for administrative costs of the state construction department for management of the recommended capital construction projects as required by subsection (j) of this section. The state construction department shall submit a separate budget request for project design and planning funds to be available to assist community colleges with costs incurred in developing and providing necessary plans, designs and other information to the state construction department for purposes of this subsection. This request shall also include funds for major maintenance for the square footage reported by the commission under subsection (f) of this section. The state construction department shall consult with the community college commission in developing recommendations under this subsection.

(h) The community college commission shall provide copies of the needs assessment, capital construction project priorities and major maintenance square footage established under this section to members of the legislature on or before December 1 of each year.

(j) Subject to amounts made available by legislative appropriation and to any conditions which may be attached to appropriation expenditures, the state construction department shall distribute state funds for ~~building~~ capital construction projects approved and authorized by the legislature. Distributions of state funds for any approved and authorized capital construction project shall be in accordance with payment schedules established by rule and regulation of the department. Payments by the department shall be contingent upon the receipt of any local district funding as may be required by legislative

authorization, or upon receipt of other documentation which may be required by the program certifying the timely receipt of required local district funds for the capital construction project. Payments to districts shall also be attached to prescribed phases of the capital construction project and the completion of certain project phases. Construction phases for which approval of the program is required shall be specified by the state construction department rule and regulation, clearly prescribing a process for program review and approval of project plans and specifications, project development and project changes and change orders. In carrying out duties under this subsection, the department may execute powers prescribed under W.S. 9-5-108(a)(iii) in coordination with the state building commission and the appropriate community college district. No scheduled payment shall be made by the department without compliance with the prescribed process.

21-18-319. Student dormitory capital construction loans; rulemaking; requirements; reporting; definition.

(e) As used in this section:

(ii) "Capital construction" ~~or "construction"~~ includes new construction, demolition, renovation or capital renewal.

Section 3. W.S. 9-5-107(h), 21-15-109(a)(iii)(A) through (C) and 21-18-225(b)(iv) are repealed.

Section 4.

(a) The state construction department, the state building commission, the community college commission and the school facilities commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

(b) Subject to section 5 of this act, the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming shall promulgate all regulations necessary to implement this act.

Section 5. This act shall not apply to the University of Wyoming student housing project, law school project, war memorial west stands project or aquatics center project.

Section 6.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 4 through 6 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 13

SALES AND USE TAX REVISIONS

Original House Bill No. 40

AN ACT relating to sales and use tax; revising use tax provisions to conform to the corresponding sales tax provisions; clarifying a definition; clarifying the use tax exemption for machinery used in manufacturing; clarifying licensing and compliance provisions; revising refund provisions; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-16-101(a)(x), 39-16-105(a)(viii)(D)(intro), 39-16-106(a), 39-16-107(b)(ii) and (viii) and 39-16-109(c)(i) are amended to read:

39-16-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(x) "Vendor" means any person engaged in the business of selling at retail or wholesale tangible personal property, having or maintaining within this state, directly or by any subsidiary, an office, distribution house, sales house, warehouse or other place of business, or any agents operating or soliciting sales or advertising within this state under the authority of the vendor or its subsidiary, regardless of whether the place of business or agent is located in the state permanently or temporarily or whether the vendor or subsidiary is qualified to do business within this state. A person is not in the business of selling tangible personal property that is subject to taxation under this article if selling tangible personal property is not a habitual or regular activity of the person. Agents acting under the authority of the vendor include but are not limited to truckers, peddlers, canvassers, salespersons, representatives, employees, supervisors, distributors, delivery persons or any other persons performing services in this state. "Vendor" also includes every person who engages in regular or systematic solicitation by three (3) or more separate transmittances of an advertisement or advertisements in any twelve (12) month period in a consumer market in this state by the distribution of catalogs, periodicals, advertising flyers, or other advertising, or by means of print, radio, television or other electronic media, by mail, telegraph, telephone, computer data base, cable, optic, microwave, satellite or other communication system for the purpose of effecting retail sales of tangible personal property;

39-16-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following purchases or leases are exempt from the excise tax imposed by this article:

(viii) For the purpose of exempting sales of services and tangible personal property as an economic incentive, the following are exempt:

(D) Until December 31, 2027, the purchase or lease of machinery to be used in this state directly and predominantly in manufacturing tangible

personal property~~;, if the sale or lease.~~

39-16-106. Licenses; permits.

(a) Every vendor shall register with the department of revenue, giving the name and address of all agents operating in the state and the location of all places of business together with other information as required by the department. Effective July 1, 1997, a license fee of sixty dollars ($60.00) shall be required from each new vendor, except for any remote vendor who has no requirement to register in this state, or who is using one (1) of the technology models pursuant to the streamlined sales and use tax agreement. Failure of a vendor to timely file any return may result in forfeiture of the license granted under this section. The department shall charge sixty dollars ($60.00) for reinstatement of any forfeited license. ~~Any out-of-state vendor not otherwise subject to this article may voluntarily register with the department and if registered, shall collect and remit the state use tax imposed by W.S. 39-16-104.~~

39-16-107. Compliance; collection procedures.

(b) Payment. The following shall apply:

(ii) Except as provided by paragraph (iv) of this subsection, no vendor shall collect the taxes imposed by this article upon the sale of motor vehicles, house trailers, trailer coaches, trailers or semitrailers as defined by W.S. 31-1-101. The taxes imposed shall be collected by the county treasurer prior to the first registration in Wyoming and not upon subsequent registration by the same owner. The county treasurer may allow the taxes to be paid electronically after the amount of taxes has been determined by the county treasurer. The county treasurer may charge a fee of not more than the costs of processing the transaction but not to exceed a fee of three percent (3%) as necessary to recoup fees incurred due to electronic payments. The county treasurer shall provide the applicant a receipt specifying the amount of use tax collected and noting any valid exemption from use tax. The county treasurer shall collect and remit to the department the tax in effect in the county of the owner's principal residence <u>as indicated on the owner's driver's license or other government issued identification</u>. The tax shall not be collected if previously registered by the same nonresident owner in another state. The county treasurer may also collect the tax due and any interest, penalties or costs of collection through the use of a collection agency or by the filing of a civil action;

(viii) If a vendor or direct payer pays taxes due and payable under this chapter on or before the fifteenth day of the month that the taxes are due under paragraph (a)(i) of this section, a credit shall be allowed against the taxes imposed by this chapter for expenses incurred by a vendor or direct payer for the accounting and reporting of taxes. ~~For the first six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250.00) of tax due,~~ <u>T</u>he credit is equal to one and ninety-five hundredths percent (1.95%) of the amount of tax due~~,. For any tax due in~~

~~excess of six thousand two hundred fifty dollars ($6,250.00), the credit for that additional amount shall be one percent (1%) of that amount,~~ provided that the total credit under this paragraph and W.S. 39-15-107(b)(xi) shall not exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) in any month. The vendor or direct payer shall deduct the credit for each tax period on forms prescribed and furnished by the department. The credit shall be deducted only from the share of the tax that is distributed to the general fund under W.S. 39-16-111(b)(i);

39-16-109. Taxpayer remedies.

(c) Refunds. The following shall apply:

(i) Any tax, penalty or interest which has been erroneously paid, computed or remitted to the department by a vendor shall on department approval be credited against any subsequent tax liability from the payee or may be refunded. If a vendor erroneously collects taxes from a taxpayer and remits those taxes to the department, the vendor may seek a refund or credit against subsequent tax liability only after the vendor has refunded the erroneously collected tax to the taxpayer that originally paid the tax to the vendor. If the taxpayer that originally paid the tax to the vendor cannot be identified, the tax shall not be refunded or credited to the vendor. No credit or refund shall be allowed after three (3) years from the date of overpayment. The receipt of a claim for a refund by the department shall toll the statute of limitations. All refund requests received by the department <u>of revenue</u> shall be approved or denied within ninety (90) days of receipt<u>, provided that referral of a refund request by the department of revenue to the department of audit shall toll the ninety (90) day period pending the outcome of the audit process</u>. Any refund or credit erroneously made or allowed may be recovered in an action brought by the attorney general in a court of competent jurisdiction in Laramie county, Wyoming.

Section 2. W.S. 39-16-105(a)(viii)(D)(I), (II) and (b) are repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 14

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION EQUIPMENT GRANTS AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 17

AN ACT relating to career technical education equipment grants for K-12 public school districts; increasing the maximum grant award; reducing the years required to expend funds for grant eligibility; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-13-337(b)(intro) and (c) is amended to read:

21-13-337. Career and technical education equipment grants; application; criteria; limitations.

(b) A grant awarded under this section shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed ~~fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00)~~ seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00) per year. Applications for a grant under this section shall be submitted on a form and in a manner specified by rule of the department, shall be filed with the department on or before June 30 to secure a grant during the immediately succeeding school year and shall at a minimum include:

(c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school year and following review of applications submitted under this section, the department shall notify applicant districts of its grant awards and shall provide each applicant district a written statement of the reasons for approving or denying the application. No award shall be given to a district unless it has expended, or will expend with the award of the grant requested under this section, the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs utilizing expenditure data from the immediately preceding ~~five (5)~~ two (2) school years from the date of application and amounts from the special reserve fund created under W.S. 21-13-504 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs. ~~Further,~~ Preference shall be given to districts that have not received a grant under this section in the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application. If an application is approved, the department shall award the grant from amounts made available by legislative appropriation from the public school foundation program account for purposes of this section.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 15

ANNUAL PERMITS FOR SPECIFIED COMMERCIAL LOADS

Original House Bill No. 132

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing annual permits for hauling prefabricated buildings, panels and trusses; authorizing annual permits for hauling forest products, baled hay and combine headers; specifying permit fees; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-18-804 by creating new subsections (w) and (y) is amended to read:

31-18-804. Permits for and certain highways to carry, overweight and oversize vehicles; government vehicles.

(w) For movements of a vehicle meeting indivisible load requirements, the director or his authorized representative may issue permits for separate movements or extended periods of movement effective for one (1) year permitting hauling of prefabricated buildings, panels and trusses. No permit issued under this subsection shall be granted for any load of prefabricated buildings, panels or trusses exceeding one hundred sixty-two (162) inches in width and fifteen (15) feet in height. The fee for a one (1) year permit under this subsection is four hundred dollars ($400.00).

(y) The director or the director's authorized representative may issue permits effective for one (1) year that permit the hauling of forest products, baled hay or combine headers. No permit issued under this subsection shall be granted for any load of forest products exceeding one hundred twelve (112) inches in width or any load of baled hay or combine headers exceeding one hundred fifty (150) inches in width and fifteen (15) feet in height. No single component of the load may exceed one hundred two (102) inches in width. The fee for a one (1) year permit issued under this subsection shall be two hundred dollars ($200.00).

Section 2. The department of transportation shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 16

AD VALOREM TAXATION-PAYMENT AND CREDIT OF PENALTIES

Original House Bill No. 38

AN ACT relating to ad valorem taxation; amending how penalties collected for failure to file specified tax statements are paid and credited; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-13-108(c)(ii)(B) is amended to read:

39-13-108. Enforcement.

(c) Offenses and penalties. The following shall apply:

(ii) Penalties. The following shall apply:

(B) Any person failing to file the statement provided by W.S. 39-13-107(a)(ii)(A) or (B) is subject to a penalty of not more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) plus not more than one hundred dollars ($100.00) for each day's failure to file the statement, to be recovered by an action in the name of the state of Wyoming brought by the attorney general at the request of the department. The department may waive the penalties imposed by this subsection as part of a settlement or for any other good cause shown. Penalties collected shall be ~~credited~~ paid to the state ~~school foundation program account~~ treasurer and credited as provided in W.S. 8-1-109;

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 17

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION-REGULATION OF PITS

Original Senate File No. 15

AN ACT relating to oil and gas; amending the authority of the Wyoming oil and gas conservation commission to regulate noncommercial reserve pits, produced water retention pits and emergency overflow pits as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 30-5-104(d)(vi)(A) is amended to read:

30-5-104. Oil and gas conservation commission; powers and duties; investigations; rules and regulations.

(d) The commission has authority:

(vi) To regulate, excluding discharges permitted under the national pollutant discharge elimination system, the:

(A) Location, construction, operation and reclamation of all noncommercial reserve pits and produced water retention and emergency overflow pits used solely for the storage, treatment and disposal of drilling fluids, produced waters, emergency overflow wastes or other oil field wastes associated with the maintenance and operation of oil and gas exploration and production wells ~~on a lease, unit or communitized area~~ in such a manner as to prevent the contamination of the waters of the state;

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 18

INDUSTRIAL SITING-TRIBAL NOTIFICATION

Original Senate File No. 16

AN ACT relating to industrial development and siting; requiring the provision of notice to tribal governments of applications for industrial siting permits; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; specifying applicability; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-12-102(a) by creating a new paragraph (xvi), 35-12-107(c) by creating a new paragraph (iv), (d)(ii) and (g)(ii) and 35-12-110(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv) and (f)(ii) are amended to read:

35-12-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(xvi) "Tribal government" means the tribal government of the Eastern Shoshone tribe, the tribal government of the Northern Arapaho tribe of the Wind River Indian Reservation and the cooperative tribal governing body.

35-12-107. Request for waiver of permit application; form.

(c) Not more than seven (7) days following receipt of a request for a waiver, the director shall:

(iv) Serve notice of the request upon each tribal government located within the same or adjacent county to where the industrial facility will be located.

(d) Not more than fourteen (14) days following receipt of a request, the director shall:

(ii) Notify the applicant, tribal governments, if applicable, and local governments of the meeting and, for proposed facilities meeting the requirements of W.S. 35-12-102(a)(vii)(E), (F) or (G), notify affected landowners;

(g) Not more than fifty (50) days following receipt of a request, the director shall:

(ii) Notify the applicant, tribal governments, if applicable, and local governments of the hearing and, for proposed facilities meeting the requirements of W.S. 35-12-102(a)(vii)(E), (F) or (G), notify affected landowners;

35-12-110. Service of notice of application; information and recommendations; application deficiencies; procedure; jurisdiction; hearing.

(a) Not more than ten (10) days following receipt of an application for a permit, the director shall:

(iv) Serve an electronic or physical copy of the application and notice of hearing upon each tribal government located within the same or adjacent county to where the industrial facility will be located.

(f) Not more than ninety (90) days after receipt of an application for a permit, the director shall:

(ii) Notify the applicant, tribal governments, if applicable, and local governments of the hearing and, for proposed facilities meeting the requirements of W.S. 35-12-102(a)(vii)(E), (F) or (G), notify affected landowners;

Section 2. This act shall apply to all applications for industrial siting permits filed on and after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. The industrial siting council shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 19

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 149

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing county treasurers to accept applications and payment for wildlife conservation license plates; amending application requirements; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-231(a), (b)(intro) and (c) is amended to read:

31-2-231. Wildlife conservation license plates; wildlife conservation account; authority to receive and expend monies.

(a) Any person required to register a vehicle in Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply to the department or county treasurer for a statement of eligibility for wildlife conservation license plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle or multipurpose vehicle owned or leased by that

person upon registration of the vehicle. The department or county treasurer may include as part of the application the option for the applicant to donate an additional amount in support of wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system. Upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) to the department or county treasurer, plus any additional voluntary amount, the department or county treasurer shall issue a written statement of eligibility for wildlife conservation license plates. The department or county treasurer shall assess an annual fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) for a person to retain eligibility for wildlife conservation plates, but this annual fee shall not be charged in the year the person pays the one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) eligibility fee. The person may submit an additional voluntary amount in support of wildlife conservation efforts related to the transportation system when remitting the annual fee.

(b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be payable to the department or county treasurer and shall be accounted for separately. Except as otherwise provided by law, the fees collected under subsection (a) of this section and funds collected under W.S. 23-2-101(p), 23-2-201(h), 23-2-306(d), 24-1-131(b), 31-2-225(a)(vi), 31-2-404(f)(ii), 31-2-409(h)(ii), 31-2-703(e)(ii), 31-3-101(j), 31-7-111(b)(xiv) and 36-4-121(t) shall be distributed to the wildlife conservation account within the state highway fund, which is hereby created. The wildlife conservation account shall be administered in accordance with the following:

(c) ~~Applicants shall apply at least thirty (30) days before registration is required for the vehicle for which the plates are intended.~~ Except as provided in this section, application for, issuance and renewal of the wildlife conservation license plates under this section shall be subject to the same requirements and fees as provided in this article in addition to the fee collected under subsection (a) of this section. The license plate fees required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany each application. The license plates under this section shall be issued by the county treasurer of each county and shall be displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

Section 2. The department of transportation shall adopt all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(b) Section 1 of this act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 20

TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY-INDEX AND DEPRECIATION

Original Senate File No. 49

AN ACT relating to ad valorem taxation; requiring tangible personal property to be valued using valuation indexes and depreciation schedules as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-13-103(b)(ii) is amended to read:

39-13-103. Imposition.

(b) Basis of tax. The following shall apply:

(ii) All taxable property shall be annually valued at its fair market value. Except as otherwise provided by law for specific property, the department shall prescribe by rule and regulation the appraisal methods and systems for determining fair market value using generally accepted appraisal standards. For tangible personal property, fair market value shall be determined using valuation indexes and depreciation schedules prescribed by rule and regulation of the department. Once the tangible personal property reaches the depreciation floor, the trending factor shall remain constant for subsequent years until the property is removed from service. As used in this paragraph, "depreciation floor" means twenty percent (20%) of the reported installed cost of the property. As used in this paragraph, "tangible personal property" excludes any property that is valued under W.S. 39-13-102(m) and mobile homes required to be titled under W.S. 31-2-501 through 31-2-508;

Section 2. The department of revenue shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 21

READING ASSESSMENT AND INTERVENTION AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 13

AN ACT relating to reading assessment and intervention; eliminating the permissive use of group reading plans in individualized reading plans; modifying the requirements for school and district improvement plans; amending requirements for screening students for signs of reading difficulties; amending requirements for individualized reading plans; amending school district reporting requirements; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-401(a) through (c) is amended to read:

21-3-401. Reading assessment and intervention.

(a) Each school district shall select and implement a reading assessment and intervention program that uses ~~an instrument~~ one (1) or more instruments identified by the state superintendent under subsection (d) of this section that screens for signs of reading difficulties, including but not limited to dyslexia or other reading deficiencies, not less than three (3) times per year in kindergarten through grade three (3) and that implements with fidelity an evidence based intervention program for students at-risk for reading failure. The program shall include instruments identified by the state superintendent under subsection (d) of this section that monitor and measure reading progress and assess student reading skills and progress to provide data that informs any intervention. The assessment and intervention program shall be administered to all students in kindergarten through grade three (3). The program shall also include implementation of evidence based core curricula aligned to the uniform content and performance standards and evidenced based interventions to meet the needs of all students. The program shall be multi-tiered and shall include evidence based interventions to facilitate skill-specific remediation of any reading difficulty as early as possible.

(b) As soon as practicable after the ~~assessment or~~ screening is conducted under the program established in subsection (a) of this section, each school district shall provide a copy of the screening results, including an explanation of the screening results, to the parent, guardian or other person having control of a student showing signs of reading difficulties, including but not limited to dyslexia or other reading deficiencies, or not showing appropriate reading competence under this section. Students ~~not showing appropriate reading competence~~ found to be high-risk for reading failure under this section shall be placed on an individualized reading plan anytime between the middle of the school year in kindergarten through the end of grade three (3) to remedy the reading related difficulty utilizing an appropriate evidence based intervention program~~, which may include a group reading plan~~ that does not occur during literacy core instructional time. For students under an individualized education program (IEP) which addresses reading difficulties, the IEP shall be deemed sufficient to meet the requirements of this subsection and no additional plan shall be required.

(c) Each district shall annually report to the department of education on the progress of each of its schools toward achieving the goal of eighty-five percent

(85%) of all students reading at grade level upon completion of the third grade. This report shall include cohort analysis for kindergarten through grade three (3) for those students identified by the screening instruments as having signs of reading difficulties, including but not limited to dyslexia or other reading deficiencies. The report shall include the percentage of students meeting or exceeding proficiency levels for the annual reporting period. The reporting shall also include the aggregate number of students identified by the screening instruments as having signs of reading difficulties, including but not limited to dyslexia or other reading deficiencies, in addition to listing the evidence based core literacy curricula and interventions implemented in each district by grade. This report shall include kindergarten through grade three (3) progress toward achieving the goal of eighty-five percent (85%) proficiency in the specific skills known to be predictive of grade three (3) reading proficiency and that are listed in subsection (d) of this section. This report shall also include grade three (3) reading proficiency ~~shall be~~ determined by the grade three (3) statewide assessment administered pursuant to W.S. 21-2-304(a)(v). Each school not meeting the eighty-five percent (85%) goal specified under this subsection shall submit an improvement plan to the school district, and the school district shall submit an overall improvement plan to the department. At a minimum, each school and district improvement plan shall outline its general strategy for increasing reading proficiency for the next school year and shall specifically address the evidence based program of instruction, assessment and intervention being implemented~~,~~ and the specific training in those programs that reading teachers have received.~~, the student-teacher ratio, the use of certified tutors and the use of instructional facilitators and paraprofessionals in kindergarten through grade three (3) trained in the delivery of the evidence based instruction and intervention program selected by the district.~~

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 22

DISTRIBUTION OF UNSOLICITED ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORMS

Original Senate File No. 78

AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting a person from distributing unsolicited absentee ballot application forms to any qualified elector as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-9-104 by creating a new subsection (e) is amended to read:

22-9-104. How to apply; information required.

(e) No person, except a county clerk, the secretary of state or their designees, shall distribute an absentee ballot request form to any qualified elector unless that qualified elector specifically solicits an absentee ballot request form. For purposes of this subsection, "absentee ballot request form" includes any document that claims to be or that is deceptively similar to an official election document and that is provided to the qualified elector by mail, email or any other means.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 23

ABANDONMENT OF WATER RIGHTS-LIMITATIONS

Original Senate File No. 80

AN ACT relating to water; amending the conditions under which abandonment of water rights applies as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 41-3-401(a) and 41-3-402(a) are amended to read:

41-3-401. Failure to use water; extension of time; initiation by benefitted or injured user; hearing; appeal.

(a) Where the holder of an appropriation of water from a surface, underground or reservoir water source fails, either intentionally or unintentionally, to use the water therefrom for the beneficial purposes for which it was appropriated, whether under an adjudicated or unadjudicated right, during any five (5) successive years, he is considered as having abandoned the water right and shall forfeit all water rights and privileges appurtenant thereto. Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, the holder of an appropriation for the diversion and storage of water in a reservoir, from which water or a portion thereof has not yet been beneficially used for the purposes for which appropriated, or the owner of a lawful dam or diversion system as defined in W.S. 41-3-307 under which appropriated water becomes unused due to necessary repairs or replacement, may apply to the board of control for an extension of time not to exceed five (5) years, within which to use water or reactivate use of water therefrom for the beneficial purposes for which it was appropriated. In the application the holder shall demonstrate the exercise of due diligence toward the utilization of the appropriation, and that notwithstanding the

exercise of due diligence, reasonable cause exists for nonuse. Reasonable cause includes but is not limited to delay due to court or administrative proceedings, time required in planning, developing, financing and constructing projects for the application of stored water to beneficial use which require in excess of five (5) years to complete, delay due to requirement of state and federal statutes and rules and regulations thereunder and any other causes beyond the control of the holder of the appropriation. Upon receipt of an application for extension, the board of control shall proceed under the provisions of W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115 and may grant an extension of time as it finds proper, not to exceed five (5) years, for the application of the appropriated water to the beneficial use for which it was appropriated. A prior grant of extension of time hereunder does not preclude the holder from applying for additional extensions of time, each not to exceed five (5) years, upon similar application and showing. The granting of an extension of time precludes the commencement of an abandonment action against the appropriation during the period of extension.

41-3-402. Initiation by state engineer; hearing; appeal.

(a) When any appropriator has failed, intentionally or unintentionally, to use any portion of surface, underground or reservoir water appropriated by him, whether under an adjudicated or unadjudicated right, for a period of five (5) successive years, the state engineer may initiate forfeiture proceedings against the appropriator with the state board of control, to determine the validity of the unused right. The state engineer shall designate the area to be affected by the proceedings, not to contain in area more than one (1) water division. The total absence of water to divert during an irrigation season precludes the inclusion of any period of nonuse resulting therefrom in the computation of the successive five (5) year period. The secretary of the board shall refer the matter for a hearing to the superintendent of the water division where the forfeiture is alleged to have occurred. This section does not apply to any reservoir, lawful dam or diversion system for which an extension has been granted during the period of extension under W.S. 41-3-401(a).

Section 2. The state engineer shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 24

CHARTER SCHOOL LEASING

Original Senate File No. 131

AN ACT relating to K-12 school facilities; repealing the requirement for charter schools to receive reimbursement for leasing expenses if the state construction department determines there are no existing adequate educational facilities within the school district; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-15-123(f)(ix) is amended to read:

21-15-123. State construction department; duties and authority relating to school facilities.

(f) The state construction department shall:

(ix) Review requests submitted by charter schools pursuant to W.S. ~~21-3-110(a)(x) and~~ 21-3-304(k) to determine whether space exists within the applicable district for operation of the charter school that is available and adequate.

Section 2. W.S. 21-3-110(a)(x)(A)(II) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 25

CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 73

AN ACT relating to charter schools; allocating school district central office nonpersonnel expenses to charter schools as specified; allocating school district central office personnel to charter schools on a proportional basis as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-314(c)(i) and by creating a new paragraph (vi) is amended to read:

21-3-314. Students counted among district ADM; determination of charter school funding.

(c) The charter school shall be entitled to the following amounts:

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (vi) of this subsection, one hundred

percent (100%) of the foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(m) based upon the average daily membership of the charter school, less amounts generated by the charter school's membership under ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph (b)(xxix) ~~and (xxx)~~ of "Attachment A" as defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii) and less amounts specified under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(E)(III) through (V);

(vi) A percentage amount calculated by dividing the charter school's average daily membership by the total average daily membership of the charter school's respective school district multiplied by the amounts generated from the foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(m) and paragraph (b)(xxix) of "Attachment A" as defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 26

TAX EXEMPTION-PROPERTY OWNED BY THE STATE

Original Senate File No. 81

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; creating a property tax exemption for property owned by the state; clarifying the taxability of state owned lands; specifying applicability; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-11-105(a)(ii)(intro) and by creating a new paragraph (xlvi) is amended to read:

39-11-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following property is exempt from property taxation:

(ii) Subject to paragraph (xlvi) of this subsection, property of the state of Wyoming that is owned and used primarily for a governmental purpose is exempt from property taxation. For purposes of this paragraph "governmental purpose" includes the lease of state school lands and state land leased for agricultural purposes. The following property is not owned and used primarily for a governmental purpose:

(xlvi) Lands owned by the state of Wyoming are exempt from property taxation regardless of the use of the lands. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the taxation of any other property, including improvements to land, that are not owned and used primarily for a governmental purpose as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection. This paragraph is repealed January 1, 2027.

Section 2. The property tax exemption created in section 1 of this act shall apply to the tax year beginning January 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 27

2025 LARGE PROJECT FUNDING

Original Senate File No. 88

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Funding Act; providing for the funding of large projects under that act; specifying large projects approved for funding in 2025; authorizing distributions from the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account for approved large projects; providing for the reversion of funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Board" means the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account board created by W.S. 9-15-104;

(ii) «Income account" means the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account created by W.S. 9-15-103(b).

(b) Pursuant to the authority granted under W.S. 9-15-104(k) and subject to each recipient's certification under W.S. 9-15-103(r), authorization is granted for funding of the large projects provided for in subsections (c) through (n) of this section.

(c) Thunder Basin Habitat III:

(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish Commission;

(ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian restoration, fence modification and invasive species control on approximately forty-eight thousand eight hundred fifty (48,850) acres in northeast Wyoming in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, antelope and other species;

(B) Maintain primary migration corridors for native ungulates;

(C) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(D) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

(iii) Project description: Rangeland restoration;

(iv) Total project budget: Four million seventeen thousand three hundred forty dollars ($4,017,340.00);

(v) Project grant: The total grant for the project, including all grants previously awarded for the project and the additional six hundred twenty thousand dollar ($620,000.00) grant authorized under this subsection, shall be nine hundred three thousand dollars ($903,000.00);

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board six hundred twenty thousand dollars ($620,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(d) Baggs Valley Headwaters III:

(i) Project sponsor: Little Snake River Conservation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native vegetation through mechanical, chemical and prescribed fire across a varied landscape of approximately five thousand three hundred (5,300) acres in Carbon county in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, moose, antelope and other species;

(B) Maintain primary migration corridors for native ungulates;

(C) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(D) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

(iii) Project description: Rangeland restoration;

(iv) Total project budget: Five million two hundred six thousand five hundred dollars ($5,206,500.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(e) Kemmerer Highway 189 Migration:

(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of Transportation;

(ii) Project purpose: Fence construction, roadway replacement and overpass and underpass construction on thirty (30) miles of extremely high wildlife and vehicle use roadway south of Kemmerer in Lincoln and Uinta counties in order to:

(A) Allow for the safe movement of antelope, elk and deer across a major highway to increase connectivity and maintain populations for a variety of wildlife;

(B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for catastrophic collisions that impact human life, wildlife and property damage.

(iii) Project description: Highway crossing construction;

(iv) Total project budget: Thirty-one million one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred sixty-two dollars ($31,183,162.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant to the sponsor six million two hundred nine thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars ($6,209,838.00) for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board six million two hundred nine thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars ($6,209,838.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(f) Wind River Front Cheatgrass:

(i) Project sponsor: Fremont County Weed and Pest District;

(ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive grasses on approximately forty-eight thousand (48,000) acres in Fremont county in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, moose, antelope and bighorn sheep;

(B) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(C) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

(D) Maintain agricultural production and opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

(iii) Project description: Invasive species management;

(iv) Total project budget: Three million five hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred ninety dollars ($3,534,890.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant eight hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred twenty dollars ($883,720.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to

the board eight hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred twenty dollars ($883,720.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(g) Seminoe Shirley Habitat II:

(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish Commission;

(ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian restoration, fence modification and invasive species control on approximately one hundred thousand (100,000) acres in central Wyoming in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, antelope and other species;

(B) Maintain primary migration corridors for native ungulates;

(C) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(D) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

(E) Maintain seasonal movement opportunities for native fish.

(iii) Project description: Rangeland restoration;

(iv) Total project budget: Five million nine hundred twenty-four thousand dollars ($5,924,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant to the sponsor three hundred seventy-two thousand dollars ($372,000.00) for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board three hundred seventy-two thousand dollars ($372,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(h) NEWIGWG Cheatgrass:

(i) Project sponsor: Sheridan County Weed and Pest District;

(ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive grasses on approximately seventy-eight thousand three hundred sixty (78,360) acres in Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell and Crook counties in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk and antelope;

(B) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(C) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

(D) Maintain agricultural production and opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

(iii) Project description: Invasive species management;

(iv) Total project budget: Twenty-four million seven hundred thirty thousand six hundred seven dollars ($24,730,607.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant four million five hundred thousand dollars ($4,500,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board four million five hundred thousand dollars ($4,500,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(j) Western Wyoming Cheatgrass:

(i) Project sponsor: Teton County Weed and Pest District;

(ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive grasses on approximately sixty-nine thousand four hundred sixty-five (69,465) acres in western Wyoming in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, moose, antelope and bighorn sheep;

(B) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(C) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

(D) Maintain agricultural production and opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

(iii) Project description: Invasive species management;

(iv) Total project budget: Fourteen million six hundred sixty-five thousand three hundred ninety-two dollars ($14,665,392.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant one million four hundred thousand dollars ($1,400,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board one million four hundred thousand dollars ($1,400,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(k) Upper Green Fence II:

(i) Project sponsor: Sublette County Conservation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Renovation and replacement of key stretches of fifty (50) miles of movement barriers in Sublette County in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, antelope and other species;

(B) Maintain primary migration corridors for native ungulates;

(C) Maintain integrity of ranching operations.

(iii) Project description: Fence modification;

(iv) Total project budget: Two million five hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred dollars ($2,597,400.00);

(v) Project grant: The total grant for the project, including all grants previously awarded for the project and the additional two hundred fifty thousand dollar ($250,000.00) grant authorized under this subsection, shall be five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00);

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(m) Wapiti Habitat Restoration:

(i) Project sponsor: Trout Unlimited;

(ii) Project purpose: Restoration of river system to allow migration of spawning fish, maintain stream function and improve adjacent habitats on approximately four (4) miles of the North Fork of the Shoshone River and key tributaries in Park county in order to:

(A) Maintain seasonal movement opportunities for native fish;

(B) Increase the productivity of aquatic and wetland ecosystems;

(C) Maintain and improve irrigation efficiency for local agricultural operations;

(D) Eliminate excessive erosion and maintain water quality;

(E) Maintain uplands to provide habitat for deer, antelope, Greater Sage-grouse and a variety of migratory songbirds.

(iii) Project description: River restoration;

(iv) Total project budget: One million eight hundred thirty-three thousand five hundred eighty-six dollars ($1,833,586.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant to the sponsor five hundred fifty thousand dollars ($550,000.00) for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board five hundred fifty thousand dollars ($550,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

(n) Natrona Core Cheatgrass:

(i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish Commission;

(ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive grasses on approximately sixty-nine thousand four hundred sixty-five (69,465) acres in western Wyoming in order to:

(A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule deer, elk, antelope and other species;

(B) Maintain Core Population Areas for Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

(C) Conserve valuable grassland and intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

(D) Maintain agricultural production and opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

(iii) Project description: Invasive species management;

(iv) Total project budget: One million seven hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred dollars ($1,784,500.00);

(v) Project grant: The board is authorized to grant eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars ($884,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from the income account to the board eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars ($884,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 28

BUSINESS PROPERTY EXEMPTION

Original Senate File No. 48

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; providing a business property tax exemption as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-11-105(a)(xlii) is amended to read:

39-11-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following property is exempt from property taxation:

(xlii) ~~If a person owns two thousand four hundred dollars ($2,400.00) or less~~ The first seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00) in fair market value of business property owned by a person in ~~one (1)~~ each county~~, the business property~~ shall be exempt ~~as de minimis business property~~ from taxation. As used in this paragraph, "business property" means taxable personal property excluding any property that is exempt under W.S. 39-11-105(a)(xi) as personal property held for personal or family use.

Section 2. This act is effective January 1, 2026.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 29

STATE LANDS-FENCING-2

Original Senate File No. 63

AN ACT relating to state lands; allowing the fencing of state lands and maintenance of fencing as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-28-106 by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

11-28-106. Construction and maintenance of partition fences; fencing of state lands.

(c) Private landowners whose property adjoins state lands on which the private landowner does not hold a lease may construct a lawful partition fence along state lands and the office of state lands and investments or, if the state lands are currently leased, the lessee of the state lands shall pay for one-half (1/2) of the actual cost of the construction of the lawful partition fence. Private landowners and the office of state lands and investments, or the lessee at all

times that the state lands are leased, shall contribute to the cost of maintenance of the lawful partition fence in proportion to their respective interests in the fence.

Section 2. The board of land commissioners shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 30

OIL AND GAS BONDING-OPTIONS AND BONDING POOLS

Original Senate File No. 20

AN ACT relating to oil and gas; requiring the oil and gas conservation commission to promulgate rules to provide bonding options for oil and gas operators as specified; specifying bonding requirements; requiring reports; specifying uses of the conservation fund; authorizing the imposition of fees; making conforming amendments; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 30-5-129 is created to read:

30-5-129. Oil and gas bonding; rules for operators; requirements; reports; assessments.

(a) The commission shall promulgate rules to establish bonding options in addition to those specified in W.S. 30-5-104(d)(i)(D) for operators requiring bonds for producing oil or gas in Wyoming. The program required under this subsection shall be in accordance with all of the following:

(i) The commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the program, including rules to provide for operators who produce oil or gas in Wyoming to voluntarily participate in a bonding pool established under this subsection;

(ii) Operators participating in a bonding pool established under this subsection shall be in good standing with the commission before participating and shall remain in good standing with the commission during participation, including compliance with all bonding requirements required under this act and the commission's rules. The commission may establish a process by which

the commission may remove an operator from participating in a bonding pool if the operator is no longer in good standing with the commission;

(iii) Subject to paragraph (iv) of this subsection, the commission shall contract with a person to establish a bonding pool to serve as financial assurance for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements, for the forfeiture of any applicable bond and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds. The bonding pool shall:

(A) Be established with funds assessed under paragraph (v) of this subsection or available under paragraph (vi) of this subsection, including any unexpended and unobligated funds available in the account established under W.S. 30-5-116(b). Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no other funds shall be used for the bonding pool without further legislative authorization;

(B) Be authorized to accept additional funds from other sources authorized by law.

(iv) If the commission determines that contracting with a person to establish a bonding pool under paragraph (iii) of this section is impossible, impractical or not feasible, the commission may establish a bonding pool to serve as a secondary level of financial assurance for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements, for the forfeiture of any applicable bond and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds. The bonding pool established under this paragraph shall:

(A) Be managed by the commission;

(B) Require operators to:

(I) Be in compliance with all bonding requirements required under this act and the commission's rules before authorizing operators to participate in the bonding pool;

(II) Maintain compliance with all bonding requirements required under this act and the commission's rules during the operator's participation in the bonding pool.

(C) Be funded by contributions from each operator participating in the bonding pool in accordance with paragraph (v) of this subsection and provide that the commission may use funds available in accordance with paragraph (vi) of this subsection.

(v) The commission may impose an assessment on each participating operator on the fair cash market value, as provided in W.S. 39-14-203, of all oil and gas produced, sold or transported from the operator's wells in Wyoming that are covered under this subsection in accordance with this paragraph. Beginning on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, the assessment shall be zero (0) mills on the dollar. Beginning July 1, 2030, the commission may impose an

assessment under this paragraph in an amount not to exceed five-tenths of one (1) mill ($0.0005) on the dollar. All funds collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the separate account established under W.S. 30-5-116(b). For purposes of accounting and investing, funds collected under this paragraph shall be accounted for separately. Funds collected under this paragraph shall be expended only on the bonding pool established under paragraph (iii) or (iv) of this subsection;

(vi) If funds collected under paragraph (v) of this subsection are insufficient to satisfy the obligations of the bonding pool established under paragraph (iii) or (iv) of this subsection, the commission may expend any unexpended and unobligated funds available in the account established under W.S. 30-5-116(b);

(vii) Funds expended under this subsection shall only be expended on expenses associated with the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, reclamation requirements, the forfeiture of any applicable bond and any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds for operators participating in the bonding program under this subsection;

(viii) The commission may enter into agreements with the United States or any federal agency to provide for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds for any operator participating in the bonding pool established in this subsection whose wells are located on federal land, without the forfeiture of the operator's federal bond;

(ix) The commission may provide for the transfer of an operator's financial assurance provided under this section to another operator, if the transfer is necessary to ensure that the receiving operator may participate in the bonding options established under this section. No transfer shall occur until the commission has completed a bonding review of the operator to whom the financial assurance is transferred;

(x) The commission may establish a process by which an operator in good standing with the commission and that participates in the bonding pool established under this subsection may reduce requirements associated with the furnishing of a surety bond or other guaranty in accordance with this act. Nothing under this paragraph shall be construed to relieve an operator of the requirement to pay any assessment imposed under paragraph (v) of this subsection. Before the commission reduces bonding requirements under this paragraph, the commission shall complete a risk analysis to ensure that the reduction does not:

(A) Increase the risk that an operator will be unable to satisfy all plugging and repairing requirements for the operator's wells; and

(B) Impair the financial condition of the bonding pool established under this section or impair the ability to address the plugging and repairing of

dry or abandoned wells in accordance with this act or to address the forfeiture of any applicable bonds.

(xi) Not later than October 1, 2025 and each October 1 thereafter, the commission shall report to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the joint appropriations committee on the bonding program created under this subsection. The report shall include, at a minimum:

(A) The number of operators participating in the program, including any operators added to or removed from the program;

(B) The amount of funds collected under paragraph (v) of this subsection;

(C) The amount and source of funds expended for the program under this subsection;

(D) The number and type of bonds supported by the program established under this subsection and the total amount of all bonds supported by the program.

(b) The commission shall establish a financial assurance to be available in the event that an operator's surety bond or other guaranty and the bonding pool established under this section are insufficient to address any expenses for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements, for the forfeiture of any applicable bond and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds for operators participating under this section. In establishing the financial assurance, the commission:

(i) May expend any unexpended and unobligated funds available in the account established under W.S. 30-5-116(b) to provide the financial assurance, subject to paragraph (vi) of this subsection;

(ii) Shall ensure that the financial assurance, when combined with operator surety bonds or other guaranties and the bonding pool established under paragraph (a)(iii) or (iv) of this section, satisfies all bonding requirements for oil or gas operations;

(iii) May contract with any third party to provide for the financial assurance under this subsection. As part of any contract under this paragraph, the commission may expend any unexpended and unobligated funds available in the account established under W.S. 30-5-116(b), subject to paragraph (vi) of this subsection;

(iv) May contract with a company that is certified under the United States department of treasury, bureau of the fiscal service as an approved surety bond company to ensure that the financial assurance established under this subsection satisfies federal bonding requirements;

(v) May enter into any agreement with the United States or any federal agency to ensure that the financial assurance satisfies federal bonding

requirements;

(vi) Shall not expend any funds under this subsection unless the operator's surety bond or other guaranty and funds from any bonding pool established under paragraph (a)(iii) or (iv) of this section are insufficient to address all expenses for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements, for the forfeiture of any applicable bond and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds;

(vii) Shall, not later than ten (10) days after expending funds available under this subsection, report to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the joint appropriations committee on the expenditure.

(c) The commission may enter into agreements with the United States or any federal agency to provide for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds for any operator participating in the bonding options provided in this section that are located on federal land, without the forfeiture of the operator's federal bond. In executing any agreement entered into under this subsection, the commission may expend:

(i) The operator's surety bond or other guaranty;

(ii) If the operator's surety bond or other guaranty is insufficient, unexpended, unobligated funds from the bonding pool established under paragraph (a)(iii) or (iv) of this section.

(d) Unless specifically authorized in this section, nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate an operator's responsibility to:

(i) Furnish a surety bond or other guaranty in accordance with W.S. 30-5-104(d)(i)(D) and the rules of the commission;

(ii) Complete any plugging, repairing or reclamation of wells in accordance with this act and the rules of the commission.

Section 2. W.S. 30-5-116(b)(intro), 30-5-404(g) and 35-11-504(c)(iv) are amended to read:

30-5-116. Disposition of monies; permissible expenditures; payment of expenses; charge assessed on value of oil or gas produced.

(b) There is assessed on the fair cash market value as provided by W.S. 39-14-203, of all oil and gas produced, sold or transported from the premises in Wyoming a charge not to exceed eight-tenths of one (1) mill ($.0008) on the dollar. The commission shall by order fix the amount of the charge in the first instance and may reduce or increase the amount as the expenses chargeable may require. The amounts fixed by the commission shall not exceed the limit prescribed above. It is the duty of the commission to collect all assessments. All monies collected shall be remitted to the state treasurer for deposit in a

separate account and used exclusively to pay the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the administration and enforcement of W.S. 30-5-101 through 30-5-119 and to pay the expenses for the plugging of dry or abandoned wells, for reclamation requirements, for the forfeiture of any applicable bond and for any other requirements associated with the operator's applicable bonds for operators participating in the program established under W.S. 30-5-129. The persons owning a working interest, royalty interest, payments out of production, or any other interest in the oil and gas or in the proceeds thereof, subject to the charge in this subsection are liable for the charge in proportion to their ownership at the time of production. The charge so assessed is payable monthly. The sum due is payable to the commission, on or before the twenty-fifth of the second month following the month in which the charge accrued by the producer on behalf of himself and all other interested persons. If there is a sale of oil or gas within this state the charge is payable by the purchaser. Any charge not paid within the time specified bears interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month from the date of delinquency until paid. This charge together with the interest is a lien upon the oil or gas against which it is levied and assessed. The person paying the charge as provided is authorized and required to deduct from any amounts due the persons owning an interest in the oil and gas or in the proceeds at the time of production the proportionate amount of the charge before making the payment. Subsection (b) of this section shall apply to all lands in the state of Wyoming, notwithstanding the provisions of W.S. 30-5-118, however, there is exempted from the charge as levied and assessed the following:

30-5-404. Surety bond or guaranty; approval; objections; release of surety bond or guaranty.

(g) Any surety bond or guaranty executed under this section shall be in addition to the surety bond or guaranty required under W.S. 30-5-104(d)(i)(D) and 30-5-129 for reclamation and compliance with rules and orders of the commission.

35-11-504. Bonding for solid waste management facilities.

(c) Rules and regulations of the council promulgated to implement the bonding or financial assurance requirements of this section shall exempt any solid waste management facility:

(iv) Which is subject to bonding or financial assurance requirements under W.S. 30-5-104(d)(i)(D), 30-5-129 or 30 U.S.C. 226(g) as amended as of January 1, 1989; or

Section 3. The Wyoming oil and gas conservation commission shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 31

COAL SEVERANCE TAX RATE

Original House Bill No. 75

AN ACT relating to severance tax; decreasing the severance tax rate for surface coal; making conforming changes; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-14-104(a)(intro) and (iv) and 39-14-111(a) are amended to read:

39-14-104. Tax rate.

(a) The total severance tax rate for surface coal shall be ~~six and one-half percent (6.5%)~~ six percent (6%). This rate comprises one and one-half percent (1.5%) imposed by Wyoming constitution article 15, section 19, and ~~five percent (5%)~~ four and one-half percent (4.5%) imposed statutorily. The tax shall be distributed as provided in W.S. 3914111 and is imposed as follows:

(iv) ~~One and one-half percent (1.5%)~~ One percent (1%); plus

39-14-111. Distribution.

(a) As provided by W.S. 39-14-104(a), the total severance tax rate for surface coal shall be ~~six and one-half percent (6.5%)~~ six percent (6%). As provided by W.S. 39-14-104(b), the total severance tax rate for underground coal shall be three and three-quarters percent (3.75%). A one and one-half percent (1.5%) tax imposed by W.S. 39-14-104(a)(i) and a one and one-half percent (1.5%) tax imposed by W.S. 39-14-104(b)(i) shall be deposited into the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund. All other taxes imposed by W.S. 39-14-104(a) and (b) shall be deposited into the severance tax distribution account.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 32

WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR-EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Original House Bill No. 22

AN ACT relating to homeland security; amending a definition to include certified water and wastewater operators for purposes of emergency response; requiring local homeland security plans to coordinate with certified water and wastewater operators as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 19-13-108 and 35-9-152(a)(i) are amended to read:

19-13-108. Local programs; authorized; local homeland security plan; coordinators; appointment and removal.

Each political subdivision of this state shall establish a local homeland security program in accordance with the state homeland security plan and program. Each political subdivision through the homeland security program will cause to be prepared a local homeland security plan which will include actions essential to the recovery and restoration of the economy by supply and resupply of resources to meet urgent survival and military needs and to provide for the ongoing management of resources available to meet continuing survival and recovery needs. Each local homeland security plan shall require coordination with each certified water and wastewater operator necessary to provide emergency and public safety services for homeland security. Each local homeland security program shall have a coordinator appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the local jurisdiction. The coordinator has direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of the local homeland security program subject to the direction and control of the local jurisdiction under the general direction of the governor. The governor may remove any coordinator as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

35-9-152. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(i) "Emergency responders" means public, state or federal fire services, law enforcement, emergency medical services, public health, public works including certified water and wastewater operators, homeland security and other public response services or agencies that would be involved in direct actions to contain or control a hazardous material release, weapons of mass destruction incident or clandestine laboratory investigation. The term "emergency responders" does not include private on-site facilities with immediate emergency response capabilities unless formally requested to assist off the private facility site by the state or a political subdivision of the state;

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 33

STATE AUDITOR PAYMENT TRANSPARENCY

Original House Bill No. 166

AN ACT relating to the administration of the government; requiring that the state auditor provide the public with information on payments made to vendors as specified; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-1-403(a) by creating a new paragraph (ix) is amended to read:

9-1-403. State auditor; duties; prohibited acts; powers; investigative subpoenas.

(a) The state auditor shall:

(ix) Subject to state and federal law, make available for public inspection and download on the state auditor's official website information on all payments within the purview of the state auditor's office made to vendors. The information shall include, at a minimum, the date of each payment, the vendor's name, the state agency requiring items or services or from whose funds the payment is made, the total amount paid and a description of the payment. Payment information required under this paragraph shall be posted to the state auditor's official website not later than thirty (30) days after the payment is made by the state auditor. Information published on the official website under this paragraph shall be maintained on the website for not less than five (5) years.

Section 2. This act shall apply to all payments made by the state auditor on and after July 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 34

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS-ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

Original House Bill No. 214

AN ACT relating to cities, towns and counties; authorizing local governments to pay claims and demands through electronic payment means; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 15-1-125(b), 15-4-302(a), 18-3-511(a), 18-3-810 and 18-3-811 are amended to read:

15-1-125. Presentation and payment of claims; when warrant draws interest; exception.

(b) Upon the allowance of any claim or demand by the governing body, the treasurer shall ~~issue a check or warrant~~ make payment for the correct amount. The treasurer may make payment by issuing a check or warrant or by using an electronic payment method or fund transfer system. Any check or warrant shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the treasurer or any other person the governing body designates to countersign checks or warrants in the treasurer's absence. If there is not sufficient money in the treasury to pay the warrant, the treasurer shall endorse on the warrant the date and a statement that it has been presented for payment but has not been paid for want of funds. Thereafter, the warrant shall draw interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per year.

15-4-302. Finances; warrants; use for disbursements; exception; limitations; contents; procedure.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, all disbursements shall be made by check or warrant signed by the manager and countersigned by the mayor or by using an electronic payment method or fund transfer system. No check or warrant may be drawn in payment of a claim, and no electronic payment or fund transfer may be made, of more than fifty dollars ($50.00) until the claim is certified by the manager and allowed by resolution of the governing body. Each electronic payment or fund transfer, check or warrant shall specify its purpose and shall be made payable to the order of the person in whose favor it is drawn.

18-3-511. Presentation, auditing and payment of claims; issuance of tax-anticipation warrants; limitation and form of warrants; effect of acceptance.

(a) All claims and demands against a county shall be presented for audit and allowance to the board of county commissioners before any action in court is maintainable. All claims when allowed shall be paid in accordance with this subsection. Claims may be paid by using an electronic payment method or fund transfer system or by a county warrant or order drawn by the board on the county treasurer upon the proper funds in the treasury for the amount of the claims. ~~The~~ Any warrant or order shall be signed by the

permanent or temporary chairman of the board, attested by the county clerk under the seal of the county, and countersigned and registered by the county treasurer. The warrant or order shall specify the amount of the claim or service and be numbered and dated in the order in which it is issued. ~~Such~~ Electronic payments or fund transfers, warrants and orders are payable on demand and shall be drawn and issued upon the county treasurer only when there are sufficient monies in the appropriate fund in the treasury to ~~pay such warrants and orders~~ make the required payments.

18-3-810. Restrictions upon countersigning warrants.

No county treasurer shall countersign any blank county order or warrant or other order or warrant, or make any electronic payment or fund transfer, until ~~he~~ the treasurer is satisfied that the electronic payment, order or warrant was ordered drawn by the board of county commissioners.

18-3-811. Register of county orders and payments.

Each county treasurer shall keep in his office a book called the register of county orders wherein shall be entered on the date of the presentation thereof and without interval or blank line between any entry and the one preceding it every county order, warrant, electronic payment or other certificate or evidence of county indebtedness presented for payment whether or not it is then paid, the date and number of ~~such~~ each electronic payment, order or warrant, the amount payable, the name of the person to whom ~~such~~ the electronic payment, order or warrant is payable, and the name of the person presenting the same. Every register of county orders shall be available for inspection and examination by any person during usual business hours.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 35

ELECTRONIC LIEN AND TITLE SYSTEM

Original Senate File No. 25

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; creating an electronic lien and title system; requiring the department of transportation to implement and administer an electronic lien and title system; providing a definition; exempting mobile homes; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; requiring a report; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-113 is created to read:

31-2-113. Electronic lien and title system.

(a) As used in this section "electronic lien and title system" means a statewide electronic lien and title system implemented by the department to process through electronic means:

(i) Certificates of title for vehicles including new, transferred and corrected certificates of title;

(ii) Certificate of title data in which a lien is notated;

(iii) The notification, maintenance, perfection and release of security interests in vehicles; and

(iv) Payment of sales or use tax pursuant to W.S. 39-15-107(b) or 39-16-107(b).

(b) The department shall implement and administer an electronic lien and title system as provided in this section.

(c) The department may contract with one (1) or more vendors to develop, implement and provide ongoing administration of the electronic lien and title system required under subsection (b) of this section. The vendors may charge a transaction fee for each transaction provided through the electronic lien and title system to recover the vendor's costs associated with the development, implementation and ongoing administration of the electronic lien and title system. No vendor shall charge any fees under this subsection to the state or counties.

(d) Except for persons who are not normally engaged in the business or practice of financing vehicles, all dealers, lenders, lienholders, insurance companies and secured parties shall use the electronic lien and title system required under subsection (b) of this section. All counties shall use the electronic lien and title system required under subsection (b) of this section. Each person not normally engaged in the business or practice of financing vehicles including owners may use the electronic lien and title system or request a paper certificate of title at the office of a county clerk.

(e) This section shall not apply to certificates of title for mobile homes as defined in W.S. 31-2-501(a)(ii).

Section 2. W.S. 31-1-202(c) and (d), 31-2-101, 31-2-103(a)(intro), (v), (vi) and (d), 31-2-104(a), (h)(i) and (ii), 31-2-105(a), (b)(intro), (i)(D) and (c) through (f) and 31-2-107(a), (f) through (j) and (o) are amended to read:

31-1-202. Records.

(c) Within three (3) business days after issuance of a vehicle registration or certificate of title, county treasurers and county clerks shall forward a record thereof to the department. <u>County clerks shall forward a record of certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113.</u> County treasurers shall notify the department and sheriff of his county of loss or mutilation of license plates.

(d) The department shall maintain records of vehicle registrations from all counties indexed by distinctive vehicle numbers assigned by the department, the name of the registered owner and vehicle identification numbers. The department shall maintain a record of all vehicle certificates of title from all counties in the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113. Records are public and open to inspection by the public during reasonable office hours. The department shall maintain a vehicle identification number index of all vehicles for which certificates of title have been issued. Upon receipt of a notice of issuance of a certificate of title from any county clerk the department may destroy all records relating to former transfers of title to the vehicle and shall retain only the notice of issuance of the certificate of title in effect at any time. The department may annually compile and publish a list of all registered vehicles and supplements thereto which shall be furnished to Wyoming peace officers and the Wyoming office of homeland security without charge.

31-2-101. Required application; resident and nonresident applications.

(a) Except as provided by W.S. 31-2-102 and pursuant to W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxi)(A) through (G), any owner of a vehicle for which no Wyoming certificate of title has been issued to the owner or the transferee upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle for which a Wyoming certificate of title is required, shall apply for a certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of a county clerk, ~~or if available, electronically,~~ within the same time periods as required by W.S. 31-2-201(a)(ii) and (iii).

(b) Any owner, owner's agent or transferee upon transfer of ownership of any vehicle that has an identifying number pursuant to W.S. 31-1-101(a)(ix), including off-road recreational or multipurpose vehicles and, for the purpose of titling under this section, including snowmobiles and watercraft, shall apply for a certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of a county clerk.

(c) Any nonresident person registered as a business entity under the laws of another state in the United States and who operates a vehicle in this state for business or commercial purposes for which no Wyoming certificate of title has been issued may apply for a certificate of title for that vehicle electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of a county clerk.~~, or if available, electronically.~~

31-2-103. Contents of application; signature; vehicle identification number; issuance of certificate.

(a) Applications for paper certificates of title or electronic certificates of title~~, if available,~~ shall contain or be accompanied by:

(v) The current title containing an assignment and warranty of title, if applicable, and an affidavit by the seller, either on a separate form through the

electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 that provides remote authentication or contained on the current title, which shall contain a reference to the federal regulations stating that failure to complete or providing false information may result in fines and imprisonment and may include a department approved statement in substantially the following form: "I state that the odometer now reads .... miles (no tenths) and to the best of my knowledge that it reflects the actual mileage of the vehicle described herein unless one (1) of the following statements is checked: A. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the odometer reading reflects the amount of mileage is in excess of its mechanical limits; B. I hereby certify that the odometer reading is NOT the actual mileage. WARNING-ODOMETER DISCREPANCY", to be retained by the county clerk upon issuance of a new title. This paragraph shall not apply to vehicles not originally manufactured with an odometer;

(vi) In the case of a vehicle registered or titled in a state other than Wyoming, or any homemade vehicle, rebuilt vehicle, reconstructed vehicle, any vehicle assembled from a kit or any vehicle for which a bond is required, a current statement submitted to the office of the county clerk or through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113, made by a Wyoming law enforcement officer, or licensed Wyoming dealer only for vehicles in his inventory or possession, that the vehicle identification number on the vehicle has been inspected and that the inspection occurred in Wyoming and certifying the correct vehicle identification number displayed on the vehicle. Any licensed Wyoming dealer performing an inspection of a vehicle identification number under this section shall, in addition to the requirements of this act, do so pursuant to W.S. 31-11-108. In the case of a vehicle not in Wyoming, the vehicle identification number may be inspected and certified on a form approved by the department if the inspection is made by an authorized law enforcement officer of a city, county or state law enforcement agency or a commissioned officer at a federal military installation or any other person authorized to do so by law and delivered to the county clerk in the county where the application for certificate of title is made along with payment for the inspection fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(b)(iv);

(d) Upon receipt of an application and payment of fees any county clerk shall, if satisfied that the applicant is the owner of the vehicle for which application for certificate of title is made, issue a paper certificate of title if requested by the applicant or electronic certificate of title~~, if available,~~ upon a form or electronic format, approved by and provided at cost to the county clerk by the department in the name of the owner bearing the signature and seal of the county clerk's office. The county clerk shall not deliver a certificate of title issued under this section until presentation of a receipt for payment of sales or use tax pursuant to W.S. 39-15-107(b) or 39-16-107(b) or presentation of a county treasurer receipt noting a valid exemption from paying the sales or use tax. If a lien is filed with respect to the vehicle, the county clerk shall, within three (3) business

days, deliver a copy of the filed lien and a copy of the issued title to the financial institution, ~~and if available, such~~ The delivery may be made electronically. Each paper certificate of title ~~or~~ and electronic ~~version,~~ certificate of title shall bear a document control number with county designation and certificate of title number. The title shall be completely filled out giving a description of the vehicle including factory price in a manner prescribed by the department, indicate all encumbrances or liens on the vehicle and indicate the date of issue. Certificates of title shall contain forms for assignment of title or interest and warranty thereof by the owner with space for notation of liens and encumbrances at the time of transfer on the reverse side and contain space for the notarization of the seller's signature or an electronic signature in accordance with W.S. 40-21-101 through 40-21-119, for a sale or transfer of title. Certificates of title are valid for the vehicle so long as the vehicle is owned or held by the person in whose name the title was issued. A certificate of title is prima facie proof of ownership of the vehicle for which the certificate was issued.

31-2-104. Transfer of ownership.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the owner of a vehicle who sells or transfers his interest in a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued shall endorse an assignment and warranty of title upon the certificate for the vehicle with a statement of all liens and encumbrances thereon, which assignment, warranty and statement shall be signed and dated by the owner before a notarial officer and acknowledged thereby in the manner provided by law or signed electronically in accordance with W.S. 40-21-101 through 40-21-119, to be dated and delivered to the transferee at the time of delivering the vehicle. Delivery may be made electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the transferee shall present the certificate to a county clerk and apply for a new certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of a county clerk within the same time periods as required by W.S. 31-2-201(a)(ii).

(h) The requirement under subsection (a) of this section to deliver a certificate of title to a transferee at the time the vehicle is delivered does not apply to a transferor if:

(i) The certificate of title is being held by a bank or other financial institution on the date the vehicle is delivered. The transferor shall then deliver to the transferee a dealer's invoice or a signed bill of sale, in substantially the form specified in paragraph (ii) of this subsection, and the certificate of title shall be delivered either in person or electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 to the transferee within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale; or

(ii) The transferor is an auctioneer of vehicles and transfers the vehicle in the course of his business as an auctioneer of vehicles or through an auctioneer

of vehicles. The transferor or auctioneer shall then deliver the certificate of title either in person or electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 to the transferee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale and shall deliver to the transferee at the time the vehicle is delivered a signed bill of sale in substantially the following form:

VEHICLE BILL OF SALE

I, (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEROR OR AUCTIONEER), on (date), hereby sell and convey all (my interest the interest of (name of current owner)) in the following described vehicle: (COLOR, YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER) to (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEREE) in exchange for: (sales price). I hereby state that the certificate of title for the above described vehicle is held by (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEROR-VEHICLE AUCTIONEER, BANK OR OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION) and that within thirty (30) days, (PRINTED NAME OF TRANSFEREE) will be provided a properly executed title free of all liens for the vehicle unless otherwise specified in this bill of sale. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Wyoming that the contents of this document are true and correct.

DATE: _____

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(TRANSFEROR'S OR AUCTIONEER'S SIGNATURE)

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(TRANSFEROR'S OR AUCTIONEER'S ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND DRIVER'S LICENSE, IDENTIFICATION OR DEALER NUMBER)

31-2-105. Duplicate titles; affidavit of vehicle ownership.

(a) Upon loss of a paper certificate of title, the owner may apply to the county clerk issuing the original title for a duplicate paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title. For purposes of applying for a duplicate title, "owner" means any one (1) person listed as owner on the face of the title. The applicant shall file an affidavit describing the loss of a paper certificate of title with the county clerk. Upon payment of fees the county clerk shall issue a duplicate paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title corresponding to the original certificate and containing the following notation prominently displayed in capital letters on the face of the certificate: "THIS IS A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF A PERSON OR PERSONS UNDER THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE".

(b) If an applicant for a paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title required by this act is unable to provide the county clerk with a certificate of title that assigns the prior owner's interest, a notarized bill of sale or other evidence of ownership that satisfies the county clerk that the applicant owns the vehicle, a paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title may be issued only if:

(i) The applicant submits an affidavit of vehicle ownership on a form prescribed by the department that shall be signed and sworn before a person who is authorized to administer oaths and affirmations. The affidavit shall contain:

(D) A statement that the applicant is the true and lawful owner of the vehicle and has the right to have a paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title issued.

(c) If the vehicle for which the applicant is applying for a paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title has a value less than two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), a paper title or electronic title may be issued without a bond if the applicant presents an affidavit of vehicle ownership, a notarized bill of sale, a certified, written statement of the value from a properly licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer and a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection, or any other information the county clerk may require for proof of ownership, at the time of application.

(d) Any bond required by this section shall be executed by a surety duly authorized to carry on business in Wyoming or by individual sureties qualified as provided by W.S. 1-1-104 and 1-1-105. The amount of any bond required under this section shall not be less than double the value of the vehicle determined at the time of the application. If the value of the vehicle cannot be determined from any prior registration or title, the applicant shall provide the county clerk the value of the vehicle. The value of the vehicle shall be determined by the applicant or the surety from any current national appraisal guide, current or past registration if the value is present on any registration for the vehicle, or the value may be on certified written statement obtained from a properly licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer. The bond shall be conditioned to indemnify a prior owner, lienholder, subsequent purchaser, secured creditor or encumbrancer of the vehicle and any respective successors in interest against expenses, losses or damages, including reasonable attorney fees, caused by the issuance of the paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title or by a defect in or undisclosed security interest upon the right, title and interest of the applicant in the vehicle.

(e) If any person suffers a loss or damage by reason of the filing or issuance of the paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title as provided in this section, such person shall have a right of action to seek relief directly against the applicant and the surety on the applicant's bond against either of whom the

person damaged may proceed independently of the other, but the aggregate liability of the surety to any or all persons seeking relief shall not exceed the total amount of the bond.

(f) If an applicant is applying for a paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title to a vehicle which he will restore for his own personal use, a paper title or electronic title may be issued without a bond required by this section if the applicant presents an affidavit of vehicle ownership, a notarized bill of sale, a certified written statement of the value of the vehicle and a vehicle identification number (VIN) inspection, at the time of application. If the value of the vehicle cannot be determined from any prior registration or title, the applicant shall provide the county clerk the value of the vehicle. The value of the vehicle shall be determined from any current national appraisal guide, or the applicant may elect to submit a certified written statement obtained from a properly licensed Wyoming vehicle dealer stating the appraised value of the vehicle. Any paper certificate of title or electronic certificate of title issued under this subsection shall state on its face that it is nontransferable for one hundred eighty (180) days from the date title issued. Notwithstanding the other requirements of this subsection, a vehicle shall only be eligible to be titled under this subsection if, on the date the applicant purchased the vehicle it was not operational and could not have been rendered operational without substantial repairs to one (1) or more of the vehicle's mechanical systems. The department shall define the term "substantial repairs" by rule and regulation.

31-2-107. Titles for damaged vehicles; return of certificate of title and registration for damaged vehicle; replacement title and registration.

(a) When a motor vehicle is declared a total loss by the insurance company or, in the event an insurance company is not involved in the settlement of the claim, sustains damage in an amount exceeding seventy-five percent (75%) of its actual retail cash value, as set forth in any current edition of a nationally recognized automotive appraisal guide or other source approved by the Wyoming insurance department, the owner or insurance company, if it obtains ownership of the vehicle through transfer of title as a result of a settlement of an insurance claim, shall forward the properly endorsed certificate of title, either to the office of the county clerk or electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113, to the office of the county clerk that issued the certificate of title together with an electronic application, submitted through the electronic lien and title system, for a certificate of title branded salvage and payment of the fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vii) to obtain a properly branded certificate of title. The owner or insurance company may request a paper certificate of title branded salvage from the office of the county clerk. For purposes of this section, a certificate of title endorsed by an electronic signature shall constitute a properly endorsed certificate of title, which need not be notarized. When any vehicle accident report is required under chapter 5, article 11 of this title, the investigating officer shall provide

written notice to the owner or operator of the vehicle of the requirements under this section.

(f) If the owner of a motor vehicle retains the vehicle upon a settlement with an insurance company, and the vehicle has incurred damage requiring the vehicle to be issued a certificate of title branded "nonrepairable" or "salvage", the owner shall apply for the certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of the county clerk in his own name with the applicable brand displayed on the certificate of title before the vehicle is commercially repaired or ownership of the vehicle is transferred.

(g) If an insurance company is not involved in a damage settlement involving a salvage vehicle, the motor vehicle owner shall apply for a certificate of title branded "salvage", electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of the county clerk before the vehicle is commercially repaired or ownership of the vehicle is transferred.

(h) If a leased motor vehicle incurs damage requiring the vehicle to be issued a certificate of title branded "salvage", the lessor shall apply for a properly branded certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of the county clerk after being notified by the lessee that the vehicle has been damaged. The lessee of the vehicle shall inform the lessor that the leased vehicle has been damaged within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of the damage.

(j) Any person acquiring ownership of a damaged motor vehicle that meets the definition of a salvage vehicle for which a certificate of title branded "salvage" has not been issued shall apply for a certificate of title electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 or at the office of a county clerk before the vehicle is further transferred.

(o) If an insurance company is unable to obtain a properly endorsed certificate of title within thirty (30) days of payment of damages in a claim settlement involving transfer of a salvage vehicle to the insurance company, the insurance company, an occupational licensee of the department authorized by the insurance company or a salvage pool authorized by the insurance company may request the county clerk issue a certificate of title branded salvage for the vehicle. The request shall be submitted ~~on~~ electronically through the electronic lien and title system established under W.S. 31-2-113 in a ~~form~~ format provided by the office of the county clerk and signed electronically with an electronic signature in accordance with W.S. 40-21-101 through 40-21-119 under penalty of perjury. The request shall include and document evidence that the insurance company has paid a claim on the vehicle and has made at least two (2) written attempts to obtain the properly endorsed certificate of title at the last known address of the owner of the vehicle. The request shall also include a disclosure of any and all security interests, liens or encumbrances that are known to the

insurance company and that are outstanding against the vehicle.

Section 3.

(a) The department of transportation shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act. The department of transportation may contract with one (1) or more vendors to develop and implement the electronic lien and title system as authorized under section 1 of this act.

(b) Upon promulgating a fee schedule for the electronic lien and title system or not later than November 1, 2026, whichever is earlier, the department of transportation shall report to the joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim committee on the fee schedule that will be used to implement the electronic lien and title system.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2027.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 36

STATE LAND LEASE PREFERENCE AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 61

AN ACT relating to state land leasing; authorizing a person who is not currently in violation of the terms of their state land lease to have a preferred right to renew their lease; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 36-5-105(c)(intro) is amended to read:

36-5-105. Criteria for leasing; preferences; assignments, subleases or contracts; lands taken for war purposes; mineral lands excepted; agricultural lands.

(c) An applicant who is the holder of an expiring lease, and has paid the rental when due, and ~~has~~ is not ~~violated~~ currently in violation of the provisions of the lease, and is qualified under the provisions of W.S. 36-5-101, shall have a preferred right to renew such lease by meeting the highest bid offered by another qualified applicant whose bid is not less than the minimum fair market value as determined by the board for the same or a similar use of land using the formula developed pursuant to W.S. 36-5-101(b) and not more

than one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the maximum fair market value as determined by the board based on the previous year's values for the state, district or county, whichever is most localized and available, as determined by the national agricultural statistics service utilizing:

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 37

RESORT HOTEL LIQUOR LICENSES

Original Senate File No. 42

AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages; authorizing resort hotel liquor licenses; specifying requirements for the resort hotel liquor license and licensees; making conforming amendments; providing and amending definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 12-4-416 is created to read:

12-4-416. Resort hotel liquor licenses; authorized; requirements.

(a) The appropriate licensing authority in a county, city or town may issue resort hotel liquor licenses to applicants who are owners or lessees of a resort hotel that satisfies all requirements specified in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) To qualify for a resort hotel liquor license under this section, the appropriate licensing authority shall require the resort hotel to:

(i) Have an actual valuation of, or the applicant shall commit to expend or have actually expended on the resort hotel, not less than five million dollars ($5,000,000.00). Any valuation under this paragraph shall include the value of the land on which the resort hotel is located;

(ii) Include a full-service restaurant that shall be open during regular business hours. At the discretion of the appropriate licensing authority, variances to this time requirement may be granted on a seasonal basis. As used in this paragraph, "full-service restaurant" means a restaurant where waiters deliver food and drink offered from a printed food menu to patrons at tables or booths and that has a dining room or rooms, kitchen and the number and kind of employees necessary for the preparing, cooking and serving of meals;

(iii) Include within the resort hotel not less than twenty (20) sleeping rooms for short-term occupancy;

(iv) Provide dining services to guest rooms for not less than twelve (12) hours each day; and

(v) Provide facilities for business meetings that can accommodate not less than fifty (50) participants.

Section 2. W.S. 12-1-101(a)(viii)(intro), (T) and by creating a new subparagraph (W), 12-4-103(a)(iii), 12-4-403 through 12-4-405, 12-4-414(b)(iv), 12-4-415(b)(iv) and 12-5-201(f) are amended to read:

12-1-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this title:

(viii) "Licensee" means a person holding ~~a~~ any one (1) or more of the following:

(T) Special malt beverage permit issued under W.S. 12-4-504~~; or~~

(W) Resort hotel liquor license.

12-4-103. Restrictions upon license or permit applicants and holders; license limitation per person.

(a) A license or permit authorized by this title shall not be held by, issued or transferred to:

(iii) Any person who does not own the building or hold a written lease for the period for which the license will be effective containing an agreement by the lessor that alcoholic or malt beverages may be sold upon the leased premises, except as provided by paragraph (iv) of this subsection. This paragraph shall not be interpreted to prevent the use of a resort liquor license or a resort hotel liquor license by a contractor or subcontractor as permitted by W.S. 12-4-403(b);

12-4-403. Population formula not applicable; contracting for services.

(a) The provisions authorizing resort liquor licenses and resort hotel liquor licenses shall have no application to the population formula limiting retail liquor licenses as provided by W.S. 12-4-201.

(b) A resort liquor licensee or a resort hotel liquor licensee may contract or subcontract for the provision of food and beverage services on the licensed premises. However, the ~~resort liquor~~ licensee shall remain subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and penalties including the provisions of W.S. 12-2-306 and 12-7-103.

12-4-404. Sale of beverages for off-premises consumption prohibited.

Resort liquor licensees and resort hotel liquor licensees shall not sell alcoholic or malt beverages for consumption off the premises owned or leased by the licensee, except pursuant to a catering permit. The dispensing of alcoholic or malt beverages licensed to be sold hereunder shall be controlled by W.S. 12-5-201 and, if a catering permit has been issued, by W.S. 12-4-502(b).

12-4-405. Annual fee.

The annual fee for a resort liquor license and a resort hotel liquor license shall be not less than five hundred dollars ($500.00) nor more than three thousand dollars ($3,000.00).

12-4-414. Winery permits; authorized; conditions; satellite winery permits; direct shipment of wine; fees; off-premises permits.

(b) The local licensing authority:

(iv) Shall assess a fee of not less than three hundred dollars ($300.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) payable annually in advance for each winery permit. When dual ownership of a winery permit and a liquor license exists, no additional fee shall be assessed other than the retail, restaurant, bar and grill, resort hotel or resort license fee.

12-4-415. Microbrewery permits; authorized; conditions; fees.

(b) The local licensing authority:

(iv) Shall assess a fee of not less than three hundred dollars ($300.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) payable annually in advance for each microbrewery permit. When dual ownership of a microbrewery permit and a liquor license exists, no additional fee shall be assessed other than the retail, restaurant, bar and grill, resort hotel or resort license fee.

12-5-201. Location, regulation and restrictions as to place of sale; inspections.

(f) A holder of a resort hotel liquor license, a resort retail liquor license, a golf club that holds a retail liquor license, a restaurant liquor license or a club limited retail liquor license or a holder of a retail liquor license or restaurant liquor license operating on a guest ranch may dispense alcoholic beverages from any location within the boundaries of the licensee's premises. Any holder of a resort hotel liquor license may sell an unopened bottle of liquor or wine to a registered guest not less than twenty-one (21) years of age for consumption on the holder's premises. The premises shall be a single property within a contiguous boundary upon which the licensee is located and which shall be identified in the license. Any location on the premises where alcoholic beverages are dispensed as approved by the licensing authority shall comply with applicable sanitation and fire hazard requirements and other applicable laws. The licensing authority shall, as often as necessary, inspect the licensed location where alcoholic beverages are dispensed to ensure that the licensee is in compliance with sanitation and fire hazard requirements.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 38

SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION AND USER FEES

Original House Bill No. 4

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; increasing annual registration fees for resident snowmobiles; increasing nonresident annual snowmobile user fees; creating a permanent registration for antique snowmobiles; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-410 is created to read:

31-2-410. Antique snowmobiles.

(a) Antique snowmobiles may be registered pursuant to this section.

(b) The owner of an antique snowmobile may register the snowmobile by submitting an application to the department indicating that the snowmobile is operated for the purposes of organized antique snowmobile activities, parades, exhibitions, tours and other related activities and may be used for general snowmobile uses.

(c) Upon receipt of the registration fee pursuant to W.S. 31-2-404(a)(iii), the selling agent shall issue to the owner for each antique snowmobile a certificate of registration, setting forth the facts in the application, together with a numbered decal which shall bear a distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile, which decal shall at all times be prominently displayed on the snowmobile. The registration expires upon transfer of ownership of the antique snowmobile.

Section 2. W.S. 31-2-401(a)(ii), 31-2-402(b), 31-2-404(a), 31-2-405(a), 31-2-409(a)(intro), (ii) and by creating a new paragraph (iii), 36-4-123(a)(intro) and 39-17-111(c)(ii) are amended to read:

31-2-401. Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this act:

(ii) "Snowmobile" means any mechanically driven vehicle of a type which utilizes sled type runners, or skis, or any endless belt tread or combination of these, designed primarily for operation over snow.; The term includes the following vehicle as hereafter defined:

(A) "Antique" means any snowmobile that is at least twenty (20) years old and is operated for the purposes stated in W.S. 31-2-410(b).

31-2-402. Registration selling agents; application for registration.

(b) The department of state parks and cultural resources through the division of state parks and historic sites shall in accordance with W.S. 36-4-123, appoint selling agents to sell snowmobile registrations and user fees. Each selling agent

shall retain one dollar ($1.00) for each nonresident user fee sold under W.S. 31-2-409(a)(ii) or (iii) and for each resident snowmobile registration sold under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(i) or (iii). Designated department employees may sell snowmobile registrations and user fees, but no employee shall receive any commission on registrations or user fees collected.

31-2-404. Amount of fee; ad valorem tax exemption; disposition of fees; duties of department of state parks and cultural resources.

(a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-408, the ~~annual~~ registration fee for a resident snowmobile is:

(i) For a snowmobile intended for private use ~~$35.00~~ $50.00 annually;

(ii) For a commercial snowmobile ~~$105.00~~ $150.00 annually;

(iii) For an antique snowmobile $25.00 paid at the time of registration.

31-2-405. Payment of fees; issuance of certificate and decal.

(a) Except as provided in W.S. 31-2-410, resident snowmobile registration fees shall be paid before the expiration of thirty (30) days after acquiring ownership of a snowmobile which will be operated within the state of Wyoming. Upon receipt of the registration fee the selling agent shall issue to the owner for each snowmobile a certificate of registration, setting forth the facts in the application, together with a numbered decal which shall bear a distinctive number assigned to the snowmobile and the date of expiration, which decal shall at all times be prominently displayed on the snowmobile.

31-2-409. Snowmobile user fee; amount of fee; disposition of fees; account created; duties of department of state parks and cultural resources; duration of decal; exemptions.

(a) There shall be collected by selling agents ~~an annual~~ a nonresident snowmobile user fee for nonresident snowmobiles operated in Wyoming as follows:

(ii) For any nonresident snowmobile not exempt under subsection (f) of this section ~~$35.00~~ $75.00 annually;

(iii) For an antique snowmobile $25.00 paid at the time of registration.

36-4-123. Selling agents for registrations, licenses and permits.

(a) The department of state parks and cultural resources through the division of parks and historic sites shall appoint selling agents to sell snowmobile registrations pursuant to W.S. 31-2-402 and 31-2-410, permits under W.S. 36-4-121 and other licenses, registrations and permits for which the department may by law be required to issue and collect fees. Selling agents appointed under this section shall be bonded by the department, subject to the following

39-17-111. Distribution.

(c) The department shall credit to appropriate accounts based upon deductions from the taxes collected under this article in the following order:

(ii) Deduct an amount collected on fuel used in snowmobiles, computed by multiplying the number of snowmobiles for which registration and user fees have been paid during the current fiscal year under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(i) and (iii) and 31-2-409(a)(ii) and (iii) times twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents ($28.75) plus the number of gallons of gasoline used by snowmobiles for which registration fees have been paid during the current fiscal year under W.S. 31-2-404(a)(ii) times the current gasoline tax rate as defined by W.S. 39-17-104(a)(i). The number of gallons used by commercial snowmobiles shall be reported to the department by all businesses offering commercial snowmobile recreational leasing. The amounts computed shall be credited to a separate account to be expended by the department of state parks and cultural resources to improve snowmobile trails in Wyoming;

Section 3. The department of state parks and cultural resources shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act not later than July 1, 2025.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 39

PROVIDER ENROLLMENT-STANDARDS

Original House Bill No. 82

AN ACT relating to the insurance code; requiring health insurance carriers to follow specified guidelines regarding health care provider credentialing; specifying that health carriers shall not be required to violate or fail to meet requirements of a nationally recognized accrediting entity; providing definitions; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 26-56-101 and 26-56-102 are created to read:

CHAPTER 56
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING

26-56-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Applicant" means a health care provider who submits an application to a health carrier to become credentialed as a participating health care provider in one (1) or more of the health carrier's provider networks;

(ii) "Application" means an applicant's most recent application to become credentialed by a health carrier as a participating health care provider in one (1) or more of the health carrier's provider networks;

(iii) "Completed credentialing application" means a credentialing application that is free of defects and contains all of the information that, when later supplemented by verification and documentation gathered by the health carrier during the primary source verification process, is necessary for the health carrier to make a credentialing decision;

(iv) "Credentialing" means the process by which a health carrier or its designee collects information concerning an applicant, assesses whether the applicant satisfies the requirements to become a participating health care provider in one (1) or more of the health carrier's provider networks, verifies all information submitted by the applicant and approves or denies the applicant's application;

(v) "Health carrier" means as defined by W.S. 26-13-303(a)(iii) and shall not mean pharmacy benefit managers as defined by W.S. 26-52-102(a)(vii).

26-56-102. Health care provider credentialing; requirements.

(a) Within seven (7) calendar days after a health carrier receives an application for credentialing, the health carrier shall provide the applicant notice of receipt of the application in written or electronic form and contact information for the person reviewing the application. After receiving an application, a health carrier shall determine whether the application is complete. If the health carrier determines that the application is incomplete, the health carrier shall notify the applicant in writing or by electronic means that the application is incomplete within thirty (30) calendar days after the date the health carrier received the application. The notice shall describe the items that are required to complete the application. The health care provider shall submit a completed credentialing application within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving the notice. Failure of the health care provider to submit a completed credentialing application within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice shall restart the timelines in this subsection.

(b) A health carrier shall conclude the process of credentialing an applicant within sixty (60) calendar days after the health carrier receives the applicant's application. The sixty (60) calendar day period shall pause if a health care provider receives notification that their application is incomplete and shall resume after the health carrier verifies that the health care provider has resubmitted a completed credentialing application. A health carrier shall

provide each applicant written or electronic notice of the outcome of the applicant's credentialing at the conclusion of the credentialing process.

(c) If an applicant becomes credentialed as a participating health care provider in a health carrier's network and a fully executed contract between the health care provider and the health carrier is in effect prior to covered services being provided, the health carrier shall reimburse the applicant for all covered reimbursable health care services provided by the applicant beginning with the date the health carrier received a completed credentialing application from the applicant, unless otherwise preempted by federal law.

(d) A health carrier shall not be required to approve any application for credentialing, except as provided by W.S. 26-22-503.

Section 2. The department of insurance shall promulgate rules providing for a uniform credentialing application that shall be used by applicants and health carriers. Dental and vision insurance are exempt from using the uniform application.

Section 3. Nothing in this act shall require a health carrier to violate or fail to meet a standard or requirement of a nationally recognized accrediting entity.

Section 4. This act shall apply to applications for credentialing submitted to health carriers on or after July 1, 2025.

Section 5.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 5 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 40

HANDICAP PLACARDS-HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS' APPROVAL

Original Senate File No. 23

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; expanding the types of health care providers who have the authority to submit a letter on behalf of a patient applying for a handicap placard; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-213(c), (d)(ii)(intro) and (g)(ii)(B) is amended to read:

31-2-213. Department to supply registration certificates, plates and stickers; removable windshield placards.

(c) The department shall issue a special tamper resistant removable windshield placard to an applicant submitting a letter from his physician, ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, physical therapist, occupational therapist, podiatrist or optometrist stating the applicant has a disability that is expected to last a minimum of twelve (12) months which limits or impairs the ability to walk, or to any person responsible for the regular transportation of eligible persons with a disability that is expected to last a minimum of twelve (12) months which limits or impairs the ability to walk who submits such a letter on behalf of an eligible person. The placard shall display the international symbol of access. When a vehicle is parked in an area reserved for the handicapped, the placard shall be suspended from the rearview mirror inside the vehicle, so as to be in plain view of any person looking through the front windshield of the vehicle from the sidewalk or roadside. For motor vehicles which do not have rearview mirrors, the placard shall be displayed on the dashboard of the parked vehicle, on the side nearest the curb or roadside. Upon request, one (1) additional placard shall be issued to applicants who have not been issued special license plates.

(d) As used in this section:

(ii) "Eligible person" means a person with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk as determined by a licensed physician, ~~or~~ advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, physical therapist, occupational therapist, podiatrist or optometrist, including:

(g) The department shall issue a temporary removable windshield placard under the same procedures and subject to the same conditions as provided in subsections (c) through (e) of this section except:

(ii) The temporary placard shall:

(B) Expire on and bear an expiration date which shall be visible from outside the vehicle when the card is properly displayed under subsection (c) of this section and be based on the information in the ~~physician's~~ letter required by subsection (c) of this section.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Chapter 41

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY-REMOVAL OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANT

Original Senate File No. 6

AN ACT relating to civil procedure; authorizing property owners to request law enforcement assistance for the removal of unauthorized occupants as specified; specifying requirements for the law enforcement

assistance; specifying liability; providing civil remedies; prohibiting unlawful use of false property documents; amending the offense of property destruction and defacement by creating an additional felony offense; providing definitions; specifying penalties; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-21-1401 through 1-21-1403 and 6-5-309 are created to read:

ARTICLE 14
REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS

1-21-1401. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child or parent;

(ii) "Law enforcement" means the sheriff, the sheriff's deputies or peace officers of a city or town;

(iii) "Owner" means the owner of a residential dwelling;

(iv) "Residential dwelling" means a dwelling or property, real or otherwise, that serves as a place of residence or other facilities held out for the occupancy of a person. "Residential dwelling" includes real property where a dwelling or other residential facility is located;

(v) "Unauthorized person" means a person who is not authorized to maintain presence or residency in a residential dwelling.

1-21-1402. Limited alternative remedy for removal of unauthorized persons from residential property.

(a) An owner or the owner's authorized agent may request from law enforcement in the county where the property is located the immediate removal of any person unlawfully occupying or possessing the owner's residential dwelling if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The person requesting the removal is the residential dwelling owner or the owner's authorized agent;

(ii) The unauthorized person for whom removal has been requested has unlawfully entered and remains or continues to reside in the owner's residential dwelling;

(iii) There is no known pending litigation related to the residential dwelling between the owner and any known unauthorized person;

(iv) The unauthorized person is not a current or former tenant pursuant to a written or oral rental or lease agreement authorized by the owner, the owner's predecessor or the owner's authorized agent;

(v) The unauthorized person is not an immediate family member of the owner or in a cohabitating relationship with the owner.

(b) To request the immediate removal of an unauthorized person who is occupying a residential dwelling, the owner or the owner's authorized agent shall submit to law enforcement of the county where the residential dwelling is located a complaint for the removal of the unauthorized person. The complaint shall include, at a minimum, that:

(i) The person is the owner or the owner's authorized agent for the residential dwelling;

(ii) An unauthorized person has unlawfully entered and is remaining or residing unlawfully in the residential dwelling;

(iii) The unauthorized person sought to be removed is not an owner or co-owner of the residential dwelling and has not been listed on title to the property unless the person has engaged in title fraud;

(iv) There is no known litigation related to the property that is pending between the owner and any person sought to be removed;

(v) The unauthorized person is not a current or former tenant pursuant to a written or oral rental or lease agreement authorized by the owner, the owner's predecessor or the owner's authorized agent;

(vi) The unauthorized person is not an immediate family member of the owner or in a cohabitating relationship with the owner;

(vii) The owner acknowledges that an unauthorized person removed from the property or dwelling under this section may bring a cause of action against the owner for any false statements made in the complaint, or for wrongfully using this procedure, and that as a result of this action, the owner may be held liable for actual damages, penalties, costs and reasonable attorney fees;

(viii) The owner is requesting law enforcement to immediately remove the unauthorized person from the residential dwelling;

(ix) A copy of the owner's valid government-issued identification or a copy of documents authorizing the owner's authorized agent to act on the owner's behalf is included;

(x) The information contained in the complaint is true and correct and that the complaint is submitted under penalty of perjury.

(c) Upon receipt of a complaint under this section, law enforcement shall verify that the person who submitted the complaint is the record owner of the residential dwelling or the authorized agent of the owner and that the person is entitled to relief under this section. If law enforcement is unable to verify that the person who submitted the complaint is the record owner of the residential dwelling and is entitled to relief under this section, law enforcement shall have no obligation to provide notice and vacate the residential dwelling as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

(d) Upon verification under subsection (c) of this section, law enforcement shall, without delay, provide notice to immediately vacate to all unauthorized persons occupying the residential dwelling and shall put the owner in possession of the residential dwelling. Notice may be accomplished by hand delivery of the notice to the unauthorized occupant or by posting the notice on the front door or entrance of the residential dwelling. Law enforcement shall also attempt to verify the identities of all persons occupying the residential dwelling and shall document the identities. If appropriate, law enforcement may arrest any person found in the residential dwelling for trespass, outstanding warrants or any other legal cause.

1-21-1403. Vacation of unauthorized persons; cause of action for wrongful removal.

(a) After law enforcement provides notice to immediately vacate, the owner or the owner's authorized agent may request that law enforcement stand by to keep the peace while the owner or agent changes the locks and removes the personal property of the unauthorized person from the premises to or near the property line.

(b) Law enforcement shall not be liable to the unauthorized person or any other party for the loss, destruction or damage of property removed under this section. The owner or the owner's authorized agent shall not be liable to an unauthorized person or any other party for the loss, destruction or damage to any removed personal property unless the removal was wrongful or unless the personal property is wantonly destroyed or damaged.

(c) A person may bring a civil cause of action against an owner or the owner's authorized agent for wrongful removal. A person harmed by a wrongful removal under this article may be restored to possession of the residential dwelling and may recover:

(i) Actual costs and damages incurred;

(ii) Statutory damages equal to triple the fair market value of renting the residential dwelling during the period of wrongful removal;

(iii) Court costs;

(iv) Reasonable attorney fees.

(d) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit:

(i) The rights of an owner;

(ii) The authority of any peace officer to arrest an unauthorized person for trespassing, vandalism, theft or any other criminal offense;

(iii) Remedies available under title 1, chapter 21 of the Wyoming statute or any other provision of law.

6-5-309. Unlawful advertising or providing false documents for fraudulently conveying or leasing real property; penalties.

(a) Any person who, with the intent to detain or remain on real property or in a residential dwelling, knowingly presents to another person a false document purporting to be a valid lease agreement, deed or other instrument conveying real property rights shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both.

(b) Any person who lists or advertises residential real property for sale knowing that the purported seller has no legal title or authority to sell the property, or who rents or leases the property to another person knowing that he has no lawful ownership or leasehold interest in the property, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), or both.

Section 2. W.S. 6-3-201(b)(i) and by creating a new paragraph (iv) is amended to read:

6-3-201. Property destruction and defacement; grading; penalties; aggregated costs or values.

(b) Property destruction and defacement is:

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (iv) of this subsection, a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both, if the cost of restoring injured property or the value of the property if destroyed is less than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00);

(iv) A felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years, a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), or both, if the person unlawfully detains or occupies a residential dwelling as defined by W.S. 1-21-1401(a)(iv) and who knowingly defaces, injures or destroys property in or on the residential dwelling, regardless of the cost of restoring the injured property or the value of the property if destroyed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Became law without signature February 24, 2025.

Chapter 42

WYOMING GOLD ACT

Original Senate File No. 96

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Legal Tender Act; requiring the state treasurer to hold and invest specie and specie legal tender; authorizing the state treasurer to hire consultants; requiring a study and report; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-4-1306 is created to read:

9-4-1306. State treasurer duties; consultants; rulemaking authority.

(a) The state treasurer shall implement this article by:

(i) Holding not less than ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00) in specie and specie legal tender in the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund for the purpose of diversifying the state's investment portfolio, preserving capital and insuring against inflation, debt defaults and other risks;

(ii) If market conditions warrant, investing in precious metal leases or bonds payable in precious metals.

(b) The state treasurer may contract for services with established precious metals firms and other industry experts to assist with the duties of the treasurer under this section. The state treasurer shall require financial disclosures along with any other requirements specified by the state treasurer before engaging in any contract under this subsection.

Section 2.

(a) The department of revenue shall conduct a study that reviews methods for the state to begin accepting gold and silver as a payment medium.

(b) The department of revenue shall submit the results of the study required under subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations for legislation resulting from the study to the joint revenue interim committee and the select committee on capital financing and investments not later than October 1, 2025.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(b) Section 1 of this act is effective January 1, 2026.

Became law without signature February 24, 2025.

Chapter 43

WYOMING PRIME ACT

Original Senate File No. 120

AN ACT relating to marketing homemade foods; providing for the sale of producer-raised, homemade meat products as specified; providing a delayed effective date pending certification by the governor based on federal action; providing definitions; authorizing rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-49-102(a) by creating a new paragraph (xiii) and by renumbering (xiii) as (xiv) and 11-49-103(c)(v) by creating a new subparagraph (G) and by creating new subsections (n) and (o) are amended to read:

11-49-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xiii) "Custom slaughter facility" means a slaughter facility that does not have a state or federal inspector on duty and where any meat produced from the facility is not considered to be state or federally inspected meat products;

~~(xiii)~~(xiv) "This act" means W.S. 11-49-101 through 11-49-104.

11-49-103. Wyoming Food Freedom Act; purpose; exemptions; assumption of risk.

(c) Transactions under this act shall:

(v) Not involve the sale of meat products, with the following exceptions:

(G) The sale of meat products under subsection (n) of this section, subject to subsection (o) of this section.

(n) Except as prohibited by federal law and subject to subsection (o) of this section, a producer may sell meat products from cattle, sheep, swine or goats raised by the producer that were slaughtered on the premises of the producer or at a custom slaughter facility, if all of the following conditions are met:

(i) The meat products are produced from animals that are raised, slaughtered, processed and sold in Wyoming;

(ii) The meat products are sold directly to an informed end consumer in Wyoming, whether for consumption on or off the premises of the producer;

(iii) A prominent written warning statement is delivered to the informed end consumer at the time of sale, or the warning is displayed on a label affixed to the meat product packaging. The warning required by this paragraph shall state:

(A) The meat product has not been inspected and is not regulated;

(B) An informed end consumer who obtains meat products under this act agrees not to sell, donate or commercially redistribute the meat;

(C) Information describing the standards used by the producer with respect to animal health and in the processing of meat from the animal.

(iv) The producer shall not publish any statement associated with the meat that implies or states the Wyoming department of agriculture's approval or endorsement of meat delivered under this subsection.

(o) Subsection (n) of this section shall be effective on the date that the

governor, on advice of the attorney general, certifies to the secretary of state that the sale of meat products from cattle, sheep, swine or goats raised by the producer that were slaughtered on the premises of the producer or at a custom slaughter facility is legalized under federal law. Legalization under federal law shall constitute either the passage of a federal law that allows direct-to-consumer sales of uninspected meat products or the issuance of a final decision by a federal court with jurisdiction over this state that declares that the federal prohibition on direct-to-consumer sales is unconstitutional or otherwise invalid. Sales of meat products under subsection (n) of this section shall be allowed upon the governor's certification to the secretary of state that sales of uninspected meat products have been legalized under federal law.

Section 2.

(a) Upon certification by the governor that W.S. 11-49-103(n), as created by section 1 of this act, is effective:

(i) The department of agriculture may promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act;

(ii) Producers may sell meat products immediately upon certification in accordance with W.S. 11-49-103(n) and (o), as created by section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Became law without signature February 24, 2025.

Chapter 44

MISSING PERSONS-REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Original Senate File No. 114

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; requiring the acceptance of reports of missing persons by law enforcement as specified; providing exceptions; specifying duties for law enforcement agencies and peace officers related to missing persons; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-2-109 is created to read:

7-2-109. Reporting of missing persons; report acceptance; duties and responsibilities.

(a) Each Wyoming law enforcement agency shall accept, without delay, any credible report of a missing person made to the law enforcement agency, unless at least one (1) of the following occurs:

(i) The law enforcement agency knows the location of the person reported missing;

(ii) The law enforcement agency confirms the safe status of the person reported missing;

(iii) The person reported missing is not a resident of Wyoming, and the most recent verifiable location of the person reported missing was not in Wyoming;

(iv) The law enforcement agency confirms that another law enforcement agency already has, is accepting or will accept, without delay, a missing person report for the person;

(v) The person reporting the missing person is unable to articulate reasonable knowledge of the missing person or a legitimate reason for concern for the missing person or the missing person's health, safety or welfare;

(vi) The law enforcement agency suspects, and can articulate, that the person reported as missing intended to lawfully flee;

(vii) The person reported missing is being sought for reasons of harassment, stalking or retaliation;

(viii) Other articulable extenuating circumstances exist, consistent with this section, that would make acceptance of a report of the missing person impractical, unreasonable or unsafe for the missing person, and the law enforcement agency documents the extenuating circumstances.

(b) The primary jurisdiction for reporting a missing person shall be the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the most recent verifiable location of the missing person. If a verifiable last known location is not determined, the primary jurisdiction shall be the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the last known residential address of the missing person. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude or prohibit any other law enforcement agency from accepting a report of a missing person under this section.

(c) All missing person reports meeting the criteria for reporting under this section shall be entered into the relevant national, regional and state databases used by the law enforcement agency for the sharing of missing person reports. Reports required under this subsection shall be entered by the dates and times required by law but not later than eight (8) hours after the receipt of a report and all required information for submission.

(d) If a missing person is not located within thirty (30) days of being reported missing under this section, the law enforcement agency that accepted the report under this section shall ensure that a complete and accurate record of information is compiled for the missing person, including a photograph if available. The complete and accurate record compiled shall be forwarded to the attorney general and the division of criminal investigation for inclusion in the clearinghouse database on missing persons established under W.S. 9-1-624(a)(v).

(e) Upon receipt of a missing person report, the primary jurisdiction shall request a photograph and cellular telephone information of the missing person and, without delay, notify appropriate law enforcement agencies of the pertinent information and cellular telephone ping results when appropriate.

(f) Upon receipt of a missing person report, the primary jurisdiction shall evaluate the potential benefit of notifying area news media and making an announcement via social media channels that the law enforcement agency routinely uses.

Section 2. W.S. 9-1-624(a)(v)(B) is amended to read:

9-1-624. Division of criminal investigation; uniform procedures and forms for collecting and disseminating identification data; missing persons repository; annual crime statistics report; cold case database; agencies to cooperate.

(a) The division shall:

(v) Act as a central repository of information and operate a clearinghouse database on missing persons from Wyoming. As a function of the central repository:

(B) The division may make publicly available information about ongoing missing person investigations, including reports of missing persons submitted to law enforcement agencies under W.S. 7-2-109, to aid the efficient investigation and swift recovery of missing persons or when otherwise in the public interest.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 45

LICENSE PLATE-SEARCH AND RESCUE COUNCIL

Original House Bill No. 226

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates; authorizing specially designed license plates to be issued to benefit search and rescue efforts; specifying requirements; authorizing fees; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-234 is created to read:

31-2-234. Search and rescue license plates.

(a) Any person required to register a vehicle in Wyoming pursuant to this article may apply to the department or county treasurer for a statement of

eligibility for search and rescue license plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle owned or leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle. The department or county treasurer may include as part of the application the option for the applicant to donate an additional amount in support of search and rescue activities. Upon payment by the applicant of a fee of one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) to the department or county treasurer, plus any additional voluntary amount, the department or county treasurer shall issue a written statement of eligibility for search and rescue license plates. The department or county treasurer shall assess an annual fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) for a person to retain eligibility for search and rescue license plates, but this annual fee shall not be charged in the year the person pays the one hundred fifty dollars ($150.00) eligibility fee. The person may submit an additional voluntary amount in support of search and rescue activities when remitting the annual fee.

(b) The fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be payable to the department or county treasurer and shall be accounted for separately. Except as otherwise provided by law, the fees collected under subsection (a) of this section shall be distributed to the search and rescue account within the office of homeland security as created in W.S. 19-13-301. Funds distributed to the search and rescue account under this section shall be administered in accordance with the following:

(i) The funds deposited in the search and rescue account under this section are continuously appropriated to the office of homeland security and shall only be used for the purposes provided in W.S. 19-13-301(b) and 19-13-301(c);

(ii) The office of homeland security may establish methods to accept voluntary contributions in support of search and rescue activities for deposit into the search and rescue account. The office of homeland security may suggest and solicit specific contribution amounts;

(iii) The department, in consultation with the Wyoming office of homeland security, is authorized to receive and credit to the search and rescue account, any money or property of any kind or character donated, granted or bequeathed to Wyoming search and rescue activities. The office of homeland security shall have the authority to carry out the terms, if any, of the grant, donation or bequest, or in the absence of any terms or limitations, to expend the money or the proceeds of the property as it may deem advisable for search and rescue activities under the provisions of this section and W.S. 19-13-301.

(c) Applicants shall apply at least thirty (30) days before registration is required for the vehicle for which the plates are intended. Except as provided in this section, application for, issuance and renewal of the search and rescue license plates under this section shall be subject to the same requirements and fees as provided in this article in addition to the fee collected under subsection

(a) of this section. The license plate fees required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii) shall accompany each application. The license plates under this section shall be issued by the county treasurer of each county and shall be displayed only upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

(d) The department shall prescribe the design of the search and rescue license plates authorized by this section in consultation with the public and other interested parties, which shall include an image of the bucking horse and rider described in W.S. 8-3-117. License plates authorized by this section need not include Arabic numerals designating the county. The department shall arrange for production of the license plates. Following initial approval, search and rescue license plates shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license plates beginning with the year 2033 reissuance.

(e) The department may prepare any special forms and promulgate any rules necessary to carry out this section.

(f) Unless one thousand (1,000) sets of license plates are issued under this section before December 31, 2032, the plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from production and the department shall report the cessation of production to the legislature not later than January 15, 2033.

Section 2. W.S. 19-13-301(a) and by creating a new subsection (d), 31-2-212, 31-2-225(a) by creating a new paragraph (vii) and 31-3-101 by creating a new subsection (k) are amended to read:

19-13-301. Search and rescue account; created; expenditures.

(a) The search and rescue account is created. Fees identified in W.S. 23-2-101, 23-2-201, 31-2-234, 31-2-404, 31-2-409, 31-2-703, 41-13-109 and 41-13-110 shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of this account.

(d) The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to receive and credit to the search and rescue account any grant, donation or bequest that is made to the search and rescue account for the purposes provided by W.S. 31-2-234. The state treasurer shall invest any money received under this subsection in accordance with law and the investment earnings received thereon shall be deposited into the search and rescue account.

31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of registration, plates or validation stickers.

Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of registration, license plate, or validation sticker the owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, new license plates or validation stickers from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker fee. For those vehicles registered

under the provisions of W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, 31-2-226, 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through ~~31-2-233~~ 31-2-234 replacement duplicate license plates may be obtained upon application with the county treasurer from which the original plates were purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied by fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate license plates obtained under this section to replace lost or stolen plates shall not be displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on the lost or stolen plates have expired. Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he purchased the original plate in the same manner as the owner of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate is not the purchase of an additional plate under W.S. 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for new license plates or stickers the county treasurer shall notify the department and the county sheriff as soon as possible of the loss, mutilation or destruction. The department shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies of any loss, mutilation or destruction of license plates or stickers.

31-2-225. Application requirements; contents; weight certificate; title requirement; liability.

(a) Applications for registration of vehicles shall be filed in the office of the county treasurer in person, by regular mail, or if available, electronically, in the county in which the owner of the vehicle resides or in any county in any other case and contain:

(vii) The option for the owner to donate an additional amount to support search and rescue operations under W.S. 31-2-234.

31-3-101. Registration fees; exemptions.

(k) Any owner of a vehicle who wishes to donate money to provide for search and rescue efforts under W.S. 31-2-234 shall be provided space on the registration form to do so pursuant to W.S. 31-2-225(a)(vii). Revenues collected under this subsection shall be forwarded by the county treasurer to the state treasurer to be deposited into the search and rescue account created by W.S. 19-13-301.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall make search and rescue account license plates available beginning on January 1, 2026.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 46

REGULATION OF SURGICAL ABORTIONS

Original House Bill No. 42

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; requiring the licensure of surgical abortion facilities as specified; providing criminal penalties for violations; specifying civil liability for damages resulting from abortions; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-6-201 through 35-6-204 are created to read:

ARTICLE 2
REGULATION OF SURGICAL ABORTIONS

35-6-201. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Abortion" means the act of using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substance, device or means with the intent to terminate the clinically diagnosable pregnancy of a woman, including the elimination of one (1) or more unborn babies in a multifetal pregnancy, with knowledge that the termination by those means will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the unborn baby. "Abortion" shall not include any use, prescription or means specified in this paragraph if the use, prescription or means are done with the intent to:

(A) Save the life or preserve the health of the unborn baby;

(B) Remove a dead unborn baby caused by spontaneous abortion or intrauterine fetal demise;

(C) Treat a woman for an ectopic pregnancy; or

(D) Treat a woman for cancer or another disease that requires medical treatment which treatment may be fatal or harmful to the unborn baby.

(ii) "Ectopic pregnancy" means the state of carrying an unborn child outside of the uterine cavity;

(iii) "Hospital" means those institutions licensed by the Wyoming department of health as hospitals;

(iv) "Intrauterine fetal demise" means the death of an unborn child inside the uterine cavity after twenty (20) weeks of pregnancy;

(v) "Miscarriage" means the spontaneous loss of the unborn child;

(vi) "Physician" means any person licensed to practice medicine in this state;

(vii) "Pregnancy" or "pregnant" means the human female reproductive

condition of having a living unborn baby or human being within a human female's body throughout the entire embryonic and fetal stages of the unborn human being from fertilization to full gestation and childbirth;

(viii) "Reasonable medical judgment" means a medical judgment that would be made or a medical action that would be undertaken by a reasonably prudent, qualified physician who is knowledgeable about the case and the treatment possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved;

(ix) "Surgical abortion" means an induced abortion performed or attempted through use of a machine, medical device, surgical instrument or surgical tool, or any combination thereof, to terminate the clinically diagnosable pregnancy of a woman with knowledge and the intent that the termination by those means will cause, with reasonable likelihood, the death of the unborn child;

(x) "Surgical abortion facility" means any facility that provides a surgical abortion to a woman.

35-6-202. Surgical abortion facilities; licensure requirement; prohibitions; penalties.

(a) Each surgical abortion facility other than a hospital in Wyoming shall be licensed as an ambulatory surgical center in accordance with W.S. 35-2-901 through 35-2-914 and the rules of the department of health. Each surgical abortion facility performing surgical abortions shall have a separate license.

(b) No surgical abortion facility shall provide surgical abortions to any pregnant woman without first being licensed as an ambulatory surgical center.

(c) Each surgical abortion facility shall comply with all rules of the department of health concerning the operation and regulation of ambulatory surgical centers. No license issued to a surgical abortion facility shall be transferable or assignable to any other person or facility.

(d) Each licensed physician performing at least one (1) surgical abortion at a surgical abortion facility shall:

(i) Report each surgical abortion to the department of health and attest in the report that the physician is licensed and in good standing with the state board of medicine;

(ii) Submit documentation in a form and frequency required by the department of health that demonstrates that the licensed physician has admitting privileges at a hospital located not more than ten (10) miles from the abortion facility where the licensed physician is performing or will perform surgical abortions.

(e) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). Each

calendar day in which a violation of this section occurs or continues is a separate offense.

35-6-203. Abortion facilities; surgical abortions; requirements; rulemaking.

(a) Any surgical abortion performed at a surgical abortion facility in the state shall only be performed by a physician licensed in the state of Wyoming.

(b) Any person who performs a surgical abortion in the state in violation of subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than fourteen (14) years.

(c) No person shall perform a surgical abortion at a surgical abortion facility in Wyoming who is not a licensed physician with admitting privileges at a hospital located not more than ten (10) miles from the abortion facility where the surgical abortion is performed.

(d) Any person who violates subsection (c) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). For purposes of this subsection, each surgical abortion shall constitute a separate offense of subsection (c) of this section.

(e) The department of health shall promulgate rules necessary to regulate surgical abortion facilities as ambulatory surgical centers under W.S. 35-2-901 through 35-2-914. Rules promulgated under this subsection shall:

(i) Not be less stringent than those rules applicable to ambulatory surgical centers;

(ii) Provide for the physical inspection of surgical abortion facilities by the department of health every three (3) years.

35-6-204. Applicability; effect.

If any provision of this article conflicts with the Life is a Human Right Act or W.S. 35-6-139, the provisions of the Life is a Human Right Act and W.S. 35-6-139 shall control over this article to the extent that the Life is a Human Right Act and W.S. 35-6-139 are in effect.

Section 2. W.S. 35-2-901(a)(ii) is amended to read:

35-2-901. Definitions; applicability of provisions.

(a) As used in this act:

(ii) "Ambulatory surgical center" means a facility which provides surgical treatment to patients not requiring hospitalization and is not part of a hospital or offices of private physicians, dentists or podiatrists. "Ambulatory surgical center" shall include any surgical abortion facility as defined by W.S. 35-6-201(a)(x);

Section 3.

(a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as creating an individual right to abortion.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that this act shall not:

(i) Be construed as holding abortion as lawful in the state;

(ii) Recognize or define abortion as a health care decision under article 1, section 38 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Section 4. The department of health shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 5. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 47

CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCIES-PROHIBITIONS

Original House Bill No. 264

AN ACT relating to administration of the government; prohibiting state agencies from requiring a central bank digital currency as payment; prohibiting state agencies from spending public funds as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-14-601 is created to read:

ARTICLE 6
CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY PROHIBITION

9-14-601. Central bank digital currency; prohibition; definitions.

(a) No state agency shall require payment in the form of a central bank digital currency for any government service, or for the payment of any taxes or fees.

(b) No state agency shall use public funds to assist in any manner in the testing, adoption or implementation of a central bank digital currency.

(c) As used in this article:

(i) "Central bank digital currency" means a digital medium of exchange, token or monetary unit of account issued directly by the United States federal reserve system or any analogous federal agency;

(ii) "State agency" means the state of Wyoming or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts

necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 48

FUNERAL CONTRACTS-INVESTMENT AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Original House Bill No. 181

AN ACT relating to insurance; amending investment authorization for prepaid or prearranged funeral contract proceeds; amending related surety bond provisions; specifying application of purchase monies and investment earnings; requiring notice to contract purchasers; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 26-32-101(a) and (b) is amended to read:

26-32-101. Supervision and audit of funds; approval of investment; promulgation of rules and regulations; licenses.

(a) The department shall supervise and audit the funds derived by any person either residing in or doing business within the state, from prepaid or prearranged funeral contracts providing for the sale of caskets, burial vaults, monuments or memorials or any burial supplies and equipment and funeral services, if the sale is made, either outright or on the installment basis, prior to the demise of the person purchasing them or for whom they are purchased, with the merchandise or service, or both, to be delivered at a future date at time of need. All funds received from these contracts or arrangements by any person either residing in or doing business within this state shall be received, invested and withdrawn according to requirements the department approves. Investment in a bank, trust company or federal ~~building~~ savings and loan association in Wyoming is an approved investment. The deposit of funds received from the sale of these contracts or arrangements in irrevocable pre-need funeral trusts, the funds of which are invested in compliance with W.S. 4-10-901 and 4-10-902, is an approved investment. Earnings, including interest, income and dividends, from any investment of an irrevocable pre-need funeral trust may inure to the benefit of the seller of the prepaid or prearranged funeral contract, but shall be withdrawn from the irrevocable trust only upon the occurrence of an event that requires withdrawal of the corpus of the trust. Neither the person purchasing a prepaid or prearranged funeral contract nor any person for whom the contract is purchased shall be entitled to terminate or cancel the contract or make demand for the funds paid for the contract after the funds are deposited into an irrevocable pre-need funeral trust.

(b) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section to include regulation of contract provisions and funds thereunder. The rules shall require notice to buyers of prepaid or prearranged funeral contracts of the types of investments into which funds derived from the sale of these contracts may be deposited and the risks associated with those investments. The rules shall require notice to buyers of the ability to cancel or terminate a contract or make demand for any amounts paid for the contract. Rules promulgated by the commissioner shall not require any additional surety bond amount for those monies deposited in an irrevocable pre-need funeral trust and invested in compliance with W.S 4-10-902 beyond the minimum surety bond required of all persons deriving funds from prepaid or prearranged funeral contracts.

Section 2. This act shall not alter, amend or impair contracts entered into before July 1, 2025.

Section 3. The department of insurance shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 49

HOMESCHOOL FREEDOM ACT

Original House Bill No. 46

AN ACT relating to education; removing the requirement that a home-based educational program submit curriculum to the local school board; removing a provision relating to the failure to submit curriculum; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-4-102(b) is amended to read:

21-4-102. When attendance required; exemptions; withdrawal.

(b) A home-based educational program shall meet the requirements of a basic academic educational program pursuant to W.S. 21-4-101(a)(vi). It shall be the responsibility of every person administering a home-based educational program to ~~submit~~ ensure a curriculum ~~to the local board of trustees each year~~

~~showing~~ is administered to pupils in the program that ~~the program~~ complies with the requirements of this subsection. ~~Failure to submit a curriculum showing compliance is prima facie evidence that the home-based educational program does not meet the requirements of this article.~~

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 50

FISHING OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES-REGISTRATION OF FISHING BOATS

Original House Bill No. 5

AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing the Wyoming game and fish commission to regulate commercially guided fishing boats; providing for registration of commercially guided fishing boats, vehicles and trailers operated by outfitters and professional fishing guides; providing an exception; creating an advisory board; specifying duties of the advisory board; requiring a report; providing definitions; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-3-206 is created to read:

23-3-206. Commercially guided fishing boats; regulatory authority; advisory board; definitions.

(a) To protect the quality of the fishing experience, the fishery and other aquatic resources and species in this state, the commission may set limits on or otherwise regulate the number of commercially guided fishing boats allowed to launch into or use any river or lake or section thereof in this state. This subsection shall not apply to a person who uses a city, town, county or state boat ramp or other access point to launch a commercially guided fishing boat to guide fishermen if the person is guiding the fishermen to a location where the lands are owned or leased by the person or the person's immediate family member.

(b) There is created a commercially guided fishing boats advisory board. The board shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the commission. One (1) member shall be appointed from each appointment district pursuant to W.S. 9-1-218 and at least two (2) members appointed shall be Wyoming owned drift boat guide business owners. Members shall serve a four (4) year term. The commission may remove any member of the board, subject to W.S. 9-1-202. Vacancies of the board shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The board shall provide recommendations to the commission for promulgating rules under subsection (c) of this section. Members of the board shall receive

no compensation but shall be reimbursed by the commission for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties in the same manner and amount as state employees.

(c) The commission may promulgate rules governing the registration and means of tracking the number of commercially guided fishing boats launching into or using any river or lake or section thereof. The commission may hold public meetings in each county in which its rules apply. The rules shall require registration and payment of an annual fee for each commercially guided fishing boat beginning January 1, 2026. The department shall provide two (2) registration stickers one (1) of which shall be displayed on each commercially guided fishing boat and trailer registered under this subsection.

(d) As used in this section:

(i) "Commercially guided fishing boat" means a fishing boat that is operated by an outfitter or professional fishing guide to provide fishing guide services for financial gain;

(ii) "Fishing guide services" means for hire or remuneration, accompanying and providing assistance to a person on a river or lake or section thereof for the purposes of fishing;

(iii) "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a commercially guided fishing boat;

(iv) "Outfitter" or "professional fishing guide" means a person who advertises or holds himself out to the public for hire for the purpose of financial gain to provide fishing guide services, excluding any person who furnishes fishing equipment or boats to a person for exclusively personal and temporary use. "Outfitter" or "professional fishing guide" includes any person requiring the payment of fees or remuneration for providing personal services on a river or lake or section thereof for the purposes of fishing.

Section 2. Not later than November 1, 2025, the game and fish commission and the commercially guided fishing boats advisory board created in section 1 of this act shall make recommendations to the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim committee on the creation of a new board or amendment to an existing board to carry out the duties specified in section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 51

PROPERTY TAX REFUND PROGRAM-REVISIONS

Original House Bill No. 39

AN ACT relating to property tax; clarifying the total maximum household income limit for purposes of the property tax refund program; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-13-109(c)(v)(B)(intro) and (vi)(C) is amended to read:

39-13-109. Taxpayer remedies.

(c) Refunds. The following shall apply:

(v) The following shall apply to the property tax refund program:

(B) Gross income as used in this subparagraph shall be defined by the department through rules and regulations. Such gross income shall be verified by federal income tax returns which shall accompany the application for refund, if federal income tax returns were required and filed, or whatever other means necessary as determined by the department through rules and regulations. The tax refund for qualifying persons shall be in the form of a refund of any ad valorem tax due and timely paid upon the person's principal residence for the preceding calendar year in the amount specified in this paragraph. The department shall issue all refunds due under this paragraph on or before September 30 of the year in which application is made for the refund. Any person shall qualify for a refund in the amount specified under this paragraph if the person's gross income including the total household income of which the person is a member does not exceed the greater of ~~one hundred sixty-five percent (165%)~~ one hundred forty-five percent (145%) of the median gross household income for the applicant's county of residence or the state, as determined annually by the economic analysis division of the department of administration and information. Additionally, unless the person's tax liability is greater than ten percent (10%) of the person's household income, no person shall qualify for a refund under this paragraph unless the person has total household assets as defined by the department of revenue through rules and regulations of not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) per adult member of the household as adjusted annually by the statewide average Wyoming cost-of-living index published by the economic analysis division of the department of administration and information, excluding the following:

(vi) Each county shall have the option to implement a county-optional property tax refund program that is in addition to the program established under paragraph (v) of this subsection, subject to the adoption of rules as required by subparagraph (H) of this paragraph. The following shall apply to a county-optional property tax refund program implemented under this paragraph:

(C) Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, any person in the participating county shall qualify for a refund in the amount specified under this paragraph if any ad valorem tax due upon the person's principal residence in the county for the preceding calendar year was timely paid and if the person's gross income including the total household income of which the person is a member does not exceed an amount as determined by the county, which shall not exceed ~~one hundred sixty-five percent (165%)~~ one hundred forty-five percent (145%) of the median gross household income for the county, as determined annually by the economic analysis division of the department of administration and information. As used in this subparagraph "gross income" shall have the same meaning as defined by department rules promulgated ~~underparagraph~~ under paragraph (v) of this subsection. Gross income shall be verified by federal income tax returns, which shall accompany the application for refund, if federal income tax returns were required and filed, or by whatever other means necessary as determined by the county through rules;

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025

Chapter 52

PROPERTY CONVEYANCES NEAR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Original House Bill No. 97

AN ACT relating to homeland security; amending duties of county clerks, the division of criminal investigation and the director of the office of homeland security for identification of conveyances near critical infrastructure; repealing requirements to provide a list of designated critical infrastructure zones to the county clerks; amending and creating definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-1-618(b)(vi), 18-3-402(a)(xxvi), 19-13-104(d)(vi), 19-13-105 by creating a new subsection (e), 19-13-501(a)(i), (iv)(A) and by creating a new paragraph (vi) and 19-13-502(c) and (d) are amended to read:

9-1-618. Agents to be safeguarded as peace officers; general assistance to state, county or local authorities; investigative duties.

(b) The division shall investigate:

(vi) Conveyances, ~~leases and leasehold interests~~ as defined by 19-13-501(a)(i), within or near designated critical infrastructure zones. ~~as reported by county clerks in accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502.~~ The division may investigate whether ~~the~~ any conveyance~~, lease and leasehold interest~~ reported by county clerks in accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502 may result in a threat to national or state security or whether the

conveyance~~, lease and leasehold interest~~ involves a designated country or person as defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(iv). The attorney general or, with the attorney general's approval, the division may subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance and require the production of records and other evidence to determine:

(A) Whether a conveyance~~, lease and leasehold interest within~~ located up to five (5) miles ~~of~~ from a designated critical infrastructure zone threatens national or state security;

(B) Whether a conveyance~~, lease and leasehold interest~~ involves a designated country or person as defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(iv);

(C) The actual identity of a party to a conveyance~~, lease and leasehold interest within~~ located up to five (5) miles ~~of~~ from a designated critical infrastructure zone.

18-3-402. Duties generally.

(a) The county clerk shall:

(xxvi) Report all conveyances, ~~within five (5) miles of a designated critical infrastructure zone~~ as defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(i), to the director of the office of homeland security and the division of criminal investigation in accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502.

19-13-104. Powers of governor generally; director, office of homeland security.

(d) The position of the director, office of homeland security is created in the governor's office and shall be appointed by the governor. He shall be responsible to the governor and may be removed by the governor as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. The director shall:

(vi) Consult the governor and assist the attorney general and division of criminal investigation on the designation of critical infrastructure zones and the investigation and identification of conveyances, ~~leases and leasehold interests within~~ as defined by W.S. 19-13-501(a)(i), located up to five (5) miles ~~of~~ from critical infrastructure zones as disclosed by the recordings reported by county clerks in accordance with W.S. 19-13-501 and 19-13-502.

19-13-105. Homeland security program.

(e) The office of homeland security may receive and share criminal identification, intelligence and criminal history information available to law enforcement agencies for the purposes provided by W.S. 19-13-103.

19-13-501. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Conveyance" means ~~as defined by W.S. 34-1-102 and includes conveyances of~~ every instrument in writing by which any interest in real

property~~, surface interests, mineral interests and pore space interests~~ is created, alienated, mortgaged, leased or assigned, or by which the title to any real property may be affected in law or in equity. "Conveyance" shall not include wills;

(iv) "Designated country or person" means:

(A) A foreign government or foreign nongovernment person determined to be a foreign adversary by the United States secretary of commerce and specified in ~~15 C.F.R. 7.4(a)~~ 15 C.F.R. 791.4(a); or

(vi) "Real property" means all interests in land and appurtenances, including structures, affixed thereto, and any intangible characteristic that contributes to the fair market value thereof. "Real property" includes surface interests, mineral interests and pore space interests.

19-13-502. Critical infrastructure zones; reporting of conveyances; investigations; notification; rulemaking.

(c) Within fifteen (15) days after ~~the~~ a conveyance is ~~executed and completed~~ recorded, the county clerk shall report ~~each~~ the conveyance ~~that involves any property located within a critical infrastructure zone or that is located not more than five (5) miles from a critical infrastructure zone~~ to the director and to the division of criminal investigation.

(d) Upon receiving a report from a county clerk under subsection (c) of this section, the director and the division of criminal investigation shall determine whether a conveyance is within a critical infrastructure zone or located up to five (5) miles from a critical infrastructure zone and, upon reasonable suspicion, investigate the conveyance to determine if the conveyance involves a designated country or person or if the conveyance poses a threat to national or state security or to critical infrastructure.

Section 2. W.S. 19-13-502(b) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 53

WYOMING OPPOSES MANDATORY ELECTRONIC ID DEVICES-LIVESTOCK

Original Senate File No. 64

AN ACT relating to agriculture, livestock and other animals; providing policies on identification of livestock for disease traceability; specifying that buyers of livestock in receiving states are responsible for the usage of electronic ear tags; requiring the Wyoming livestock board to inform livestock producers of their livestock identification options; providing legislative findings; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-18-121 is created to read:

11-18-121. Identification of livestock; livestock board responsibilities.

(a) The Wyoming livestock board shall inform livestock producers of all available options under W.S. 11-18-117 for identification regarding disease traceability.

(b) The buyers of livestock in receiving states shall be responsible for tagging livestock if an electronic identification device requirement is mandated in the receiving state, unless the Wyoming livestock owner has voluntarily utilized electronic identification devices.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a Wyoming licensed and accredited veterinarian from writing a certificate of veterinary inspection in compliance with applicable destination requirements.

Section 2.

(a) The legislature finds that:

(i) Wyoming and the nation's voluntary livestock identification system has served the livestock industry well for decades;

(ii) The United States department of agriculture's animal and plant health inspection service announced a final rule in April of 2024 that would require certain livestock to wear electronically readable devices in order to prevent and manage livestock disease outbreaks;

(iii) If the United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service were concerned with and focused on preventing a livestock disease outbreak, they would stop the importation of livestock from countries that have known and documented problems with disease, yet they do not do so;

(iv) The vast majority of livestock affected by this mandatory electronic identification rule originate from wide open spaces and live on clean, disease-free pastures and not in confined areas with thousands of livestock coming from different areas;

(v) The United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service have stated that a seventy percent (70%) compliance rate with mandatory electronic identification usage would be necessary to make the identification program an effective disease traceability requirement;

(vi) Wyoming already has livestock identification methods that are far superior to the mandatory electronic identification rules that, according to the United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service, are specifically targeted to apply to only eleven percent (11%) of all livestock in the country; and

(vii) The mandatory electronic identification rule was put in place by a federal government agency rather than being voted on by the United States congress, making it only a rule and not codified law.

(b) It is the policy of the state of Wyoming that:

(i) Wyoming is opposed to the animal and plant health inspection service's rule mandating electronic identification devices for Wyoming livestock;

(ii) W.S. 11-18-117 clearly defines the terms by which the Wyoming livestock industry can continue to do business and have the freedom, right and liberty to use historically reliable, affordable, confidential and voluntary methods of livestock identification, including brands, backtags, tattoos and ear tags;

(iii) Wyoming will seek to work with existing metal identification tag manufacturers to produce those tags historically used to confirm livestock health and identity;

(iv) Wyoming is committed to working with other states to develop agreements and arrangements to allow livestock to be transported to and from Wyoming without being required to use electronic identification ear tags;

(v) Wyoming shall demand that the United States department of agriculture and the animal and plant health inspection service provide a complete and full accounting and accurate estimate of all costs associated with mandating that Wyoming's livestock producers use electronic identification ear tags, including costs associated with hardware, software, ear tags, wands, retrofitting of livestock handling facilities, retrofitting of sales barns, working of livestock and costs related to additional paperwork, digital input and filings necessary to prove compliance with the electronic identification ear tag rule to the Wyoming legislature.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 54

STATE PARK PEACE OFFICERS-DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

Original Senate File No. 4

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; amending the definition of peace officer to clarify and expand the scope of authority for park rangers, superintendents and assistant superintendents; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-1-104(a)(vi)(P), 7-2-101(a)(iv)(G), 7-2-106(e)(ii) and 35-7-1002(a)(xxiv) are amended to read:

6-1-104. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act, unless otherwise defined:

(vi) "Peace officer" includes the following officers assigned to duty in the state of Wyoming:

(P) Any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or full-time~~ district manager, park ranger or reserve park ranger of any state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site or when ~~responding to a request to assist other peace officers acting within the scope~~ enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties; ~~in their own jurisdiction;~~

7-2-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in W.S. 7-2-101 through 7-2-107:

(iv) "Peace officer" means:

(G) Any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or full-time~~ district manager, park ranger or reserve park ranger of any state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site; or when ~~responding to a request to assist other peace officers performing~~ enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties;

7-2-106. Extraterritorial authority of peace officers; requests for assignment of peace officers; liability; compensation.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a peace officer:

(ii) As defined in W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv)(E) ~~or (G)~~ to act pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) or (iii) or subsection (b) of this section; or

35-7-1002. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxiv) "Law enforcement officer" means any sheriff, undersheriff or sheriff's deputy of any county of this state, any duly authorized municipal policeman of any city or town of this state, any member of the Wyoming highway patrol,

any police officer of the University of Wyoming or any Wyoming community college who is a peace officer, any superintendent, assistant superintendent, ~~or full-time~~ district manager, park ranger or reserve park ranger of a state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site who has qualified pursuant to W.S. 9-1-701 through 9-1-707, when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site or when ~~responding to a request to assist other law enforcement officers acting within the scope of their official duties in their own jurisdiction~~ enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony which was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties, or any special agent employed by the commissioner under this act;

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 55

POLLUTION CONTROL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION-APPLICABILITY

Original Senate File No. 61

AN ACT relating to environmental quality; clarifying the applicability of the property tax exemption for property used to eliminate, control or prevent air, water or land pollution; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-11-1103 is amended to read:

35-11-1103. Property exempt from ad valorem taxation.

The following property is exempt from ad valorem taxation pursuant to the provisions of this act and includes facilities, installations, machinery or equipment attached or unattached to real property and designed, installed and utilized primarily for the elimination, control or prevention of air, water or land pollution, or in the event such facility, installation, equipment or machinery shall also serve other beneficial purposes and use, such portion of the assessed valuation thereof as may be reasonably calculated to be necessary for and devoted to elimination, control or prevention of air, water and land pollution. The department of revenue shall determine the exempt portion on all property assessed pursuant to W.S. 39-13-102(m). The county assessor shall determine the exempt portion on all property assessed pursuant to W.S. 39-13-103(b).

The determination shall not include as exempt any portion of any facilities which have value as the specific source of marketable byproducts or facilities constructed for the sole purpose of capturing nonpoint source carbon dioxide.

Section 2. The department of revenue shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 56

OMNIBUS WATER BILL-PLANNING

Original Senate File No. 82

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing specified level I and level II studies; providing appropriations; requiring reports; providing for the reversion of unexpended funds; authorizing unobligated funds to be used to complete other designated projects as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

[2025-2026 WATER PROGRAM]
[AUTHORIZED LEVEL I AND LEVEL II STUDIES]

Section 1. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES – NEW DEVELOPMENT. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account I, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account I. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session:

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - NEW DEVELOPMENT]

PROJECT	LOCATION	APPROPRIATION
Hulett Water Master Plan	Crook County	$166,000

UW Water Research Program	Statewide	$368,998
Total appropriation for Section 1		$534,998

Section 2. LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES – REHABILITATION. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account II, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following reconnaissance studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Funds appropriated under this section for a particular project that are in excess of the actual amount necessary to complete the study may, subject to the review and recommendation of the select water committee, be expended by the commission to complete the reconnaissance study for any other project listed in this section. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account II. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session.

[LEVEL I RECONNAISSANCE STUDIES - REHABILITATION]

PROJECT	LOCATION	APPROPRIATION
Pioneer Canal Lake Hattie Irrigation District Master Plan	Albany County	$236,000
Smith's Fork Irrigation District Master Plan	Lincoln County	$272,000
Wheatland Irrigation District Master Plan	Albany, Carbon, Platte Counties	$472,000
Total appropriation for Section 2		$980,000

Section 3. LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES – DAMS AND RESERVOIRS. The following sums of money are appropriated from water development account III, as created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(iii), to the water development commission to be expended to conduct the following feasibility studies as defined in W.S. 41-2-114. Appropriated funds not expended or obligated prior to July 1, 2028 shall revert to water development account III. The commission shall submit a report to the legislature on each of the following studies prior to the 2027 legislative session.

[LEVEL II FEASIBILITY STUDIES – DAMS AND RESERVOIRS]

PROJECT	LOCATION	APPROPRIATION
Middle Popo Agie River Storage Study	Fremont County	$551,000
Total appropriation for Section 3		$551,000

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 57

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IMMUNITY-MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Original Senate File No. 130

AN ACT relating to civil procedure; amending the exemption from civil liability for providing emergency services to include mental health crises; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-1-120(a) and (b) is amended to read:

1-1-120. Persons rendering emergency assistance exempt from civil liability.

(a) Any person licensed as a physician and surgeon under the laws of the state of Wyoming, or any other person, who in good faith renders emergency care or assistance, including assistance for a mental health crisis, without compensation at the place of an emergency, ~~or~~ accident or mental health crisis, is not liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith.

(b) Persons or organizations operating volunteer ambulances or rescue vehicles supported by public or private funds, staffed by unpaid volunteers, and which make no charge, or charge an incidental service or user fee, for services rendered during medical emergencies or mental health crises, and the unpaid volunteers who staff ambulances and rescue vehicles are not liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions in good faith in furnishing emergency medical services or services during mental health crises. This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. For purposes of this section, "unpaid volunteers" means persons who either receive incidental remuneration on a per call basis or receive no more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) annually for volunteer ambulance and rescue activities, including mental health services or services provided during a suicidal intervention. The immunity provided by this subsection shall extend to a physician while serving in his capacity as medical director of any ambulance service, to hospitals and hospital employees for activities directly related to providing clinical training as part of an emergency medical service class approved by the department of health, and to students while participating in emergency medical services or mental health services training approved by the department of health. If an unpaid volunteer's, medical director's, hospital's or trainee's acts or omissions are subject to the provisions of the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act, immunity under this section is waived to the extent of the maximum liability provided under W.S. 1-39-118.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 58

PUBLIC MONIES-DEPOSITS IN CREDIT UNIONS

Original Senate File No. 143

AN ACT relating to public funds; authorizing the deposit of public monies in credit unions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-4-801, 9-4-802, 9-4-803(a), 9-4-805, 9-4-806(a)(intro) and (b), 9-4-807, 9-4-809 through 9-4-812, 9-4-817(a), (c)(i), (d)(intro) and (ii) and 9-4-818(a) are amended to read:

9-4-801. Board of deposits; creation; composition; records; meetings; general duties.

The state loan and investment board is established as and shall perform the duties of the board of deposits. The governor is the chairman of the board and the state treasurer is the secretary of the board for the purpose of performing the duties of the board of deposits. The records of the board of deposits kept by the secretary, or a duly certified copy thereof, are prima facie evidence of any action of the board. The board of deposits shall meet quarterly each year, or at any other time, upon the call of the chairman. The board shall designate banks or credit unions within this state eligible as state depositories for the purpose of receiving on deposit funds of this state.

9-4-802. Board of deposits; application; designation of depositories; revocation of designation.

A bank or credit union applying to be a state depository shall file a written application with the secretary of the board of deposits. The application shall be accompanied by a sworn statement of the financial condition of the bank or credit union at the time the application is made and a certified resolution providing proper authority of the depository. The secretary of the board of deposits shall review all applications, prepare a recommendation regarding each, and submit a list of all applicants and his recommendations to the board. The secretary of the board shall prepare a list of all financial institutions of the state which are approved by the board to be depositories. The chairman and the secretary of the board shall certify the list to the bank collateral officer who is designated by the state treasurer. Once the bank collateral officer is designated, the state treasurer shall provide a written order to the bank or credit union declaring it a state depository until its authority is revoked by the board. Each year, designated state depositories shall submit a current statement of condition, a certified copy of a resolution indicating its authority to act as a state depository has not been revoked and any other information the secretary of the board deems necessary. If, at any time state funds are on deposit with a state depository, a state depository is subject to any public enforcement action by any federal or state regulatory entity, the state depository shall notify the secretary of the board of the regulatory action

if the action is not confidential. The board may revoke a bank's or credit union's designation as a state depository at any time except that no time deposit, open account shall be withdrawn from a state depository prior to the date of maturity without providing forty-five (45) days prior written notice, absent a default by the state depository.

9-4-803. Deposit of state money in approved depositories; authority of treasurer; rulemaking.

(a) The state treasurer may deposit any portion of the public monies in his possession in any bank or credit union chartered under the laws of the United States or under the law of any state if the bank or credit union is conducting business in Wyoming and has been approved under W.S. 9-4-801 through 9-4-818 by the board of deposits. As used in W.S. 9-4-801 through 9-4-818, "bank" includes federal and state savings and loan associations. Federal and state savings and loan associations or credit unions may be designated as depositories for state funds in the same manner as state and national banks.

9-4-805. Deposit of state money in approved depositories; other acceptable security.

Instead of furnishing a surety bond as security for the deposits, a depository may pledge any bonds, debentures and other securities in which the state treasurer may by law invest and in an amount equal, at least, to the maximum amount of money at any time to be deposited with the bank or credit union. The bonds, debentures and other securities so pledged shall have a market value at least equal to the amount of the deposit. In addition, any depository may furnish as security for the deposit letters of credit issued by any Federal Home Loan Bank in such form as approved by the state treasurer of Wyoming or pledge conventional first mortgages of Wyoming real estate and notes connected with the mortgages at a ratio of one and one-half to one (1.5:1) of the value of public funds secured by them. A pledge of collateral as security for the deposit of public funds shall be accompanied by a written assignment from the depository vesting legal title thereto to the state and by any other instruments required by the state treasurer. The assignment shall provide that the depository shall pay over deposited public funds and accrued interest thereon to the state treasurer, or his authorized deputy, upon check, order or demand in accordance with this article. The assignment shall also provide that the state has the authority, if the depository defaults, to sell all collateral necessary to realize the full amount of deposited public funds and interest accrued thereon. The interest on bonds, debentures and other securities, so pledged, when paid shall be remitted to the bank or credit union so pledging them, as long as it is not in default.

9-4-806. Deposit of state money in approved depositories; bank resolution.

(a) Every bank or credit union designated as a depository for funds of the state of Wyoming or any political subdivision thereof shall furnish to the treasurer of the state of Wyoming, or treasurer of the appropriate political subdivision, a

certified copy of the resolution adopted by its board of directors which shall be in:

(b) The certified copy required by subsection (a) of this section shall be provided at the time of the bank's or credit union's application or within thirty (30) days following the designation by the state board of deposits or proper governing board, as directed by the state treasurer or treasurer of the appropriate political subdivision.

9-4-807. Deposit of state money in approved depositories; federal insurance; security for deposits not covered.

Any properly designated depository of the public funds of the state, or of any political subdivision thereof, which is entitled to the benefits of deposit insurance provided for by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the national credit union share insurance fund, if applicable, and the acts of congress relating thereto, shall give and at all times maintain security for the prompt payment and the safekeeping of the whole amount of any such deposit. The deposit insurance provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the national credit union share insurance fund, if applicable, is eligible as the security required for the portion of any deposit that is insured by the corporation, and constitutes all of the security required for the portion. Any portion of the deposit as is not so insured shall be secured by depository bond or approved collateral securities as required by law.

9-4-809. "Time deposit, open account"; definition.

As used in W.S. 9-4-809 through 9-4-812 and 9-4-817 "time deposit, open account" means a deposit, other than a "time certificate of deposit" or a "savings deposit", with respect to which "time deposit, open account" there is in force a written contract between the depositor and the depository bank or credit union that neither the whole or any part of the deposit may be withdrawn by the depositor, by check or otherwise, prior to the date of maturity or returned to the depositor by the depository, prior to the date of maturity, without written notice given not less than forty-five (45) days in advance of withdrawals or returns.

9-4-810. "Time deposit, open account"; rate of interest on public funds.

Quarterly each year, taking into consideration all information before it, the board of deposits shall fix the minimum rate of interest to be paid on time deposit, open account. Time deposits shall be at the minimum rate of interest as fixed by the board or at such higher rate as agreed to by the depository bank or credit union. The minimum rate shall go into effect on the first day of April, July, October and January following as the case may be, and the rate shall not be changed for three (3) months.

9-4-811. "Time deposit, open account"; payment of interest; accounts of monies.

Interest paid by banks or credit unions on public funds on time deposit, open

account shall be paid to the state treasurer quarterly on the first business day of January, April, July and October as required by the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall require, and every depository shall keep accurate accounts of all monies deposited with it, showing the amounts deposited and when deposited.

9-4-812. Withdrawals of state funds; liability of treasurer for money or bond loss.

The state treasurer or his authorized deputy may withdraw any and all funds deposited for the purpose of paying the appropriations and obligations of the state as lawfully required or whenever he deems it advisable or to the interests of the state to do so except funds deposited as time deposit, open account shall require notice in advance of withdrawal as specified in W.S. 9-4-809. The state treasurer and his sureties are responsible for the faithful performance of the duties of the treasurer under the law, and for a proper accounting and turning over to his successor of all monies paid to the treasurer as such but he shall not be held personally liable for any monies that may be lost by reason of the failure or insolvency of any bank or credit union selected as a state depository nor for the deficiency or loss upon any surety bond or securities deposited by any bank or credit union, if the surety bond or securities were placed according to law, unless the loss could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence on the part of the treasurer or his deputy, in which case the treasurer is liable to the state for the loss.

9-4-817. Deposits by political subdivisions; selected institutions; security; withdrawals.

(a) To the extent they are not otherwise invested, the monies collected and held by a treasurer of a political subdivision, municipality or special district within this state shall be deposited in banks or credit unions which qualify as depositories for public monies as specified in W.S. 9-4-803(a).

(c) The deposits made pursuant to this section shall be made to the extent that they are:

(i) Fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the national credit union share insurance fund, whichever is applicable; or

(d) Any bank, savings and loan association, ~~or~~ federal savings bank or credit union, located in the state, may apply to keep the monies upon the following conditions:

(ii) All funds deposited in a savings deposit account shall be withdrawable upon demand provided that the bank, ~~or~~ savings and loan association or credit union may at any time require giving of notice in writing of an intended withdrawal of thirty (30) days before a withdrawal is made;

9-4-818. Deposits by political subdivisions; applications by, and approval of, banks; rate of interest; defaults.

(a) Applications by banks, ~~and~~ savings and loan associations or credit unions shall be submitted to the proper governing board and shall be acted upon by the proper governing board as soon thereafter as practicable. Prior to the deposit, the board shall negotiate the rate of interest applicable to the deposit. No monies shall be deposited by any treasurer except in banks, ~~and~~ savings and loan associations or credit unions which have been approved by the proper governing board.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 59

MONTHLY AD VALOREM TAX DISTRIBUTION-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 151

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; amending the distribution of ad valorem taxes on mineral production collected on a monthly basis; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-13-111(d) is amended to read:

39-13-111. Distribution.

(d) Taxes collected pursuant to W.S. 39-13-113 shall be distributed by the county treasurer on or before the tenth day of the month following the month of receipt, except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Taxes collected following final reconciliation of the taxes under W.S. 39-13-113(b) shall be distributed by the county treasurer on or before the tenth day of the month following the month of collection. The county treasurer shall not distribute taxes collected under W.S. 39-13-113 to governmental entities that do not levy or are not authorized to levy taxes under W.S. 39-13-104(k) for the applicable tax year, and any taxes collected on behalf of a governmental entity that are not authorized or imposed under W.S. 39-13-104(k) shall be held by the county treasurer pending the final reconciliation of the taxes under W.S. 39-13-113(b) for distribution in accordance with this section.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 60

CORONER INVESTIGATIONS-DISPOSITION OF DECEDENT'S PROPERTY

Original Senate File No. 75

AN ACT relating to county coroners; amending the disposition of property for decedents without personal representatives or next of kin; specifying the disposition of proceeds; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-4-207(b) and by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

7-4-207. Disposition of body and effects of deceased.

(b) The coroner shall, within a reasonable time after completing the investigation, turn over to the appointed personal representative of the estate of the deceased or, if none~~, to the clerk of the district court of the county,~~ is found the coroner shall make a good faith effort to contact the deceased's next of kin and the coroner shall dispose of all money or other property found upon the body of the deceased in accordance with subsection (c) of this section. Personal items valued at less than fifty dollars ($50.00) and items necessary for the convenience of the deceased's next of kin may be released to the deceased's next of kin.

(c) If there is no personal representative of the estate and if the deceased's next of kin does not claim the money and property found upon the body of the deceased within one hundred eighty (180) days, the coroner shall cause the property to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder or by any other means of sale adopted by the county in which the investigation occurs. All money and any proceeds from the sale or auction of the property shall first be used to pay the expenses of the burial in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Any remaining money and proceeds in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00) shall be deposited and placed in the custody of the state treasurer under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 27, 2025.

Chapter 61

REPEAL GUN FREE ZONES AND PREEMPTION AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 172

AN ACT relating to concealed weapons; repealing gun free zones; providing for the carrying of concealed weapons as specified; creating a criminal offense for prohibiting entry to a person carrying a concealed weapon as specified; clarifying that only the state legislature may regulate firearms, weapons and ammunition; providing for exceptions; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-8-105 is created to read:

6-8-105. Exceptions for state issued concealed carry permits; penalty.

(a) This section shall be known as and may be cited as the "Wyoming Repeal Gun Free Zones Act."

(b) Persons lawfully carrying concealed weapons in Wyoming under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii) through (iv) may carry a concealed weapon in the following places:

(i) Any meeting of a governmental entity;

(ii) Any meeting of the legislature or a committee thereof;

(iii) Any public airport in areas of the airport where the carrying of concealed weapons is not prohibited or restricted under federal law or federal regulation;

(iv) Any public building not otherwise prohibited under W.S. 6-8-104(t) or regulated under this section.

(c) Subject to W.S. 6-8-104(t)(ix) and subsection (f) of this section, persons lawfully carrying concealed weapons in Wyoming with a permit issued under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii) may carry a concealed weapon in the following places:

(i) Any public school, public college or university athletic event taking place on public property that does not sell alcoholic beverages;

(ii) Any public elementary or secondary school facility;

(iii) Any public college or university facility.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

(i) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon where otherwise prohibited under W.S. 6-8-104(t);

(ii) Prohibit a private property owner from restricting firearms on his private property;

(iii) Prohibit a governmental entity from prohibiting the open carry, display or wearing of a firearm in its facilities or on its campus;

(iv) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon into facilities where otherwise prohibited by law;

(v) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon within state agency operated health and human services settings, health and human services facilities that are exempt from licensure or licensed by the department of family services or department of corrections or health and human services facilities that are certified by the behavioral health division of the department of health to provide residential services;

(vi) Allow the carrying of a concealed weapon within any facility where explosive or volatile materials are present. For purposes of this paragraph "explosive or volatile materials" shall not include materials that are either in an insufficient amount or in a form such that the material could not reasonably cause serious bodily injury due to the materials explosive or volatile nature;

(vii) Prohibit a governmental entity from requiring any employee or student to store firearms within a concealed biometric container or a lock box within the employee's or student's direct control at all times when the firearms are not being carried on the employee's or student's person, except said rules shall not:

(A) Prohibit the storage of firearms and ammunition in public campus housing by any employee or student authorized to carry a concealed firearm pursuant to this section; or

(B) Require that a firearm be stored unloaded or separate from its ammunition.

(e) Any person who knowingly prohibits entry to another person for lawfully carrying a concealed weapon into a place authorized pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section, unless otherwise prohibited under subsection (d) of this section, when the person would otherwise be permitted entry is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than two thousand dollars ($2,000.00), or both.

(f) The board of trustees in each school district may adopt rules and regulations to govern employees and volunteers lawfully carrying concealed weapons in Wyoming under W.S. 6-8-104 on or in any property or facility owned or leased by the school district. If no rules and regulations are adopted under this subsection, an employee or a volunteer with a permit to conceal carry under W.S. 6-8-104(a)(ii) may carry a concealed weapon under W.S. 6-8-105(c)(ii) or (iii) onto school property. Any rules and regulations adopted under this subsection shall only apply to persons who are volunteers or employees, as defined by subsection (g) of this section. The rules under this subsection shall:

(i) Require any person carrying a firearm pursuant to this section to maintain the firearm on his person at all times or in a concealed biometric container or lock box within the direct control of the person at all times;

(ii) Establish ongoing training requirements, curricula and instructor qualifications, in consultation with local law enforcement, including:

(A) An initial course of training comprised of not less than sixteen (16) hours of live fire handgun training, and eight (8) hours of scenario based training using nonlethal training, firearms and ammunition; and

(B) Annual firearm qualification and documented recurrent training of not less than twelve (12) hours with an approved instructor.

(g) For purposes of subsection (f) of this section, "employee" means any person employed by a school district, including but not limited to, superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals, teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, teacher's aids, coaches, business managers, secretaries or administrative assistants, janitors, bus drivers or other employees of a school district.

(h) For purposes of this section, "governmental entity" means the state, the university of Wyoming and any local government as defined by W.S. 1-39-103(a)(ii).

(j) The board of trustees in any school district may waive all or part of the training requirements of paragraph (f)(ii) of this section for isolated rural schools and employees in those schools.

Section 2. W.S. 6-8-104(t)(ix) and 6-8-401(c) are amended to read:

6-8-104. Wearing or carrying concealed weapons; penalties; exceptions; permits.

(t) No person authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to paragraphs (a)(ii) through (iv) of this section shall carry a concealed firearm into:

(ix) Any elementary or secondary school facility~~, except as provided in W.S. 21-3-132~~ if the person is enrolled as a student at any elementary or secondary school;

6-8-401. Firearm, weapon and ammunition regulation and prohibition by state.

(c) The sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use and possession of firearms, weapons and ammunition shall be authorized, regulated and prohibited by the state, and regulation thereof is preempted by the legislature of the state of Wyoming. Except as authorized by W.S. 15-1-103(a)(xviii) and ~~21-3-132~~ 23-1-302, no state agency, city, town, county, political subdivision or any other entity shall authorize, regulate or prohibit the sale, transfer, purchase, delivery, taxation, manufacture, ownership, transportation, storage, use, carrying or possession of firearms, weapons, accessories, components or ammunition except as specifically provided by this chapter. This section shall not affect zoning or other ordinances which encompass firearms businesses along with other businesses. Zoning and other ordinances which are designed for the purpose of restricting or prohibiting the sale, purchase, transfer or manufacture of firearms or ammunition as a method of regulating firearms or ammunition are in conflict with this section and are prohibited.

Section 3. W.S. 6-8-104(t)(iv) through (vi) and (x) and 21-3-132 are repealed.

Section 4. The state building commission shall begin promulgating any rules necessary to administer this act not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.

Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Became law without signature February 27, 2025.

Chapter 62

COMPELLED SPEECH IS NOT FREE SPEECH

Original Senate File No. 77

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; prohibiting the state and its political subdivisions from requiring the use of preferred pronouns; authorizing a civil remedy; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-14-601 is created to read:

ARTICLE 6
COMPELLED OR PROHIBITED SPEECH

9-14-601. Compelled speech; civil action.

(a) The state and its political subdivisions shall not compel or require an employee to refer to another employee using that employee's preferred pronouns:

(i) As a condition of continuing or commencing employment or contracting with the state or a political subdivision;

(ii) As a condition of receiving a grant, loan, permit, contract, license or other benefit afforded by the state or a political subdivision; or

(iii) Under threat of adverse action by the state or a political subdivision, including but not limited to an adverse employment action, exclusion, sanction or punishment.

(b) Any person aggrieved by a violation of subsection (a) of this section may file a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the state or any political subdivision, and its employees acting in their official capacities, responsible for the violation to seek injunctive or declaratory relief.

Section 2. This act applies to conduct occurring on or after July 1, 2025 to which liability under this act applies.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Became law without signature February 27, 2025.

Chapter 63

BUDGET RESERVE ACCOUNT-REPEAL

Original Senate File No. 168

AN ACT relating to public funds; repealing the budget reserve account; providing for the transfer from and the reversion of funds from the budget reserve account; making conforming amendments; repealing obsolete language; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-1-417(a), 9-2-102(a)(iii), 9-2-1012(e) and by creating a new subsection (j), 9-2-1013(d)(ii), (iii)(B), (iv) and by creating a new paragraph (vii), 9-3-413.1(a)(v), 9-4-601(d)(intro), (iv), (vii) and (ix), 21-16-720(b), 35-1-1002(a)(vi), 35-11-528(e), 35-11-529(a) and (b), 39-14-801(d)(intro) and 39-19-111(a)(intro) are amended to read:

9-1-417. Interfund loans; repayment; maximum amount; interest.

(a) The state treasurer and the state auditor may utilize interfund loans from the legislative stabilization reserve account, or the general fund if insufficient funds exist in the legislative stabilization reserve account, to any other fund or account to meet obligations which come due prior to receipt of revenues. The interfund loans shall be repaid as soon as the anticipated revenue is received. The total amount of interfund loans under this subsection outstanding at one (1) time shall not exceed sixty million dollars ($60,000,000.00). These loans shall not be used to fund shortages caused by expenditures exceeding projected revenues but are to be used only to fund temporary shortages caused by meeting obligations which come due prior to receipt of revenues. The interest charged on each interfund loan under this subsection, other than to the general fund, ~~or budget reserve account,~~ shall be the interest rate earned on pooled fund investments in the previous fiscal year.

9-2-102. Department of health; duties and responsibilities; state grants.

(a) The department of health is the state mental health authority, the developmental disabilities authority and the substance abuse authority. The department through its divisions has the following duties and responsibilities to:

(iii) Establish minimum standards and approve policies and procedures for the establishment and operation of community-based mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities programs receiving state support. The department through its mental health division and its substance abuse division shall annually withhold not less than five percent (5%) of all amounts provided in each contract with a community-based mental health or substance abuse program or provider and shall not release the funds withheld to the individual program or provider until the respective division and the individual program or provider enter into a written agreement that provides for performance and outcome measures. If the respective division and an individual program or

provider do not enter into a mutually agreed upon set of performance and outcome measures, the funds withheld under this paragraph shall revert to the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund at the end of the biennium in which the funds were withheld;

9-2-1012. Duties of the department; transmittal of standard budget and manual; return of completed exception and expanded budgets; submission to governor; disposition of excess general fund appropriations; submission of selected budget information to joint appropriations committee.

(e) In preparing the overall state budget for distribution to the legislature, including any supplemental, budget shortfall or other emergency changes to the budget, the governor shall recommend to the legislature that not less than five percent (5%) of estimated general fund receipts for the next biennial budget period shall be ~~appropriated from~~ maintained in the general fund ~~to the budget~~ as a reserve ~~account within the earmarked fund. This appropriation shall be in addition to any fund balance within the budget reserve account. At the end of each biennial budget period, general fund appropriations for the biennium in excess of expenditures including encumbrances during the biennium, as identified by the state auditor in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207, shall be transferred into the budget reserve account. All funds in the budget reserve account shall be invested by the state treasurer and earnings therefrom shall be credited into the general fund. Appropriations to the account shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal period. Expenditures from the budget reserve account shall be by legislative appropriation only~~ amount. This general fund reserve amount request shall be separate from all other requests for appropriations during the biennial budget period for which it is recommended. Subject to accrual accounting principles, any unappropriated fund balance in the general fund on June 30 in the last year of each biennial budget period in excess of the general fund reserve amount recommended under this subsection shall be transferred to the legislative stabilization reserve account.

(j) At the end of fiscal year 2028 and the end of each succeeding fiscal biennium and subject to accrual accounting principles, the state auditor shall transfer the unobligated, unencumbered fund balance as defined in W.S. 9-2-1002(a)(xxii) of the general fund in excess of the amount specified in subsection (e) of this section for that fiscal biennium to the legislative stabilization reserve account.

9-2-1013. State budget; distribution of copies to legislators; copies and reports of authorizations; interfund loans.

(d) In addition to the items contained in subsection (a) of this section and notwithstanding any other recommendations made by the governor, the state budget shall also include the governor's recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing two (2) years, or if a supplemental budget request, the remainder of the budget period, subject to the following:

(ii) The total recommended appropriations under this subsection for any two (2) fiscal year budget period shall not exceed the total estimated revenues for that two (2) year period. The total estimated revenues computed under this paragraph shall not include increases in existing revenue sources which would be available to the state only after enactment of legislation in addition to existing law, but shall include the unencumbered balances in all other accounts in all other expendable funds subject to this section, and as further provided herein, as those funds are identified in accordance with standards promulgated by the governmental accounting standards board, but specifically excluding pension funds, nonexpendable trust funds, debt service funds and intragovernmental funds, that would be available for that budget period. Funds within the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account created under W.S. 9-4-719(b), the common school permanent fund reserve account created under W.S. 9-4-719(f)~~,~~ funds within the legislative stabilization reserve account in excess of the limitation under subparagraph (iii)(C) of this ~~section, or funds within five percent (5%) of estimated~~ subsection and the general fund ~~receipts for the next biennium to be appropriated to the budget~~ reserve ~~account as required~~ amount specified by W.S. 9-2-1012(e) shall not be included in total estimated revenues computed under this paragraph. Funds from a contingent appropriation shall not be included as an estimated source of revenue or funds available unless those funds previously had been authorized to be expended within the fiscal period covering the budget period of the recommendation;

(iii) The total recommended appropriations under this subsection shall not include any of the following:

(B) The transfer of funds from an account to another account~~; except transfers from the budget reserve account~~;

(iv) As used in this subsection, "appropriations" include any of the following:

(A) Specific legislative authorization to expend state revenues contained in a budget bill that is enacted into law~~;~~;

(B) An amount to be expended from an account which does not require additional specific legislative authorization~~;, the transfer of funds from the budget reserve account to another account or~~

(C) A specific statutory distribution of a revenue source.~~;~~

(vii) The state budget may include recommendations for additional funding for state agencies that receive federal mineral royalties or severance tax distributions and for local governments from federal mineral royalties or severance tax distributions under W.S. 9-4-601(d)(iv) and 39-14-801(d), subject to the following:

(A) To the extent the legislature appropriates funds under this paragraph from the general fund for local governments, the appropriation shall comply

with and be subject to the following:

(I) The amount appropriated to local governments shall not exceed the amount available under this paragraph, less appropriations under this paragraph to state agencies;

(II) A total amount shall be annually appropriated to the state treasurer to be distributed to all local governments as follows:

(1) Thirty percent (30%) to counties, in the proportion which the population of the county bears to total state population;

(2) Seventy percent (70%) to cities and towns, each city and town to receive an amount in the proportion which the population of the city or town bears to the population of all cities and towns in Wyoming.

(III) The distributions to local governments under this paragraph shall be made by the state treasurer not later than October 15 of the fiscal year next following the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. The distributions shall be from revenues actually recognized in the fiscal year for which the appropriation is made. Any interest earned on invested funds allocated to local governments under this paragraph shall be retained in the general fund as a reserve amount.

(B) To the extent that actual recognized revenues are less than the estimated deposits referenced in this paragraph:

(I) The distribution of any appropriation to local governments under this paragraph shall be reduced by a pro rata amount; and

(II) The state auditor shall reduce the spending authority of any state agency receiving an appropriation under this paragraph by a pro rata amount.

(C) As used in this paragraph:

(I) "Local government" means any county or municipality;

(II) "State agency" means the department of transportation, the University of Wyoming and the water development office.

9-3-413.1. Members' and employers' contributions based on actuarially determined contribution rates; calculation of rates; reports.

(a) Beginning with the 2027-2028 fiscal biennium, the retirement system shall calculate the percentage of salary for members' contributions required under W.S. 9-3-412(a) and for the employers' contribution required under W.S. 9-3-413 based on an actuarially determined contribution rate in accordance with the following:

(v) After calculation of the actuarially determined contribution rate under paragraph (ii) of this subsection, the state budget department and the retirement system shall calculate necessary amounts to account for any changes in the appropriations necessary to fund the contributions for the public employee

retirement plan and shall include those amounts in the budget prepared under W.S. 9-2-1010 through ~~9-2-1014.1~~ 9-2-1014, including changes in amounts for school districts necessary to account for the employer's share of the actuarially determined contribution rate in accordance with this section for benefits paid from the education resource block grant model defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv) and as enumerated in Attachment A(b)(xxxviii), as defined in W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii);

9-4-601. Distribution and use; funds, accounts, cities and towns benefited; exception for bonus payments.

(d) Except as provided in ~~subsections (k), (m), (n) and~~ subsection (o) of this section, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of two hundred million dollars ($200,000,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(iv) Subject to paragraphs (vii) and (ix) of this subsection, two-thirds (2/3) to the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund;

(vii) From the amounts that would otherwise be distributed to the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund under paragraph (iv) of this subsection ~~and paragraphs (k)(ii), (m)(ii), (n)(ii) and (o)(ii) of this section,~~ amounts necessary to make the required revenue bond payments as provided by W.S. 9-4-1003(d), but in no event more than eighteen million dollars ($18,000,000.00) annually;

(ix) For the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2049, from the amounts that would otherwise be distributed to the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund under paragraph (iv) of this subsection, the first eight million dollars ($8,000,000.00) shall be distributed to a separate account for the University of Wyoming. These funds are continuously appropriated to the university upon deposit to the account. The University of Wyoming shall reduce its standard budget request for the 2021-2022 biennium by an amount equal to the maximum amount of funds authorized to be deposited under this paragraph. The University of Wyoming shall acknowledge this reduction of its 2021-2022 budget request pursuant to this paragraph in each standard budget request submitted to the governor's office through June 30, 2048.

21-16-720. Annual report and budget.

(b) The authority shall submit its budget for review as provided by W.S. 9-2-1010 through ~~9-2-1014.1~~ 9-2-1014.

35-1-1002. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(vi) "Unobligated," for purposes of W.S. 35-1-1003(b), ~~and (d),~~ means no commitment meeting the requirements of subparagraph (iii)(B) of this subsection was received prior to June 30, 2012.

35-11-528. Municipal solid waste facilities cease and transfer program created; criteria for grants and loans; loan terms; availability of other state funding sources.

(e) Loans may be made under the program at zero interest rate, up to an annual interest rate equal to the average prime interest rate as determined in accordance with this subsection. Loans provided under the program shall be adequately collateralized as determined by the state loan and investment board. Principal and interest payments shall be deposited in the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund. The state loan and investment board shall establish interest rates to be charged for loans under the program, but the interest rate shall not exceed an annual interest rate equal to the average prime interest rate as determined by the state treasurer. To determine the average prime interest rate, the state treasurer shall average the prime interest rate for at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the thirty (30) largest banks in the United States. The interest rate shall be adjusted on January 1 of each year. Interest rates shall be established in recognition of the repayment abilities and needs of the local municipal solid waste facility operator eligible for loans under the program. The state loan and investment board shall establish loan amortization schedules, terms and conditions for each loan approved based on an applicant's need, financial condition of the landfill operator or the entity responsible for solid waste funding, the projected life of the transfer facility and the ability of that entity to repay the loan in a timely manner.

35-11-529. Municipal solid waste facilities cease and transfer accounts created; authorized expenditures from the accounts.

(a) There is created the municipal solid waste cease and transfer grant account. Monies from the account shall be awarded for grants to fund approved activities pursuant to W.S. 35-11-528. Interest earned by this account shall be deposited in the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), funds deposited in this account shall not revert without further action of the legislature.

(b) There is created the municipal solid waste cease and transfer loan account. Monies from the account shall be awarded for loans to fund approved activities pursuant to W.S. 35-11-528. Interest earned by this account shall be deposited in the ~~budget reserve account~~ general fund. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207(a), funds deposited in this account shall not revert without further action of the legislature.

39-14-801. Severance tax distributions; distribution account created; formula.

(d) After making distributions pursuant to subsections (b), (c), (f) and (j) of this section, distributions under subsection (e) of this section shall be made from the severance tax distribution account. The amount of distributions under subsection (e) of this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty-five million dollars ($155,000,000.00) in any fiscal year. To the extent that distributions under subsection (e) of this section would exceed that amount in any fiscal

year, ~~except as provided in subsections (g), (h), (k) and (m) of this section,~~ the excess shall be credited~~:~~ to the general fund.

39-19-111. Distribution.

(a) All money collected under W.S. 39-19-101 through 39-19-111 shall be credited ~~as follows:~~ to the general fund.

Section 2. W.S. 9-2-1014.1, 9-4-601(k), (m) and (n), 35-1-1003(d), 39-14-801(d)(i), (ii), (g), (h) and (k) and 39-19-111(a)(i) and (ii) are repealed.

Section 3. The budget reserve account is repealed.

Section 4. On July 1, 2026, all funds in the budget reserve account shall be transferred by the state auditor to the general fund. Any unexpended funds that have been appropriated or obligated from the budget reserve account before July 1, 2026 shall be paid from the general fund. Any funds that are directed to revert by law to the budget reserve account shall revert to the general fund. All accrued revenues that would otherwise be deposited in the budget reserve account shall be deposited in the general fund.

Section 5. Not later than October 31, 2026 and again not later than October 31, 2027, the state auditor shall report to the joint appropriations committee on the amounts transferred under section 4 of this act.

Section 6. This act is effective July 1, 2026.

Became law without signature February 27, 2025.

Chapter 64

MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS OF NEW TRAILERS-CHANGES

Original House Bill No. 242

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring applicants for motor vehicle dealer licenses who sell trailers to submit a sales authorization agreement; exempting motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers who sell trailers from specified provisions; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-16-101(a) by creating a new paragraph (xxxii), 31-16-103(a) by creating a new paragraph (ix) and 31-16-124 by creating a new subsection (g) are amended to read:

31-16-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxxii) "Sales authorization" means a document from a manufacturer or distributor of trailers as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii) that does not contract through enfranchisement, authorizing a dealer to engage in the

business of selling any specified make of trailer other than a house trailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(A) or a semitrailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(B).

31-16-103. Licenses; applications; issuance, suspension and revocation; change in ownership; rulemaking.

(a) An applicant for a license required under this act shall, before commencing business and annually thereafter submit an application to the department in a form prescribed by the department containing the following:

(ix) For a new vehicle dealer's license to sell trailers as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii), if the sales agreement does not involve enfranchisement, a sales authorization from the manufacturer or distributor stating that the dealer is authorized to sell any specific make of new trailer other than a house trailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(A) or a semitrailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(B).

31-16-124. Applicability of provisions.

(g) The provisions of W.S. 31-16-109 through 31-16-111, 31-16-113, 31-16-114 and 31-16-117 shall not apply to dealers or manufacturers of new trailers other than a house trailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(A) or a semitrailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(B). The provisions of W.S. 31-16-108 shall not apply to manufacturers of new trailers other than a house trailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(A) or a semitrailer as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a)(xxiii)(B).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 65

NONCITIZEN DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID CARD-REVISIONS

Original Senate File No. 33

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; specifying requirements for driver's licenses and identification cards issued to a person who is not a United States citizen but who has lawful alien status as recognized by federal law; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-7-115(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv) and 31-8-102 by creating a new subsection (b) are amended to read:

31-7-115. Issuance, description and contents.

(a) Upon the satisfactory completion of any required examination, the division shall issue to every qualifying applicant a driver's license, and:

(iv) The license issued to a person who is not a United States citizen but who has lawful status as defined by title 6, section 37.3 of the Code of Federal Regulations shall state "Not U.S. citizen".

31-8-102. Contents.

(b) Identification cards issued to a person who is not a United States citizen but who has lawful status as defined by title 6, section 37.3 of the Code of Federal Regulations shall state "Not U.S. citizen".

Section 2. This act shall apply to licenses and identification cards issued on and after January 1, 2026.

Section 3. Not later than January 1, 2026, the department of transportation shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 66

PROTECTION ORDER AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 7

AN ACT relating to stalking, sexual assault and domestic violence protection orders; amending provisions regarding the appointment of counsel; amending filing, service and notice requirements for protection orders; authorizing orders extending protection orders to be served upon the respondent by mail as specified; specifying who may file a petition on behalf of a victim of domestic abuse; amending definitions; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-3-506(a)(i), 7-3-507(d), 7-3-510(a) and (b), 35-21-102(a)(ii), 35-21-103(a) and (e) and 35-21-106(a) and (b) are amended to read:

7-3-506. Definitions.

(a) As used in W.S. 7-3-506 through 7-3-512:

(i) "Court" means the circuit court in the county where an alleged victim of stalking or sexual assault resides~~,~~ or is found, where the alleged perpetrator of the stalking or sexual assault resides or is found or where an act of stalking or sexual assault occurred;

7-3-507. Petition for order of protection; contents; prerequisites; appointment of an attorney; remote appearance at hearings.

(d) The attorney general shall promulgate a standard petition form ~~which~~ that may be used by petitioners. The clerk of the circuit or district court shall make standard petition forms available to petitioners, with instructions for completion, without charge. If the petition is not filed by the district attorney, the court may appoint an attorney to represent ~~an indigent petitioner~~ the victim in the action. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the victim from hiring an attorney or filing a petition pro se.

7-3-510. Service of order; duration and extension of order; violation; remedies not exclusive.

(a) An order of protection granted under W.S. 7-3-509 shall be ~~served upon the respondent pursuant to the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure. A copy of the order of protection shall be filed with the sheriff of the county~~ filed with the clerk of court and a copy shall be sent by the clerk to the county sheriff who shall, after service, notify the local law enforcement agency within the county in which the petitioner resides. The order shall be personally served upon the respondent unless the respondent or the respondent's attorney was present in person or by remote means at the time the order was granted.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an order of protection granted by the court under W.S. 7-3-509 shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years, subject to the following:~~.~~

(i) Either party may move to modify, terminate or extend the order. The order may be extended repetitively upon a showing of good cause for additional periods of time, not to exceed three (3) years each, if the court finds from specific facts that a clear and present danger to the victim continues to exist. Any extension of an order of protection under this paragraph shall be served upon the respondent by mailing the order to the last known address of the respondent on file with the clerk of court by certified and first-class mail, and shall constitute valid notice of the extension;

(ii) If a party subject to an order of protection is sentenced and incarcerated or becomes imprisoned, the running of the time remaining for the order of protection shall be tolled during the term of incarceration or imprisonment. The conditions and provisions of an order of protection shall remain in effect during any period of tolling under this ~~subsection~~ paragraph. Upon release from incarceration or imprisonment the effective period of the order of protection shall be the amount of time remaining as of the first day of the term of incarceration or imprisonment or one (1) year from the date of release, whichever is greater.

35-21-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(ii) "Court" means the circuit court ~~or, if the county does not have a circuit court, the district court~~ in the county where ~~an~~ the alleged victim of domestic abuse resides or is found, where an alleged perpetrator of the domestic abuse resides or is found or where an act of domestic abuse occurred;

35-21-103. Petition for order of protection; contents; prerequisites; appointment of an attorney; award of costs and fees; remote appearance at hearings.

(a) ~~A victim of domestic abuse~~ The following persons may petition the court under this act by filing a petition with the circuit court clerk ~~or the district court clerk if the county does not have a circuit court~~ for an order of protection:

(i) The victim;

(ii) If the victim consents, the district attorney on behalf of the victim; or

(iii) Any person with legal authority to act on behalf of the victim if the victim is:

(A) A minor;

(B) A vulnerable adult as defined in W.S. 35-20-102(a)(xviii);

(C) Any other adult who, because of age, disability, health or inaccessibility, cannot file the petition.

(e) The clerk of the court shall make available standard petition forms with instructions for completion to be used by a petitioner. Forms are to be prepared by the victim services division within the office of the attorney general. Upon receipt of the initial petition by the clerk of the court, the clerk shall refer the matter to the court. The court may appoint an attorney to ~~assist and advise the petitioner or the petitioner may hire~~ represent the victim in the action. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the victim from hiring an attorney or ~~file~~ filing a petition pro se.

35-21-106. Service of order; duration and extension of order; violation; remedies not exclusive.

(a) An order of protection granted under ~~this act~~ W.S. 35-21-105 shall be filed with the clerk of court and a copy shall be sent by the clerk to the county sheriff who shall, after service, notify the local law enforcement agency within the county in which the petitioner resides. The order shall be personally served upon the respondent, unless ~~he or his~~ the respondent or the respondent's attorney was present in person or by remote means at the time the order was ~~issued~~ granted.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an order of protection granted by the court under W.S. 35-21-105 shall be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed three (3) years, subject to the following:~~.~~

(i) Either party may move to modify, terminate or extend the order. The

order may be extended repetitively upon a showing of good cause for additional periods of time not to exceed three (3) years each. Any extension of an order of protection under this paragraph shall be served upon the respondent by mailing the order to the last known address of the respondent on file with the clerk of court by certified and first-class mail, and shall constitute valid notice of the extension;

(ii) If a party subject to an order of protection is sentenced and incarcerated or becomes imprisoned the running of the time remaining for the order of protection shall be tolled during the term of incarceration or imprisonment. The conditions and provisions of an order of protection shall remain in effect during any period of tolling under this ~~subsection~~ paragraph. Upon release from incarceration or imprisonment the effective period of the order of protection shall be the amount of time remaining as of the first day of the term of incarceration or imprisonment or one (1) year from the date of release, whichever is greater. The filing of an action for divorce shall not supersede an order of protection granted under this act.

Section 2. This act shall apply to petitions for stalking, sexual assault and domestic violence protection orders that are filed on and after July 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 67

PROTECTION ORDERS-EFFECTIVE DURING APPEAL OR REVIEW

Original Senate File No. 8

AN ACT relating to protection orders; specifying the applicability of stalking, sexual assault and domestic violence protection orders during appeal or review; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-3-510 by creating a new subsection (e) and 35-21-106 by creating a new subsection (f) are amended to read:

7-3-510. Service of order; duration and extension of order; violation; remedies not exclusive; order effective during appeal or review.

(e) An order of protection granted under W.S. 7-3-506 through 7-3-512 shall remain effective during the pendency of any appeal or review of the order of protection or any decision to modify or extend the order of protection, unless a court orders a stay during the pendency of the appeal or review.

35-21-106. Service of order; duration and extension of order; violation; remedies not exclusive; order effective during appeal or review.

(f) An order of protection granted under this act shall remain effective during the pendency of any appeal or review of the order of protection or any decision to modify or extend the order of protection, unless a court orders a stay during the pendency of the appeal or review.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 68

DISTRICT COURTS-CHANGE OF VENUE

Original Senate File No. 79

AN ACT relating to civil procedure; providing a process for a change of venue in district court; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-7-103 is created to read:

1-7-103. Change of venue in civil actions.

(a) For any civil action brought in an incorrect venue, the district court may, on its own or upon motion of the parties, order the action to be transferred to a court that would be a proper venue.

(b) For purposes of this section, an action timely filed in an incorrect venue and transferred to a proper venue under this section shall be deemed to be timely filed in the proper venue.

(c) The supreme court may adopt rules governing proceedings under this section.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 69

INCLUSION OF CROSSING GUARDS FOR GOVERNMENTAL CLAIMS ACT

Original Senate File No. 110

AN ACT modifying the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act to include crossing guard volunteers and faculty; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-39-103(a)(iv) by creating a new subparagraph (H) is amended to read:

1-39-103. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iv) "Public employee":

(H) Includes volunteers and school district employees acting as a roadway crossing guard on behalf of or in service of a public school district legally organized as a body corporate pursuant to W.S. 21-3-101, et seq.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 70

SCHOOL FINANCE-CASH RESERVES

Original Senate File No. 137

AN ACT relating to school finance; extending the sunset date for an increase in school district operating balances and cash reserves; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-13-313(e) is amended to read:

21-13-313. Distribution of funds from foundation account; property tax and cash reserve adjustment; regulations.

(e) Not later than January 31 of each fiscal year, and except where a different percentage is otherwise specified in this subsection, the department shall compute the amount by which each district's operating balance and cash reserves at the end of the preceding fiscal year exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309 for the preceding fiscal year. In making this calculation, the entire operating balance and cash reserves for each district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, as computed by the department, shall be separately accounted for and excluded, until it has been completely expended by the district. Revenues from settlements of protested amounts attributable to levies assessed under W.S. 21-13-102(a)(i)(A) and (ii)(A) and 21-13-201, regardless of the assessment year, shall be accounted for and excluded from the calculation under this subsection for a period of not more than one (1) year following that fiscal year in which the revenue was received by a district, as verified in writing by the district and certified by the county treasurer. Except as otherwise provided in

1997 Special Session Laws, chapter 3, section 306(e), as amended, and except as excluded under this subsection, that excess shall be deemed to be a state revenue under W.S. 21-13-310(a) for the purpose of determining distributions under W.S. 21-13-311 and amounts to be rebated under W.S. 21-13-102. The department shall promulgate rules, including reporting requirements and procedures for districts, to implement this subsection. As used in this section, "operating balance and cash reserves" means those financial resources of the district which are not encumbered by the district board of trustees for expenditure to meet an existing legal obligation or otherwise restricted by law or regulation for expenditure on specific educational programs. For purposes of this subsection, any balance within a district's separate account established under W.S. 21-15-109(e) for major building and facility repair and replacement shall be deemed restricted by law for expenditure as provided by W.S. 21-15-109(e) and shall not be considered an operating balance and cash reserve under this section. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 through the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2026~~ June 30, 2028, the department shall compute the amount by which each district's operating balance and cash reserves at the end of the preceding fiscal year exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309 for the preceding fiscal year. During this period, the amount of a district's operating balance and cash reserves that may be increased from fifteen percent (15%) to thirty percent (30%) of the total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309 for the preceding fiscal year shall be accounted for and reported separately and shall not be transferred or expended for purposes of capital construction. For purposes of this subsection, "capital construction" does not include major building and facility repair and replacement as defined under W.S. 21-15-109(a)(iii).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 71

SAGE GROUSE COMPENSATORY MITIGATION-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 179

AN ACT relating to sage grouse implementation and mitigation credits; specifying that operator-offered mitigation measures may be used and approved to address impacts to greater sage-grouse habitat; specifying that eminent domain shall not be used to provide for mitigation activities; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-19-203(b)(vi) and by creating new subsections (f) and (g)

is amended to read:

9-19-203. Compensatory mitigation; guidelines.

(b) The board of land commissioners, after consultation as appropriate with the department of agriculture, the department of environmental quality, the game and fish department, the oil and gas conservation commission, the department of transportation and the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account board, shall adopt rules for the establishment and administration of a compensatory mitigation credit system for greater sage grouse in Wyoming, including rules for evaluating ecological functions, services and values. The rules shall at a minimum provide for:

(vi) Criteria for other forms of mitigation, including operator-offered measures and operator-offered restoration credits, in accordance with subsection (f) of this section, and measures for reduced or eliminated take;

(f) In lieu of or in addition to the compensatory mitigation credit system provided in this act, an operator may perform compensatory mitigation measures in a service area that includes the same or reasonably equivalent properties in Wyoming to the lands where impacts occur and receive credit from the board of land commissioners for those measures. The operator shall retain responsibility for the mitigation measures for the entire period of the expected impact. The operator shall not delegate the responsibility for the mitigation measures except to a mitigation credit provider upon approval by the board of land commissioners.

(g) No person shall have the right of eminent domain for compensatory mitigation activities specified in this act.

Section 2. The board of land commissioners shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 72

EMINENT DOMAIN-ENERGY COLLECTION SYSTEMS-2

Original Senate File No. 181

AN ACT relating to eminent domain; limiting the exercise of the power of condemnation for energy collector systems; providing compensation standards for condemned property as specified; requiring proof of compliance and notice of condemnation as specified; providing requirements for existing easements; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; repealing an existing provision; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-26-715 and 1-26-818 are created to read:

1-26-715. Compensation for condemnation of property for energy collector systems.

Compensation related to the condemnation of property for the erection, placement or expansion of an energy collector system associated with a commercial facility generating electricity shall be made in accordance with W.S. 1-26-704 and 1-26-818.

1-26-818. Right of eminent domain; energy collector systems; authorization; restrictions.

(a) Subject to this section, any person authorized to do business in this state may appropriate by condemnation a way of necessity over, across or on so much of the lands or real property of others as necessary for the erection, placement or expansion of an energy collector system associated with a commercial facility generating electricity. Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, each person, association, company or corporation shall comply with the requirements of this section before appropriating by condemnation property as specified in this subsection.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, each person exercising the power of eminent domain under this section shall:

(i) Negotiate and have finalized land use and compensation agreements:

(A) That shall grant the person the right to occupy and use not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the land upon which the energy collector system will be constructed; or

(B) With not less than sixty-six percent (66%) of the owners of the land upon which the energy collector system will be constructed if not less than three (3) landowners are involved in the potential condemnation action.

(ii) Allege in any complaint for condemnation and provide proof to a court of competent jurisdiction:

(A) Compliance with paragraph (i) of this subsection;

(B) All terms and consideration, including monetary compensation or compensation given to landowners as described in subsections (b)(i)(A) and (B) of this section, granted to the owners of property with whom the person negotiated under paragraph (i) of this subsection. The court shall ensure that, except for providing the information to the opposing party, all terms and consideration alleged in the complaint under this subparagraph remain confidential; and

(C) That the commercial facility generating electricity with which the energy collector system constitutes a public use.

(c) For purposes of calculating compensation under this section, improvements to the property shall be included in its fair market value.

(d) W.S. 1-26-701 through 1-26-715 shall apply to any condemnation under this section except in no circumstances shall the minimum compensation to be paid be less than the average paid under W.S. 1-26-818(b)(i).

(e) A commercial facility generating electricity shall not use an existing easement agreement or order granting an easement to the condemnor to place additional energy collector systems associated with a commercial facility generating electricity without first complying with this section unless the existing easement:

(i) Authorizes initial or additional energy collector systems;

(ii) Contemplates a method by which an easement can be enlarged or amended; or

(iii) Authorizes the parties to renegotiate the easement.

(f) Thirty (30) days before a condemnation action is commenced under this section, the entity seeking to condemn property shall give notice to the board of county commissioners of the county and any local governing body of the city or town in which the condemnation is to take place.

(g) Any order granting an easement to a condemnor under this section shall include clauses relating to liability of the parties for potential damages arising from activities occurring on the condemned property and reclamation requirements pertaining to the condemnor's use of the property.

(h) This section shall not apply to:

(i) A public utility that has been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity under W.S. 37-2-205;

(ii) Any energy collector system associated with a commercial facility generating electricity that began serving load or that began exporting energy from Wyoming before July 1, 2025.

(j) As used in this section:

(i) "Energy collector system associated with a commercial facility generating electricity" means the conductor infrastructure, including conductors, towers, substations, switchgear and other components necessary to deliver power from any commercial facility generating electricity up to, but not including, electric substations or interconnections facilities associated with existing or proposed transmission lines that serve load or that export energy from Wyoming;

(ii) "Commercial facility generating electricity" means any commercial plant, property or facility generating electricity from any source for the purpose of selling electricity.

Section 2. W.S. 1-26-502(a)(vi), 1-26-701(a) and (c), 1-26-815 by creating a new subsection (e) and 34-27-105 are amended to read:

1-26-502. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(vi) "This act" means W.S. 1-26-501 through ~~1-26-817~~ 1-26-818.

1-26-701. Compensation standards.

(a) An owner of property or an interest in property taken by eminent domain is entitled to compensation determined under the standards prescribed by W.S. 1-26-701 through ~~1-26-713~~ 1-26-715.

(c) Except as specifically provided by W.S. 1-26-701 through ~~1-26-713~~ 1-26-715, compensation, damages, or other relief to which a person is otherwise entitled under this act or other law are not affected, but duplication of payment is not permitted.

1-26-815. Right of eminent domain granted; ways of necessity for authorized businesses; purposes; extent.

(e) No person qualified to exercise the condemnation authority granted by this section, except those persons specified in W.S. 1-26-818(h), shall exercise the authority for the erection, placement or expansion of an energy collector system associated with a commercial facility generating electricity except in accordance with W.S. 1-26-818.

34-27-105. Compensation for taking of wind or solar energy rights.

Nothing in this act diminishes the right of the owner of the surface estate to receive compensation under W.S. 1-26-701 through ~~1-26-714~~ 1-26-715 for the taking of wind or solar energy rights incidental to the exercise of eminent domain.

Section 3. W.S. 1-26-815(d) is repealed.

Section 4. This act applies to condemnation actions initiated on or after July 1, 2025. Nothing in this act is construed to impair any existing contracts. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit projects regarding commercial facilities generating electricity or energy collector systems that have begun the local or state permitting process before July 1, 2025.

Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 73

AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF AUTOMOBILE TITLE UPON DEATH

Original Senate File No. 39

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for the automatic transfer of a vehicle title on death; providing definitions; providing exceptions; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-104.1 is created to read:

31-2-104.1. Transfer of title upon death; beneficiary designation forms; definitions.

(a) Each county clerk shall make available a beneficiary designation form that allows the owner or owners of a vehicle to arrange for the transfer of the vehicle's title to a named beneficiary upon the death of the owner or upon the death of all owners of the vehicle. The form shall include fields for the following information:

(i) The manufacturer, model, year and vehicle identification number of the vehicle;

(ii) The name of all owners of the vehicle;

(iii) The words "transfer on death to" followed by the name of the beneficiary; and

(iv) The notarized signature of all owners of the vehicle.

(b) The form shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk in the county where the vehicle is titled.

(c) Upon the death of the owner, or of the last surviving owner, of a vehicle for which a beneficiary designation form has been properly executed and recorded, as described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the beneficiary shall present the recorded form or a copy of the form to the county clerk and request a new certificate of title in the beneficiary's name. The beneficiary shall also present to the county clerk:

(i) A certified copy of the death certificate of the vehicle's owner or the last surviving owner of the vehicle; and

(ii) The fee for an application for a certificate of title required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vii).

(d) Upon the presentation of a properly executed beneficiary designation form, submittal of the certified copy of a death certificate and payment of the certificate of title application fee, as described in subsection (c) of this section, the county clerk, subject to any liens and security interest, shall issue a new certificate of title to the beneficiary.

(e) The estate of a deceased vehicle owner is not liable for obtaining a new certificate of title or for transferring title to the vehicle pursuant to a beneficiary designation form if the personal representative does not have actual knowledge of the existence of a valid, unrevoked beneficiary designation form.

(f) A successor of a decedent, or a person acting on behalf of a successor, is

not liable for obtaining a new certificate of title or transferring title to a vehicle subject to a beneficiary designation form if the person does not have actual knowledge of the existence of a valid, unrevoked beneficiary designation form.

(g) During the lifetime of the owner of a vehicle for which a beneficiary designation form has been properly executed or before the death of the last surviving owner of such a vehicle:

(i) The signature or consent of the beneficiary is not required for any transaction relating to the vehicle; and

(ii) The owner or owners of the vehicle may revoke the beneficiary designation form or change the beneficiary of the beneficiary designation form at any time by:

(A) Transferring ownership of the vehicle with proper assignment and delivery of the certificate of title to another person; or

(B) Properly executing a subsequent beneficiary designation form that designates a new beneficiary.

(h) Upon the death of the owner of a vehicle or upon the death of the last surviving owner of a vehicle for which a beneficiary designation form has been properly executed, the interest of the beneficiary in the vehicle is subject to any contract of sale, assignment, lien, ownership or security interest to which the deceased owner or owners were subject.

(j) Except as provided in paragraph (g)(ii) of this section, the designation of a beneficiary in a beneficiary designation form may not be changed or revoked by will or by any other instrument or by a change in circumstances.

(k) The transfer of a vehicle pursuant to this section is a nonprobate transfer pursuant to the Wyoming Probate Code.

(m) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(i) "Beneficiary" means one or more specifically named persons or entities designated to receive title to a vehicle upon the death of the preceding owner;

(ii) "Beneficiary designation form" means a form that indicates the intention of a present owner or owners of a vehicle to transfer ownership of the vehicle to a named beneficiary upon the death of the owner or last surviving owner of the vehicle.

Section 2. W.S. 2-18-103(a) and by creating a new subsection (p), 31-1-201(d) and 31-2-104(a) and (c) are amended to read:

2-18-103. Transfer on death deed or title.

(a) A deed or title that conveys an interest in real or titled property, including any debt secured by a lien on the real or titled property, to a grantee beneficiary designated by the owner and that expressly states that the deed or title is effective on the death of the owner transfers the deceased owner's

interest to the grantee beneficiary designated by name in the transfer on death deed or title effective on the death of the owner, subject to all conveyances, assignments, contracts, mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, security pledges, and other encumbrances made by the owner or to which the owner was subject during the owner's lifetime. The grantee beneficiary also takes title subject to any interest in the property of which the grantee beneficiary has either actual or constructive notice.

(p) Title to the interest in a vehicle transferred by a transfer on death title shall vest in the designated grantee beneficiary only on the death of the owner.

31-1-201. General administrative procedures.

(d) The department shall prescribe and provide suitable forms of applications, registration cards and all other forms necessary to carry out the provisions of this act subject to the requirements of this act and shall promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions hereof as provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act necessary to the enforcement of the fee and taxation provisions of this act. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations permitting any person aggrieved by any final administrative decision of the department including the payment of any fees and taxes to appeal to the office of administrative hearings pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2202. The department shall provide, at cost, suitable certificate of title forms and beneficiary designation forms to county clerks.

31-2-104. Transfer of ownership.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and W.S. 31-2-104.1, the owner of a vehicle who sells or transfers his interest in a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued shall endorse an assignment and warranty of title upon the certificate for the vehicle with a statement of all liens and encumbrances thereon, which assignment, warranty and statement shall be signed and dated by the owner before a notarial officer and acknowledged thereby in the manner provided by law, to be dated and delivered to the transferee at the time of delivering the vehicle. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the transferee shall present the certificate to a county clerk and apply for a new certificate of title within the same time periods as required by W.S. 31-2-201(a)(ii).

(c) Except as provided by W.S. 31-2-104.1 in the event of a transfer by operation of law of any interest in a vehicle as upon an order in bankruptcy or insolvency, execution sale, repossession upon default in the performance of the terms of a lease or sales contract or otherwise than by voluntary act of the person whose title or interest is transferred, the administrator, receiver, trustee, sheriff, creditor or other representative or successor in interest of the person whose interest is transferred shall forward to the county clerk an application for a certificate of title together with a verified or certified statement of the

transfer of interest. The statement shall set forth the reason for the involuntary transfer, the interest transferred, the name of the transferee, the process or procedure effecting the transfer and other information requested by the county clerk. Evidence and instruments otherwise required by law to effect a transfer of legal or equitable title to or an interest in a vehicle in such cases shall be furnished with the statement. If a transfer of title to a creditor is accomplished in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, a creditor retains the right to seek any deficiency balance which may exist after sale, provided the creditor has complied with all applicable law, and the transfer by itself shall not be considered a strict foreclosure or an election to retain the collateral in satisfaction of an obligation as provided by W.S. 34.1-9-620 and does not affect the debtor's right to redeem the collateral under W.S. 34.1-9-623. If from the records of the county clerk there appears to be any lien on the vehicle which was recorded prior to the lien of the creditor applying for title and which has not been released, the certificate of title shall contain a statement of the lien. The creditor repossessing and applying for title to the vehicle shall notify all persons holding liens on the vehicle by certified mail return receipt requested at least fifteen (15) days prior to filing the application for title. Any proceeds from the sale, lease or other disposition of the vehicle shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 34.1-9-608.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 74

ENERGY IMPACT ON WYOMING ECONOMY-STUDY

Original Senate File No. 138

AN ACT relating to energy; requiring the Wyoming energy authority to complete a study on the economic impacts of the energy industry in Wyoming; specifying requirements of the study; authorizing and requiring assistance from state agencies and higher education institutions; requiring reports; specifying deadlines; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Wyoming energy authority shall complete a study on the economic impact of energy and the energy industry in Wyoming. The study shall include, at a minimum:

(i) General information on the various types of mineral production and energy production and generation that take place throughout the state;

(ii) A determination of the economic impact of energy production in Wyoming, by:

(A) Each major region in Wyoming and the state as a whole;

(B) Each individual type of energy or mineral production.

(iii) The amount of state and local taxes that Wyoming's energy producers and generators contribute on an annual basis for each of the last ten (10) years;

(iv) The number of employees in Wyoming that Wyoming's energy producers and generators have employed in the state in each of the last ten (10) years;

(v) A measure of the amount in payroll that Wyoming's energy producers and generators have paid out to Wyoming employees and residents in each of the last five (5) years;

(vi) A measure of other tangible and intangible economic benefits and impacts that energy production and the energy industry has had on Wyoming in the last five (5) years;

(vii) A brief description of innovations in energy that Wyoming producers and generators have developed in the last ten (10) years;

(viii) Any other information that the Wyoming energy authority deems necessary to quantify the impact of energy on Wyoming's economy.

(b) The Wyoming energy authority may request the assistance of any state agency and any higher education institution in Wyoming in completing the study required by this section. Upon receiving a request for assistance, each state agency and institution of higher education shall provide support and information to the Wyoming energy authority.

(c) Not later than October 1, 2025, the Wyoming energy authority shall submit a report of the study to the joint appropriations committee, the joint revenue interim committee and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 75

CONSUMER RENTAL PURCHASE AGREEMENT ACT-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 146

AN ACT relating to trade and commerce; amending the Wyoming Consumer Rental-Purchase Agreement Act as specified; amending licensing requirements; amending disclosure requirements; providing for digital agreements; providing definitions; providing limitations; requiring rulemaking; making conforming amendments; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 40-19-102(a)(i), (xi)(intro), by creating new paragraphs (xii) through (xv) and by renumbering (xii) as (xvi), 40-19-103, 40-19-106 by creating a new subsection (g), 40-19-107(a)(xi) and (xiii), 40-19-108(a)(xi), 40-19-109(a) and (b), 40-19-111(a)(intro) and (ii), 40-19-113 by creating a new subsection (f), 40-19-114(a) through (j), 40-19-115(a)(intro), (ii), (b) through (e), (g) and by creating a new subsection (h) and 40-19-116 through 40-19-118 are amended to read:

40-19-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(i) ~~"Administrator"~~ "Commissioner" means the state banking commissioner;

(xi) "Rental-purchase agreement" means an agreement, which may be in digital form, between a consumer and merchant for the use of property by the consumer primarily for personal, family or household purposes:

(xii) "Independent third-party retailer location" means a physical retail location open to consumers in Wyoming, or an online presence, that is operated by a person who is not a merchant but where a merchant regularly offers or displays property for use under rental-purchase agreements;

(xiii) "Online presence" includes a website or mobile application;

(xiv) "Place of business" means a merchant's physical retail location open to consumers in Wyoming, or a merchant's online presence, in each case where the merchant regularly offers or displays the merchant's rental-purchase property for use under rental-purchase agreements. "Place of business" does not include an independent third-party retailer location;

(xv) "Rental-purchase property" means property displayed or offered primarily for rental-purchase pursuant to a rental-purchase agreement;

~~(xii)~~(xvi) "This act" means W.S. 40-19-101 through 40-19-120.

40-19-103. Notices.

Notices required by this act shall be given personally or sent by first class or registered mail to the known residential address of the consumer. Notice, if

~~last~~ sent by mail, is given when deposited in a mailbox properly addressed and postage prepaid. Notice may also be given upon delivery of the communication to the consumer by email or other electronic means if the consumer provides written consent to receive notice by email or other electronic means in response to a clear and conspicuous request for consent.

40-19-106. General requirements of rental-purchase agreements.

(g) A merchant may offer or display rental-purchase property for use under rental-purchase agreements via a website, mobile application, electronic application or other digital or physical means made available by an independent third-party retailer or by the merchant.

40-19-107. Disclosures.

(a) For each rental-purchase agreement, the merchant shall disclose in the agreement the following items as applicable:

(xi) A statement that the consumer may terminate the agreement without penalty by voluntarily surrendering or returning the property in good repair, reasonable wear and tear excepted, in accordance with the terms of the rental-purchase agreement, along with any past due rental payments upon expiration of any rental period;

(xiii) The following notice printed or typed in a size equal to or greater than ten (10) point bold type or, when disclosed in a digital format, outlined with a noticeable box in a type and size equal to or larger than any surrounding language and in every instance disclosed in a clear and conspicuous manner:

NOTICE TO CONSUMER

~~Do not sign this agreement before you read it or if it contains blank spaces. You are entitled to a copy of the agreement you sign~~ DO NOT SIGN THIS AGREEMENT BEFORE YOU READ IT OR IF IT CONTAINS BLANK SPACES. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT YOU SIGN.

40-19-108. Prohibited provisions.

(a) A rental-purchase agreement shall not contain a:

(xi) Provision for a reinstatement fee or pickup and redelivery fee in excess of the maximum amount set by rule of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner for property subject to rental-purchase agreements; or

40-19-109. Default; notice of default and right to cure.

(a) In any rental-purchase agreement, after a consumer is in default for three (3) business days or more and does not voluntarily surrender possession of the rented property, a merchant may give the consumer the notice provided in this section. Notice may be given to the consumer under this section by the merchant personally delivering the notice to the consumer or by mailing the notice to the

consumer's last known residential address. Notice may also be given by delivering the communication to the consumer by email or other electronic means if the consumer provides written consent to receive notice by email or other electronic means in response to a clear and conspicuous request for consent.

(b) The notice shall be in writing and conspicuously state the name, address and telephone number of the merchant to whom payment is made, a brief identification of the transaction, the consumer's right to cure any default, the amount of payment and the date the payment shall be made to cure the default. The notice shall be in substantially the form required by rule of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner.

40-19-111. Liability damage waivers; fees.

(a) A consumer and merchant may contract for a liability damage waiver in physical or digital format. The selling or offering for sale of a liability damage waiver pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following prohibitions and requirements:

(ii) The liability damage waiver contract shall include a statement of the fee for the liability damage waiver and shall display the following notice printed or typed in a size equal to or greater than ten (10) point bold type or, when disclosed in a digital format, outlined with a noticeable box in a type size equal to or larger than any surrounding language and in every instance disclosed in a clear and conspicuous manner:

NOTICE: THE PURCHASE OF THIS LIABILITY DAMAGE WAIVER IS NOT MANDATORY AND MAY BE DECLINED. THIS CONTRACT OFFERS, FOR AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE, A LIABILITY DAMAGE WAIVER TO COVER YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY. BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO PURCHASE THE LIABILITY DAMAGE WAIVER, YOU MAY WISH TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR HOMEOWNER'S OR CASUALTY INSURANCE, IF ANY, AFFORDS YOU COVERAGE FOR DAMAGE TO THE RENTAL PROPERTY AND THE AMOUNT OF THE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER YOUR OWN INSURANCE COVERAGE.

40-19-113. Advertising.

(f) For rental-purchase property displayed or offered to a consumer by means of an online rental purchase agreement or via electronic commerce or other digital transaction means, whether at a merchant's place of business or an independent third-party retailer location, a merchant may disclose the information required by this section, including the information under subsection (d) of this section, in a digital format. A merchant's disclosure in a digital format shall constitute the tag or card under subsection (d) of this section, if the disclosure is made before disclosing the information required under W.S. 40-19-107, includes all information required by subsection (d) of this section and is clear and

conspicuous. A disclosure in digital format under this section shall include an outline of the disclosure with a noticeable box in a type size equal to or larger than any surrounding language and in every instance be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner.

40-19-114. License required; application for license; fee; qualifications.

(a) Any person acting as a merchant, as defined by W.S. 40-19-102(a)(viii), in this state shall be licensed with a single statewide license to conduct such business under this section.

(b) The ~~administrator~~ commissioner shall receive and act on all applications for licenses required under this act. Applications shall be filed in the manner prescribed by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner and shall contain the information the ~~administrator~~ commissioner requires by rule to make an investigation and evaluation of the financial responsibility, experience and business qualification of the applicant, and of the partners or members if the applicant is a partnership or association, and of the principal officers and directors if the applicant is a corporation, such as to warrant belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly within the purposes of this act.

(c) The application for one (1) or more licenses shall be accompanied by a processing fee not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) set by rule of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner. The fee shall be deposited by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner with the state treasurer and credited to the financial institutions administration account. Funds from the account shall be expended to carry out the duties of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner. If the expenses of the investigation and evaluation exceed the amount of the fee, the applicant shall reimburse the ~~administrator~~ commissioner the excess amount. If the expenses of the investigation and evaluation are less than the amount of the fee, the unexpended amount shall remain within the account. If an application is withdrawn by the applicant at any time prior to the completion of the investigation and evaluation, the unexpended amount shall remain within the account.

(d) Except as otherwise provided, fees collected by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner under this act shall be deposited by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner with the state treasurer and credited to the financial institutions administration account. Expenditures shall be made from the account by warrants drawn by the state auditor, upon vouchers issued and signed by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner. The funds deposited in the account under this act shall be expended only to carry out the duties of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner.

(e) The applicant shall be notified when the application is approved. Within twenty (20) days after notification, the applicant shall pay an initial license fee ~~not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00), as set by rule of the administrator~~ that shall include only the following:

(i) An amount not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) for each place

of business which is a physical location, as set by rule of the commissioner;

(ii) An amount not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) if the applicant displays or offers rental-purchase property through an independent third-party retailer location regardless of the number of independent third-party retailer locations, as set by rule of the commissioner; and

(iii) An amount not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) if the applicant has a place of business that is an online presence, and the applicant is not subject to the amounts in paragraphs (i) or (ii) of this subsection.

(f) Each ~~office or~~ place of business, including online presence, and independent third-party retailer location as of the time of application shall be ~~licensed separately~~ disclosed in the application to the commissioner, provided that the independent third-party retailer locations may be deemed confidential business information and not subject to public disclosure.

(g) Each license shall state the primary address ~~of the office~~ from which the business is to be conducted and the name of the licensee. The license shall be prominently displayed at ~~the~~ each place of business ~~named in the license~~ of the licensee that is a physical location open to consumers. If the licensee has no physical location that is a place of business open to consumers, the license number shall be clearly displayed at the online presence of the licensee. The license shall not be transferable or assignable.

(h) If a licensee wishes to move ~~his office~~ the primary address listed on the license to another location, the licensee shall:

(i) Give written notice to the ~~administrator~~ commissioner at least thirty (30) days prior to the move; and

(ii) Pay a license modification fee not to exceed one hundred dollars ($100.00), as set by rule of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner.

(j) Each license issued under this section shall expire on ~~July 1~~ December 31. The license shall be renewed annually not less than thirty (30) days before the expiration date by submitting a request for renewal on a form designated by the commissioner. The licensee shall pay a renewal fee ~~for each license~~ that shall ~~not exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00), as set by rule of the administrator~~ only include the following:

(i) An amount not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) for each place of business which is a physical location, as set by rule of the commissioner;

(ii) An amount not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) if the applicant displays or offers rental purchase property through an independent third-party retailer location regardless of the number of independent third-party retailer locations, as set by rule of the commissioner; and

(iii) An amount not to exceed five hundred dollars ($500.00) if the applicant has an online presence that is a place of business, and the applicant is not subject

to the amounts in paragraph (i) or (ii) of this subsection.

40-19-115. Revocation or suspension of license.

(a) The ~~administrator~~ commissioner may issue to a person licensed under this act an order to show cause why his license should not be revoked or suspended for a period not in excess of six (6) months. The order shall state the place for a hearing and set a time for the hearing that is no less than ten (10) days from the date of the order. After the hearing the ~~administrator~~ commissioner shall revoke or suspend the license if he finds that:

(ii) Facts or conditions exist which would clearly have justified the ~~administrator~~ commissioner in refusing to grant a license had these facts or conditions been known to exist at the time the application for the license was made.

(b) No revocation or suspension of a license is lawful unless prior to institution of proceedings by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner notice is given to the licensee of the facts or conduct which warrant the intended action and the licensee is given an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the license.

(c) If the ~~administrator~~ commissioner finds that probable cause for revocation of a license exists and that enforcement of this act requires immediate suspension of a license pending investigation, he may, after a hearing upon five (5) days written notice, enter an order suspending the license for not more than thirty (30) days.

(d) Whenever the ~~administrator~~ commissioner revokes or suspends a license, he shall enter an order to that effect and immediately notify the licensee of the revocation or suspension. Within five (5) days after the entry of the order he shall deliver to the licensee a copy of the order and the findings supporting the order.

(e) Any person holding a license under this act may relinquish the license by notifying the ~~administrator~~ commissioner in writing of its relinquishment, but this relinquishment shall not affect his liability for acts previously committed.

(g) The ~~administrator~~ commissioner may reinstate a license, terminate a suspension or grant a new license to a person whose license has been revoked or suspended if no fact or condition then exists which clearly would have justified the ~~administrator~~ commissioner in refusing to grant a license.

(h) In lieu of a revocation or suspension of a license as provided in this section, the commissioner may order a licensee to cease acting as a merchant at any place of business or independent third-party retailer location within Wyoming. Any order under this subsection is subject to the same laws and regulations applicable to revocation or suspension of a license.

40-19-116. Record retention.

Every licensee shall maintain records in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and practices in a manner which will enable the ~~administrator~~ commissioner to determine whether the licensee is complying with the provisions of this act. The record keeping system of a licensee shall be sufficient if he makes the required information reasonably available to the ~~administrator~~ commissioner. The records pertaining to any rental-purchase agreement need not be preserved for more than two (2) years after making the final entry relating to the agreement.

40-19-117. Examination and investigation.

(a) Upon complaint the ~~administrator~~ commissioner may examine and copy the records of a licensee. The investigation may be made for the purposes of discovering violations of this act or securing information lawfully required. For these purposes he shall have free and reasonable access during normal office hours to the offices, places of business and records of the licensee. Each licensee shall pay to the ~~administrator~~ commissioner an amount assessed by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner to cover the direct and indirect cost of an investigation under this subsection.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the ~~administrator~~ commissioner may administer oaths or affirmations, and upon his own motion or upon request of any party may subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, adduce evidence and require the production of any matter which is relevant to the investigation, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any books, documents or other tangible things and the identity and location of person having knowledge of relevant facts or any other matter reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

(c) Upon failure without lawful excuse to obey a subpoena or to give testimony and upon reasonable notice to all persons affected thereby, the ~~administrator~~ commissioner may apply to the district court for an order compelling compliance.

40-19-118. Powers and functions of the commissioner; enforcement; penalties.

(a) Except as otherwise provided, the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115, shall apply to and govern all administrative actions taken by the ~~administrator~~ commissioner pursuant to this act.

(b) The ~~administrator~~ commissioner may adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer this act.

(c) After notice and hearing, the ~~administrator~~ commissioner may order a merchant or a person acting on his behalf to cease and desist from engaging in violations of this act. Any person aggrieved by an order of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner may obtain judicial review of the order and the ~~administrator~~ commissioner may obtain an order of the court for enforcement of his order in the district court.

(d) The ~~administrator~~ commissioner may bring a civil action to restrain a merchant from violating the provisions of this act and for other appropriate relief.

(e) Any merchant refusing or obstructing access to the ~~administrator~~ commissioner or his representative to any account, books, records or papers, refusing to furnish any required information or hindering a full examination or investigation of the accounts, books, records or papers is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), imprisonment for a period of not less than one (1) year, or both.

(f) Any merchant who wrongfully fails or refuses to comply with an order of the ~~administrator~~ commissioner as may be provided under this act is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars ($100.00) per day for each day the order is not obeyed.

Section 2. A merchant with any office or place of business licensed under W.S. 40-19-114(a) as amended by this act, as of July 1, 2025 shall be considered licensed statewide with the license expiring on December 31, 2025.

Section 3. The state banking commissioner shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 76

MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER AND MANUFACTURER WARRANTY RATES

Original Senate File No. 106

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; authorizing new vehicle dealers to establish hourly labor rates and retail parts markup rates to be charged for warranty repairs; specifying procedures for establishing and calculating the rates; providing exceptions; requiring mediation; providing a civil cause of action; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-16-117(b), (d) and by creating new subsections (f) through (t) is amended to read:

31-16-117. Payment for delivery preparation, warranty, sales incentives

and service incentives.

(b) No schedule of compensation shall fail to include reasonable compensation for diagnostic work, repair service and labor. Time allowances for the diagnosis and performance of warranty work and service shall be reasonable and adequate for the work to be performed. The hourly labor rate charged by the dealer for warranty service shall not exceed the hourly labor rate charged to nonwarranty customers for nonwarranty service and repairs, provided that rate is reasonable and complies with the requirements of this section. Reimbursement for parts purchased by the dealer for use in performing work pursuant to a manufacturer's express warranty shall be dealer cost plus ~~thirty percent (30%)~~ the dealer's retail parts markup rate, provided that rate is reasonable and complies with the requirements of this section.

(d) All claims made by new vehicle dealers for predelivery preparation, warranty, sales incentives or service incentives shall be paid or credited within thirty (30) days following their approval. The manufacturer may audit claims and charge the dealer for unsubstantiated or incorrect claims for a period of one (1) year following payment except where the manufacturer reasonably suspects fraud. A manufacturer that reasonably suspects fraud may audit claims for a period of four (4) years and charge the dealer for fraudulent claims as otherwise provided by law. All claims shall be either approved or disapproved within thirty (30) days after their receipt, on forms or by computerized communication and in the manner specified by the manufacturer including a computerized communications system. Any claim not specifically disapproved in writing or through electronic communication within thirty (30) days after receipt is construed to be approved and payment shall be made within thirty (30) days. A dealer whose claim has been denied for failing to comply with a specific claim processing requirement, including a clerical error or other administrative technicality that does not question the legitimacy of the claim, may resubmit the corrected claim in accordance with this subsection.

(f) A new vehicle dealer may establish an hourly labor rate or a retail parts markup rate charged for warranty repairs to be included in the manufacturer's schedule of compensation by mutual agreement with the manufacturer or by submitting to the manufacturer, in accordance with the manufacturer's reasonable procedures, the following:

(i) The consecutive repair orders charged to nonwarranty customers for nonwarranty service and repairs made within one hundred eighty (180) days before the dealer made its submission under this subsection that includes one hundred (100) sequential repair orders reflecting qualified repairs or all repair orders closed during any period of ninety (90) consecutive days, whichever is less; and

(ii) The dealer's proposed hourly labor rate or retail parts markup rate based on the repair orders submitted under paragraph (i) of this subsection

and as calculated under subsections (h) through (k) of this section.

(g) A new vehicle dealer shall not establish an hourly labor rate, a retail parts markup rate or both under subsection (f) of this section more than one (1) time every twelve (12) months unless the rate is established by mutual agreement with the manufacturer. Any rate established under this section shall remain in the manufacturer's schedule of compensation until changed in accordance with this section.

(h) A new vehicle dealer's hourly labor rate shall be calculated by dividing the total amount charged for labor for the qualified repair orders submitted pursuant to subsection (f) of this section by the total number of hours worked for the qualified repair orders.

(j) A new vehicle dealer's retail parts markup rate shall be a percentage amount calculated by dividing the total amount charged for the parts in the qualified repair orders submitted pursuant to subsection (f) of this section by the total cost of the purchase of the parts, subtracting one (1) from that amount and multiplying by one hundred (100).

(k) The following work shall not be included in the calculation of a new vehicle dealer's hourly labor rate or retail parts markup rate:

(i) Repairs that are the subject of a manufacturer's discounts including special events, specials, promotions, coupons and service campaigns;

(ii) Repairs of vehicles owned by the dealer;

(iii) Routine maintenance, including but not limited to routine replacements of fluids, filters, batteries, bulbs, belts, nuts, bolts or fasteners;

(iv) Installations of accessories;

(v) Vehicle reconditioning;

(vi) Safety or emission inspections as required by federal or state law;

(vii) Repairs caused by collision, road hazard, force of elements, vandalism, theft or operator negligence;

(viii) Parts that do not have individual part numbers;

(ix) Internal and dealership employee service and repair orders;

(x) Repair orders where labor is performed by a third party facility.

(m) Not later than thirty (30) days from receipt of the new vehicle dealer's submission under subsection (f) of this section, a new vehicle manufacturer may request that the dealer submit additional repair orders if the manufacturer determines from any set of repair orders submitted under paragraph (f)(i) of this section that the dealer's submitted rate is substantially higher or lower than the rate currently on record in the manufacturer's schedule of compensation. The additional repair orders submitted under this subsection shall be for a

period of thirty (30) days before or thirty (30) days after the period of time that the original repair orders were submitted under paragraph (f)(i) of this section. A dealer shall submit the additional repair orders requested under this subsection not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the request. No manufacturer shall request additional repair orders under this subsection more than one (1) time per a dealer's submission under subsection (f) of this section.

(n) A new vehicle manufacturer may contest a new vehicle dealer's submitted rate by providing written notice to the dealer not later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the dealer's submission under subsection (f) or (m) of this section. The manufacturer shall not modify its notice under this subsection including the grounds for contesting the submitted rate after the manufacturer sends its notice to the dealer. The notice under this subsection shall:

(i) Explain the reasons why the dealer's submitted rate is materially incomplete, materially inaccurate or materially unreasonable;

(ii) Provide evidence to substantiate why the submitted rate is materially incomplete, materially inaccurate or materially unreasonable;

(iii) Propose an adjustment to the submitted rate.

(o) If a new vehicle manufacturer does not request additional repair orders under subsection (m) of this section or contest the new vehicle dealer's submitted rate under subsection (n) of this section then the dealer's submitted rate shall become effective and shall be included in the manufacturer's schedule of compensation forty-five (45) days after the manufacturer receives the dealer's submission under subsection (f) or (m) of this section.

(p) If a new vehicle manufacturer contests a new vehicle dealer's submitted rate under subsection (n) of this section then the manufacturer and the dealer shall participate in mediation. The mediation process shall terminate after sixty (60) days unless extended by unanimous mutual agreement.

(q) Upon the expiration of the mediation period under subsection (p) of this section, a new vehicle dealer may file a civil cause of action in any court of competent jurisdiction not later than sixty (60) days after the expiration of the mediation period. In a civil action brought under this subsection, the new vehicle manufacturer shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the dealer's submitted rate was materially incomplete, materially inaccurate or materially unreasonable.

(r) This section shall not apply to:

(i) Electric vehicle propulsion batteries provided to the new vehicle dealer at no cost, provided that the new vehicle manufacturer pays a reasonable handling fee to the dealer;

(ii) Complete engine and transmission assemblies replaced under warranty or other new vehicle manufacturer reimbursed repairs. For these

assemblies, the manufacturer shall reimburse the new vehicle dealer for the dealer's costs for the parts purchased by the dealer for use in performing the work pursuant to the manufacturer's express warranty plus forty percent (40%).

(s) If a new vehicle manufacturer provided a part to a new vehicle dealer at no cost to perform repairs under a manufacturer campaign, service action or warranty repair, the manufacturer shall provide to the dealer an amount equal to the retail parts markup for that part. The retail parts markup under this subsection shall be calculated by multiplying the dealer's cost for the part as listed in the manufacturer's price schedule by the retail parts markup rate established under this section.

(t) As used in this section:

(i) "Mediation" means the act of a neutral person in intermediating between or among contending parties with a view of assisting them to adjust or settle their dispute by mutual agreement;

(ii) "Parts" means parts, accessories, equipment, components, systems and functions including rear axle assemblies and replacements of parts, accessories, equipment, components, systems and functions;

(iii) "Qualified repair" means a repair to a motor vehicle that would have been included within the new vehicle manufacturer's new motor vehicle warranty if:

(A) The motor vehicle that is being repaired had not exceeded the time or mileage limit, or both, of the warranty;

(B) The repair does not constitute a repair that is covered by the warranty; and

(C) The repair does not include any of the work described in W.S. 31-16-117(k).

(iv) "Qualified repair order" means a repair order that encompasses, in whole or in part, at least one (1) qualified repair;

(v) "Repair order" means an accounting copy of an invoice issued to a retail customer that is closed as of the time of submission that evidences at least one (1) repair on a motor vehicle. A "repair order" shall include:

(A) For a retail parts markup rate submission, the cost of each part and the part's sale price including parts sold or used and the total amount charged to the customer;

(B) For an hourly labor rate submission, the number of labor hours charged for each repair, the sale price for the labor and the total amount charged to the customer.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 77

SCHOOL DISTRICT VEHICLES-FLASHING LIGHTS AUTHORIZED

Original Senate File No. 5

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; specifying that school district vehicles that are not school buses and are used for transporting students may display flashing lights as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-5-928(f) by creating a new paragraph (v) is amended to read:

31-5-928. General lighting restrictions; authorized emergency vehicles.

(f) The following vehicles are authorized to display flashing white and amber lights in addition to those otherwise authorized by law:

(v) Vehicles owned by, leased by or registered to a public school district that are not school buses and that are used to transport children to or from school or in connection with school activities.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 78

INDUSTRIAL, WIND AND SOLAR PROJECTS-HEARING DEADLINE

Original Senate File No. 154

AN ACT relating to industrial development and siting; amending the deadline by which the director of the department of environmental quality must hold a hearing on industrial siting permit applications; amending deadlines to cure incomplete applications; amending deadlines for counties to hold hearings and reach decisions on permit applications for wind and solar projects; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 18-5-506, 18-5-507(a) and 35-12-110(d) and (f)(intro) are amended to read:

18-5-506. Hearing and public comment.

Any board of county commissioners receiving an application to permit a facility shall hold a public hearing to consider public comment on the application no less than forty-five (45) days and not more than ~~sixty (60)~~ ninety (90) days after determining that the application is complete. The applicant may agree to extend the date by which a public hearing is held under this section. Written comment

on the application shall be accepted by the board of county commissioners for not less than forty-five (45) days after determining that the application is complete.

18-5-507. Decision of the board; findings necessary.

(a) Within ~~forty-five (45)~~ sixty (60) days from the date of completion of the hearing required by W.S. 18-5-506, the board shall make complete findings, issue an opinion, render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application and state whether or not the applicant has met the standards required by this article. The decision shall be subject to the remedies provided in W.S. 18-5-508. The board shall grant a permit if it determines that the proposed facility complies with all standards properly adopted by the board of county commissioners and the standards required by this article.

35-12-110. Service of notice of application; information and recommendations; application deficiencies; procedure; jurisdiction; hearing.

(d) On receipt of an application, the director shall conduct a review of the application to determine if it contains all the information required by W.S. 35-12-109 and the rules and regulations. If the director determines that the application is incomplete, he shall within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application notify the applicant of the specific deficiencies in the application. The applicant shall provide the additional information necessary within ~~thirty (30)~~ forty-five (45) days of a receipt of a request for additional information from the director.

(f) Not more than ~~ninety (90)~~ one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of an application for a permit, the director shall:

Section 2. This act shall apply to all applications for permits submitted under the Industrial Development Information and Siting Act and under W.S. 18-5-501 through 18-5-513 on and after January 1, 2026.

Section 3. This act is effective January 1, 2026.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 79

PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION TO REGISTERED AGENTS

Original Senate File No. 56

AN ACT relating to corporations, partnerships and associations; amending the grounds for administrative dissolution, revocation and forfeiture to include providing false or fraudulent information to the registered agent; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 17-16-1420(a)(vi)(B), (C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D), 17-16-1530(a)(viii)(A), (B) and by creating a new subparagraph (C), 17-19-1420(a)(v)(A), (B) and by creating a new subparagraph (C), 17-19-1530(a)(vii)(A), (B) and by creating a new subparagraph (C), 17-29-705(c)(iii)(B), (C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D) and 17-30-904(h)(iii)(C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D) are amended to read:

17-16-1420. Grounds for administrative dissolution.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-16-1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if any of the following has occurred:

(vi) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(B) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing under this act with the secretary of state; ~~or~~

(C) Cannot be served by either the secretary of state or the registered agent at its address provided pursuant to W.S. 17-28-107; ~~.~~ or

(D) Has provided false or fraudulent information to the registered agent, as determined by the secretary of state during or following an examination of records pursuant to W.S. 17-28-108 or following notification by the registered agent.

17-16-1530. Grounds for revocation.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-16-1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state if:

(viii) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(A) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing under this act with the secretary of state; ~~or~~

(B) Cannot be served either by the registered agent or by mail or electronically by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process; ~~.~~ or

(C) Has provided false or fraudulent information to the registered agent, as determined by the secretary of state during or following an examination of records pursuant to W.S. 17-28-108 or following notification by the registered agent.

17-19-1420. Grounds for administrative dissolution.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-19-1421 to administratively dissolve a corporation if any of the following has occurred:

(v) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(A) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing under this act with the secretary of state; ~~or~~

(B) Cannot be served by either the secretary of state or the registered agent at its address provided pursuant to W.S. 17-28-107; ~~.~~ or

(C) Has provided false or fraudulent information to the registered agent, as determined by the secretary of state during or following an examination of records pursuant to W.S. 17-28-108 or following notification by the registered agent.

17-19-1530. Grounds for revocation.

(a) The secretary of state may commence a proceeding under W.S. 17-19-1531 to revoke the certificate of authority of a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state if any of the following has occurred:

(vii) It is in the public interest and the corporation:

(A) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing with the secretary of state under this act; ~~or~~

(B) Cannot be served either by the registered agent or by mail or electronically by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process; ~~.~~ or

(C) Has provided false or fraudulent information to the registered agent, as determined by the secretary of state during or following an examination of records pursuant to W.S. 17-28-108 or following notification by the registered agent.

17-29-705. Administrative forfeiture of authority and articles of organization.

(c) A limited liability company shall be deemed to be transacting business within this state without authority, to have forfeited any franchises, rights or privileges acquired under the laws thereof and shall be deemed defunct and to have forfeited its articles of organization or certificate of authority acquired under the laws of this state, and the forfeiture shall be made effective in the manner provided in subsection (a) of this section, if:

(iii) It is in the public interest and the limited liability company or any of its members:

(B) Has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary of state on any filing with the secretary of state under this chapter; ~~or~~

(C) Cannot be served by either the registered agent or by mail or electronically by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process; ~~.~~ or

(D) Has provided false or fraudulent information to the registered agent,

as determined by the secretary of state during or following an examination of records pursuant to W.S. 17-28-108 or following notification by the registered agent.

17-30-904. Administrative forfeiture of authority and articles of formation.

(h) A statutory foundation shall be deemed to be operating within this state without authority, to have forfeited any rights or privileges acquired under the laws of this state and shall be deemed to have forfeited its articles of formation filed in this state if:

(iii) The public interest is served by forfeiture and the statutory foundation, its founder or any other person authorized to act on behalf of the statutory foundation:

(C) Cannot be served by either the registered agent or by the secretary of state acting as the agent for process;. or

(D) Has provided false or fraudulent information to the registered agent, as determined by the secretary of state during or following an examination of records pursuant to W.S. 17-28-108 or following notification by the registered agent.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 80

BRAIDER OPPORTUNITY ACT

Original Senate File No. 113

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; specifying that the practice of natural hair braiding is exempt from the Wyoming Cosmetology Act; clarifying that the owner of a salon may require certification for the practice of natural hair braiding; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 33-12-120(a) by creating new paragraphs (xx) and (xxi) and by renumbering (xx) as (xxii) and 33-12-140 by creating new subsections (d) and (e) are amended to read:

33-12-120. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xx) "Braiding device" means a clip, comb, crochet hook, curlers, hairpin, rollers, scissors, blunt-tipped needles, thread and hair binders;

(xxi) "Practice of natural hair braiding" means the service of twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking or braiding a person's hair by hand or with a braiding device decorative beads or other hair accessories, the minor trimming of natural hair or hair extensions incidental to twisting, wrapping, weaving, extending, locking or braiding hair and the making and lacing of wigs from natural hair, natural fibers, synthetic fibers or hair extensions. "Practice of natural hair braiding" includes the use of topical agents including conditioners, gels, moisturizers, oils or pomades. "Practice of natural hair braiding" shall not include the application of dyes, reactive chemicals or other preparations to alter the color of a person's hair or to straighten, curl or alter the structure of a person's hair or the use of chemical hair joining agents including synthetic tape, keratin bonds or fusion bonds;

~~(xx)~~(xxii) "This act" means W.S. 33-12-119 through 33-12-140.

33-12-140. Exemptions.

(d) This act shall not apply to a person solely engaged in the practice of natural hair braiding. The practice of natural hair braiding is not regulated under this title and is separate and distinct from barbering, the practice of hair styling and the practice of cosmetology.

(e) Nothing in subsection (d) of this section shall prohibit the owner of a salon from requiring private certification of a person engaged in the practice of natural hair braiding at the owner's salon.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 81

EXPEDITED PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS

Original Senate File No. 119

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; providing for the issuance of professional and occupation licenses to military service members as specified; providing for temporary practice permits for military service members; requiring temporary professional and occupation licenses to military service members as specified; amending and providing definitions; repealing provisions; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 33-1-117(a)(ii), (v), by creating a new paragraph (vii),

(b)(intro), (i), by creating a new paragraph (v), (e) through (g) and by creating new subsections (h) through (m) is amended to read:

33-1-117. Expedited licenses and temporary permits for military service members and military spouses.

(a) As used in this section:

(ii) "Applicant" means a military service member or military spouse seeking licensure from a professional or occupational licensing board of this state;

(v) "Military service member" means an active member of the uniformed services as defined in W.S. 8-1-102(a)(xxii) or a person released from military service within two (2) years of applying for licensure, certification or registration pursuant to this section and whose service was characterized upon release as honorable;

(vii) "Military service" means service in the uniformed services as defined in W.S. 8-1-102(a)(xxii).

(b) A professional or occupational licensing board shall issue an expedited license to a military service member or military spouse ~~to~~ within thirty (30) days of receiving a completed application or within thirty (30) days after an applicant's request, without filing a completed application, if the applicant holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another jurisdiction for not less than five (5) consecutive years. An expedited license issued under this subsection would allow the military service member or military spouse to lawfully practice a profession or occupation requiring licensure in this state if the military service member or military spouse:

(i) Holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another state and provides a military identification card, their spouse's military identification card or a marriage license as proof of being a military service member or military spouse;

(v) Provides a copy of military orders for military service in this state, or evidence of an honorable service characterization upon release from military service, and submits to the authority of the licensing authority in this state for purposes of standards of practice, discipline and fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.

(e) Pursuant to rules which ~~may~~ shall be adopted for this purpose, a professional or occupational licensing board may issue a temporary practice permit to a military service member or military spouse applicant who meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(i) of this section and who has applied for a professional or occupational license under this section. The military service member or military spouse applicant may practice under the temporary permit for a period not to exceed three (3) years provided the military service member

or military spouse is making progress toward satisfying the unmet licensure requirements, or until the professional or occupational license for which they have applied has been either granted or denied, whichever first occurs. A board shall not charge a military service member or military spouse any fees for a temporary permit under this subsection.

(f) Professional or occupational licensing boards shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including the implementation of online applications for licensure and professional or occupational licensing by reciprocity for military service members or military spouses.

(g) On each licensure application or renewal form, a professional or occupational licensing board shall inquire and maintain a record of whether an applicant is a member of the military or is a military spouse. If an applicant self-identifies as and provides the board with satisfactory proof that the applicant is a military service member or military spouse, the board shall immediately commence the process of issuing a license or temporary permit and shall issue the license or temporary permit within thirty (30) days of receiving an application.

(h) In determining whether a military service member applicant's education and training meet a professional or occupational licensing board's respective educational and training requirements, the board shall consider any relevant education, training and experience received by the applicant as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state or the naval militia of any state.

(j) Any emergency medical service license sought under W.S. 33-36-110 through 33-36-113 by a veteran of military service, by a military service member except a member of the national guard, by a national guard member separating from an active duty tour or by the spouse of any of these persons shall be processed and considered pursuant to the requirements of the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact Act, W.S. 33-36-202.

(k) Except as otherwise provided in this section, military service member and military spouse applicants shall be subject to the other provisions of this title and to any requirements properly adopted by the professional or occupational licensing board to which the applicant has applied.

(m) A professional or occupational licensing board shall issue a temporary license to a military service member or military spouse after receiving a completed application under this section, but while the application is pending review by the board, if the applicant holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another jurisdiction for not less than three (3) consecutive years. The military service member or military spouse applicant may practice under the temporary license for a period not to

exceed ninety (90) days. A board shall not charge a military service member or military spouse any fees for a temporary license under this subsection.

Section 2. W.S. 33-1-116 and 33-1-117(b)(ii) are repealed.

Section 3. This act shall apply to applications for professional licensing that are filed on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 82

RODEO LICENSE PLATE

Original Senate File No. 121

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates; authorizing specially designed license plates to recognize rodeo as the official sport of Wyoming; specifying requirements; authorizing fees; providing for termination of issuance of the special plates; requiring a report upon termination; authorizing rulemaking; making a conforming amendment; specifying availability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-2-234 is created to read:

31-2-234. Rodeo license plates.

(a) Any person interested in recognizing rodeo as the official sport of this state pursuant to W.S. 8-3-119 and supporting rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges may apply for and be issued distinctive license plates for any motor vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle owned or leased by that person upon registration of the vehicle. These license plates shall be displayed upon the vehicle for which they are issued.

(b) Application for, issuance and renewal of the rodeo license plates under this section shall be subject to the same vehicle registration requirements and fees as provided in this article in addition to the fee required under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(viii). Application forms shall be available at all county treasurer's offices and shall include space on the application form to offer the option for the applicant to donate twenty dollars ($20.00) or more to support rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges. Any monetary donation received under this subsection shall be forwarded to the state treasurer to be deposited into a separate account. As soon as possible after July 1 of each year, the state treasurer shall distribute monetary donations received under this subsection from the previous year evenly between the University of Wyoming and each Wyoming community college for purposes

of supporting the rodeo programs at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges.

(c) The department shall prescribe the design of the rodeo license plates authorized by this section. The rodeo license plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle license plates and need not include arabic numerals for the county. The department shall include the following language on the license plate: "Rodeo — The official sport of Wyoming." The department shall arrange for production of the license plates. Following initial approval, rodeo license plates shall be subject to redesign on the same schedule as all license plates beginning with the 2033 reissuance.

(d) The department may prepare any special forms and issue any rules and regulations necessary to carry out this section.

(e) Unless five hundred (500) sets of license plates are issued under this section before December 31, 2031, the plates authorized under this section shall be eliminated from production and not later than January 15, 2032 the department shall report the cessation of production to the joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim committee.

Section 2. W.S. 31-2-212 is amended to read:

31-2-212. Loss, mutilation or destruction of registration, plates or validation stickers.

Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of registration, license plate, or validation sticker the owner of a vehicle may obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, new license plates or validation stickers from any county treasurer or the department if the vehicle was registered or plates or stickers were issued by the department upon application showing the loss, mutilation or destruction, return of mutilated plates or stickers and payment of the duplicate registration, plate or sticker fee. For those vehicles registered under the provisions of W.S. 31-2-213(h), 31-2-215 through 31-2-223, 31-2-226, 31-2-227 or 31-2-229 through ~~31-2-233~~ 31-2-234 replacement duplicate license plates may be obtained upon application with the county treasurer from which the original plates were purchased or the department if applicable, accompanied by fees as provided by W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi)(C). Duplicate license plates obtained under this section to replace lost or stolen plates shall not be displayed on the vehicle until the validation stickers on the lost or stolen plates have expired. Upon loss, mutilation or destruction of a dealer plate or validation sticker the dealer may obtain a replacement dealer plate or validation sticker from the county treasurer from which he purchased the original plate in the same manner as the owner of a vehicle and upon payment of the appropriate fee under W.S. 31-3-102(a)(vi). Obtaining a replacement plate is not the purchase of an additional plate under W.S. 31-16-125(b)(i). Upon application for new license plates or stickers the county treasurer shall

notify the department and the county sheriff as soon as possible of the loss, mutilation or destruction. The department shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agencies of any loss, mutilation or destruction of license plates or stickers.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall make rodeo license plates available beginning on January 1, 2026.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved February 28, 2025.

Chapter 83

DRIVER'S LICENSES-UNAUTHORIZED ALIEN RESTRICTIONS

Original House Bill No. 116

AN ACT relating to driver's licenses; specifying that driver's licenses and driving operating privilege cards issued by other jurisdictions to unauthorized aliens are invalid in Wyoming; providing definitions; providing a penalty; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and provide for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-7-143 is created to read:

31-7-143. Unauthorized aliens; invalid out-of-state driver's licenses and nonresident operating privileges.

(a) Any driver's license or nonresident operating privilege document issued by a jurisdiction outside Wyoming to an unauthorized alien or any driver's license or nonresident operating privilege document that is substantially similar to a driver's license or driving operating privilege card that has markings establishing that the license or card holder did not provide proof of lawful presence in the United States shall be deemed invalid as a driver's license or operating privilege document under the laws of this state.

(b) As used in this section, "unauthorized alien" means a person who is not a United States citizen and is not lawfully admitted in the United States.

Section 2. W.S. 31-7-107(a)(i) through (iii) and (v) and 31-7-134(a) are amended to read:

31-7-107. Persons exempted.

(a) The following persons are exempt from the licensing requirement under this act:

(i) Any employee of the United States government while operating a motor vehicle owned by or leased to the United States government and being operated on official business unless the employee is required by the United

States government or any agency thereof to have a state driver's license and the state driver's license is not invalid under W.S. 31-7-143(a);

(ii) A nonresident who has in his immediate possession a valid license issued to him by the licensing authority in his place of residence, if the nonresident's license is not invalid under W.S. 31-7-143(a) or the nonresident can demonstrate lawful presence in the United States;

(iii) A nonresident on active duty in the armed forces of the United States who has a valid license issued by his state of residence and the nonresident's spouse or dependent son or daughter who has a valid license issued by the person's state of residence, if the nonresident's license is not invalid under W.S. 31-7-143(a);

(v) A nonresident full-time student at the University of Wyoming, a Wyoming community college, a school licensed in this state offering post-secondary education or at a parochial, church or religious school as defined by W.S. 21-4-101(a)(iv) offering ~~post secondary~~ post-secondary education, who has in his immediate possession a valid license issued to him by the licensing authority of his place of residence, if the nonresident's license is not invalid under W.S. 31-7-143(a);

31-7-134. Driving while license cancelled, suspended, invalid or revoked.

(a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any public highway in this state at a time when his driver's license, from this or any other jurisdiction, or nonresident operating privileges are cancelled, suspended, deemed invalid or revoked under this act or any other law. Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

Section 3. The department of transportation shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Became law without signature February 28, 2025.

Chapter 84

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABEL-USA BEEF

Original Senate File No. 84

AN ACT relating to food labeling; authorizing country of origin labeling for beef that is a product of the United States of America; authorizing labeling for beef that is a product of the state of Wyoming; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-7-111(a)(xiii)(A) and 35-7-119(e)(ii), by creating new paragraphs (iii) through (v) and by amending and renumbering (iii) as (vi) are amended to read:

35-7-111. Prohibited acts.

(a) No person shall:

(xiii) Include the term "meat" or any synonymous term for meat or a specific animal species in labeling, advertising or other sales promotion unless the product:

(A) Is consistent with the definition of meat in W.S. ~~35-7-119(e)(iii)(A)~~ 35-7-119(e)(vi)(A); and

35-7-119. Fair packaging and labeling provisions.

(e) The department shall promulgate rules with respect to labeling. Every retailer and every wholesaler who sells or offers for sale in this state through an establishment or otherwise any:

(ii) Cell cultured or plant based products not consistent with the definition of meat in subparagraph ~~(iii)(A)~~ (vi)(A) of this subsection and not derived from harvested livestock, poultry, wildlife or exotic livestock as those terms are defined in W.S. 11-26-101(a), 11-32-101(a)(iv), 23-1-101(a)(xiii) and 23-1-102(a)(xvi), shall clearly label cell cultured products as "containing cell cultured product" and clearly label plant based products as "vegetarian", "veggie", "vegan", "plant based" or other similar term indicating that the product is plant based;

(iii) Only beef that is derived from cattle born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States may clearly be labeled as a product of the United States of America;

(iv) Only beef that is derived from cattle born and raised in the state of Wyoming may clearly be labeled as a product of Wyoming;

(v) Beef that is of undeterminable origin or that has not been born, raised, slaughtered and processed in the United States of America shall not be labeled as a product of the United States of America;

~~(iii)~~(vi) As used in this subsection:

(A) "Meat" means the edible part of the muscle of animals, which is skeletal or which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart or in the esophagus, with or without the accompanying or overlying fat, and the portions of bone, skin, sinew, nerve and blood vessels which normally accompany the muscle tissue and which are not separated from it in the process of dressing, but shall not include the muscle found in the lips, snout or ears, nor any edible part of the muscle which has been manufactured, cured, smoked, cooked or processed;

(B) "Retailer" means a person regularly engaged in the business of selling meat at retail to the public, and selling only to the user or consumer and not for resale;

(C) "Wholesaler" means a person regularly engaged in the business of selling meat at wholesale to retailers for subsequent sale at retail to the public;~~.~~

(D) "Beef" means any meat from cattle, including veal.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 85

HUNTING WILDLIFE FROM VEHICLES

Original House Bill No. 211

AN ACT relating to game and fish; authorizing persons to hunt specified animals from aircraft, automotive vehicles, trailers, motor-propelled wheeled vehicles or snowmobiles; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 23-3-306(a) is amended to read:

23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing prohibited; exceptions; penalties.

(a) No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or kill any Wyoming wildlife ~~except predatory animals~~ that requires a license or permit to take, is protected under W.S. 23-1-101(a)(ix) and (x) or is classified as threatened or endangered by federal wildlife regulations, with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft, to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies,

their employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful duties. The commission may exempt handicapped hunters from any provision of this subsection. For purposes of this section, "aircraft" means any machine or device capable of atmospheric flight including but not limited to an airplane, helicopter, glider, dirigible or unmanned aerial vehicle.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 86

SCHOOL FINANCE-DATES FOR FUND TRANSFERS

Original House Bill No. 129

AN ACT relating to school finance; removing an additional annual distribution of the county school fund; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-13-207 is amended to read:

21-13-207. Apportionment of funds by county treasurer.

On the second Monday of each month~~, and on June 20 or the last business day immediately preceding June 20 of each year~~, the county treasurer shall apportion all monies in the county treasury belonging to the county school fund, including all interest earned thereon and including fines and forfeitures, among the various school districts of the county in the same percentages as provided by W.S. 21-13-201(b) and shall immediately pay the amount to each school district.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 87

TWO FAMILIES-ONE NANNY

Original House Bill No. 188

AN ACT relating to child care facilities; exempting child care facilities with certain specifications from child care facility certification requirements; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 14-4-102(b) by creating a new paragraph (xii) is amended to read:

14-4-102. Certification required; exceptions.

(b) W.S. 14-4-101 through 14-4-111 do not apply to:

(xii) Child care by a person employed to care for not more than four (4) children from multiple families, with not more than two (2) children under the age of two (2) years and at the home of one (1) of the children's parents or guardians.

Section 2. The department of family services shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 88

REPEAL-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE CRIME

Original House Bill No. 125

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; repealing the crime of unauthorized use of a vehicle; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-11-102 is repealed.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 89

K-12 SCHOOL FACILITY LEASING

Original House Bill No. 20

AN ACT relating to K-12 school facility leasing; modifying payment for lease agreements for K-12 school facilities; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-110(a)(x)(B)(intro) is amended to read:

21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.

(a) The board of trustees in each school district shall:

(x) Subject to review by the school facilities commission under W.S. 21-15-117 for any project involving state capital construction assistance, fix the site of each school building and facility considering the needs of the people of each portion of the district. If the district enters into an agreement to lease buildings and facilities owned by the district and the buildings and facilities are included within the statewide database maintained by the state construction department under W.S. 21-15-123(f)(iv), the district shall, except as provided under W.S. 21-15-109(c)(i)(A)(II) and (III) and (B), ensure the lease agreement requires sufficient payment from the lessee to cover expenses necessary to adequately maintain the facility or building in accordance with statewide adequacy standards prescribed by the commission. If the district or a charter school operating within the boundaries of the district enters into an agreement to lease buildings and facilities under which the district or the charter school is the lessee and the building is to be used for the provision of the required educational program within the district, the lease agreement shall require the lessor to adequately maintain the buildings and facilities in accordance with standards prescribed by the commission. The lease agreement shall separately identify the amount to be expended on the major maintenance of the building or facility during the term of the lease. The amount of the total lease agreement to be expended on the major maintenance shall be accounted for and reported separately and shall not be transferred or expended for any purpose other than major maintenance of the leased building or facility. No expenditure shall be made from the funds dedicated for major maintenance of a leased facility without the approval of the district or the charter school. A district or charter school may request review of the amount to be expended on major maintenance for a lease by the school facilities division of the state construction department to determine the reasonableness of the major maintenance expense. The district shall be reimbursed for the lease payment of the district or the charter school if the square footage of the leased facility is not included within the district's total square footage for purposes of major maintenance computations under W.S. 21-15-109, subject to the following:

(B) Any payment made by the department pursuant to this paragraph for a leased building or facility shall ~~not exceed~~ be equal to the lesser of the amount of the total lease agreement or the average cost per square foot to lease buildings or facilities comparable to those appropriate for public K-12 education multiplied by the ~~total~~ allowable square feet leased by the district or charter school necessary to deliver the required educational program. The average cost per square foot for comparable buildings or facilities shall:

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 90

COLUMBARIUM REGULATION

Original House Bill No. 103

AN ACT relating to cemeteries and burials; amending provisions related to the structural integrity and esthetics of columbariums; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-8-402(a)(iv) through (vi) is amended to read:

35-8-402. Regulations and specifications generally; application to certain columbariums.

(a) No person, firm, partnership, association, company or corporation shall construct any community vault, crypt, columbarium or mausoleum, wholly or partially above the surface of the ground, to be used to contain the body or remains of any dead human being unless the same shall be located within the confines of an established cemetery containing not less than five (5) acres, which cemetery shall have been in existence and operation for a period of at least five (5) years immediately preceding the time of the erection thereof, nor until plans and specifications therefor shall be approved by the department of health. Such plans and specifications shall set forth the sections, halls, rooms, corridors, elevators or other subdivisions thereof, with their descriptive names and numbers, and shall provide:

(iv) That the exterior walls and roof shall be constructed of granite, ~~or~~ marble, slate, sandstone, limestone, concrete block masonry or any other material of similar properties that achieves structural integrity and ~~shall not be less than six (6) inches in thickness~~ designed to be structurally sound and to withstand exterior weathering;

(v) That exterior doors shall be constructed of granite, marble, slate, sandstone or limestone, bronze or aluminum alloys or any other material or alloy of similar properties;

(vi) That interiors shall be constructed of granite, marble, slate, sandstone, ~~or~~ limestone, concrete or any other material of similar properties that achieves structural integrity;

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 91

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES-REVISIONS

Original House Bill No. 28

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; amending grounds for disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle for persons under twenty-one (21) years of age; authorizing expunged records to be considered for purposes of disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle as specified; adding violations that qualify as serious traffic violations; authorizing the department to waive examinations for a commercial driver's license applicant as specified; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-7-102(a)(xli)(D), (G) through (J) and by creating new subparagraphs (K) and (M), 31-7-114(g), 31-7-120(b) and 31-7-305(a)(viii), by creating a new paragraph (ix), by renumbering (ix) as (x) and (q) are amended to read:

31-7-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xli) "Serious traffic violation" means any one (1) of the following:

(D) Improper or erratic lane changes;

(G) Driving a commercial vehicle without obtaining a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit;

(H) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit in the driver's possession. ~~An individual~~ A person shall not be guilty of a violation of this subparagraph if the ~~individual~~ person provides proof prior to or at a court or administrative hearing establishing that the ~~individual~~ person held a valid commercial driver's license or a commercial learner's permit on the date of the citation; ~~or~~

(J) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without the proper class of commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit or endorsements for the specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported; ~~.~~

(K) A violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control that prohibits using an electronic wireless communication device to write, send or read text-based communication while driving a commercial motor vehicle;

(M) A violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control that restricts or prohibits the in-hand use of a hand held electronic wireless communication device while driving a commercial motor vehicle.

31-7-114. Examinations; visual acuity.

(g) The department may waive the knowledge test, skills test or both, specified in subsection (e) of this section for a commercial driver license applicant who

meets the requirements contained in rules and regulations of the department which shall at a minimum include the requirements designated in rules and regulations of the United States department of transportation.

31-7-120. Records to be kept by division; exceptions.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the division shall, twelve (12) months after conviction, expunge the record relating to the suspension of a driver's license of a minor pursuant to W.S. 31-7-128(f) for the violation of any law or ordinance relating to the possession or consumption of a controlled substance or alcohol, except a violation of W.S. 31-5-233. For any person whose records of a driver's license suspension were expunged under this subsection, the suspension under this subsection is deemed not to have occurred and the ~~individual~~ person may reply accordingly upon any inquiry in the matter. Notwithstanding W.S. 31-5-1214, records of suspensions under W.S. 31-7-128(f) shall not be made available for public inspection except for inspection by any law enforcement officer or agency. Any driver's license suspension or related records under this subsection shall not be the basis for any increase in insurance premiums or the cancellation of any insurance policy for a minor or his parents affected by this section. The expunged records relating to the suspension of a driver's license of a minor may be considered for purposes of disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle under W.S. 31-7-305.

31-7-305. Disqualification and cancellation; right to a hearing.

(a) Any person is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than one (1) year if convicted of a first violation arising from separate incidents of:

(viii) Driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person's blood, breath or other bodily substance is eight one-hundredths of one percent (0.08%) or more; ~~or~~

(ix) Driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person's blood, breath or other bodily substance is two one-hundredths of one percent (0.02%) or more if the person is under twenty-one (21) years of age and the person holds a valid commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit at the time of the offense; or

~~(ix)~~(x) Violating any local ordinance or state law in another jurisdiction which is substantially similar to any of the violations listed in this subsection.

(q) Upon the department receiving credible information that the holder of a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit is suspected of obtaining the license in a fraudulent manner, the state shall notify the license holder in writing at the address on file that they have thirty (30) days to contact the department and schedule retesting. The notification shall specify what tests must be retaken. If the license holder does not contact the department, does

not take the test required or fails any rescheduled test, the license holder shall have his license cancelled~~. Once cancelled, the license holder shall be required to reapply to the department to obtain~~ and shall be disqualified from driving a commercial ~~driver's license or commercial learner's permit~~ motor vehicle for a period of one (1) year.

Section 2. The department of transportation shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 92

VEHICLE SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTION-HIGHWAY FUND

Original House Bill No. 33

AN ACT relating to sales and use tax; amending the distribution of sales and use taxes on motor vehicles and trailers to the highway fund as specified; providing an appropriation; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-15-111 by creating a new subsection (r) and 39-16-111 by creating a new subsection (p) are amended to read:

39-15-111. Distribution.

(r) The funds collected and remitted to the department under W.S. 39-15-107(b)(i) and (ii) for sales taxes imposed under W.S. 39-15-104 and transferred under W.S. 39-15-111(b)(i) and (ii) on sales of motor vehicles and trailers during each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 are appropriated annually to the highway fund for the operation, maintenance, construction and reconstruction of state highways. The department of revenue shall credit the highway fund the specified amounts no later than ninety (90) days after the end of the fiscal year.

39-16-111. Distribution.

(p) The funds collected and remitted to the department under W.S. 39-16-107(b)(ii) and (iii) for use taxes imposed under W.S. 39-16-104 and transferred under W.S. 39-16-111(b)(i) and (ii) on sales of motor vehicles

and trailers during each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 are appropriated annually to the highway fund for the operation, maintenance, construction and reconstruction of state highways. The department of revenue shall credit the highway fund the specified amounts no later than ninety (90) days after the end of the fiscal year.

Section 2. This act shall apply to motor vehicle and trailer purchases made on and after July 1, 2025. This act shall apply to sales and use taxes on sales of motor vehicles and trailers paid on and after July 1, 2025.

Section 3.

(a) There is appropriated fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000.00) from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the department of transportation for purposes of repairing and maintaining tunnels on Wyoming interstate 80. This appropriation shall be expended only to the extent necessary after all other sources of available federal funding are expended or as necessary to satisfy federal matching fund requirements after available nonmatching federal funds are expended. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2027. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the legislative stabilization reserve account on June 30, 2027.

(b) Of the funds appropriated from the general fund to the highway fund pursuant to section 1 of this act, the first fifteen million dollars ($15,000,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary to equal the amount of funds expended under subsection (a) of this section, shall be transferred from the highway fund to the legislative stabilization reserve account on June 30, 2027.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 93

TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Original House Bill No. 275

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; providing a misdemeanor offense and amending the offense of felony animal cruelty to address actions where wildlife is reduced to possession; prohibiting the torture of wildlife as specified; specifying the required treatment of certain wildlife; specifying penalties; providing for license revocation and suspension and forfeiture of devices and equipment for specified convictions; clarifying trapping requirements; removing a reporting requirement; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-3-1001(a) by creating new paragraphs (iv) through (vi), 6-3-1004 by creating a new subsection (c), 6-3-1005(a)(intro), (i), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (iii) and by creating a new subsection (c), 23-3-103(a) and by creating new subsections (d) and (e), 23-3-306 by creating a new subsection (j) and 23-6-206(a)(intro) and (iii) are amended to read:

6-3-1001. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(iv) "Predacious bird" means as defined in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(vii);

(v) "Predatory animal" means as defined in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(viii);

(vi) "Wildlife" means as defined in W.S. 23-1-101(a)(xiii). "Wildlife" shall not include amphibians, crustaceans, fish, mollusks and reptiles.

6-3-1004. Penalties; misdemeanor offenses.

(c) A first offense of cruelty to animals under W.S. 6-3-1005(a)(iii) and 23-3-103(d) is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), or both. The person shall also be subject to revocation and suspension of licenses and privileges as provided in W.S. 6-3-1005(c) and 23-3-103(d).

6-3-1005. Felony cruelty to animals; penalty.

(a) Except as provided in W.S. 6-3-1004(c) and paragraph (a)(iii) of this section a person commits felony cruelty to animals if the person:

(i) Commits cruelty to animals as defined in W.S. 6-3-1002(a)(v) through (ix), that results in the death or required euthanasia of the animal; ~~or~~

(ii) Knowingly, and with intent to cause death or undue suffering, beats with cruelty, tortures, torments or mutilates an animal; or

(iii) Knowingly, and with intent to cause undue suffering, tortures, torments or mutilates living wildlife, including predatory animals and predacious birds, after reducing the living wildlife to possession. For purposes of this paragraph:

(A) The immediate killing of living wildlife reduced to possession shall not be a violation of this paragraph;

(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require an owner of a trap or snare to check the trap or snare before the time required in title 23 of the Wyoming statutes and rules promulgated by the game and fish commission. Wildlife discovered in a snare or trap shall be considered within the possession of the owner of the snare or trap upon discovery by the owner;

(C) A first offense of cruelty to animals under this paragraph and W.S. 23-3-103(d) is a misdemeanor punishable as provided in W.S. 6-3-1004(c).

A second or subsequent offense under this paragraph or W.S. 23-3-103(d) is punishable as provided by subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(c) Upon a conviction of a first or subsequent violation of paragraph (a)(iii) of this section and W.S. 23-3-103(d) and in addition to any penalty specified in subsection (b) of this section, the court may revoke any license issued under title 23 of the Wyoming statutes and suspend a person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license as specified in title 23 of the Wyoming statutes or to take any wildlife under W.S. 23-6-206(a)(iii).

23-3-103. Taking predatory animals, predacious birds and trophy animals; taking furbearing animals and game birds without license prohibited.

(a) Predatory animals and predacious birds may be taken without a license in any manner and at any time except as provided by W.S. 6-3-1005(a)(iii), 23-2-303(d) and (e), 23-3-112, 23-3-304(b), 23-3-305, 23-3-306(b) and 23-3-307,~~. The department shall report annually to the Wyoming department of agriculture the number of predatory animals and predacious birds taken by the department's animal damage control agents, and include in the report the area where taken and the control method used~~ provided that any predatory animal or predacious bird reduced to possession shall be promptly killed or released subject to subsection (d) of this section.

(d) No person shall knowingly, and with intent to cause undue suffering, torture, torment or mutilate living wildlife, including predatory animals and predacious birds, after reducing the living wildlife to possession. A person violating this subsection shall be liable under W.S. 6-3-1004(c) for a first offense and under W.S. 6-3-1005(a)(iii), (b) and (c) for a second or subsequent offense. Upon any conviction of a violation of this subsection the court may revoke any license issued under this act and suspend a person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license under this act or to take any wildlife as provided under W.S. 23-6-206(a)(iii). For purposes of this subsection, "wildlife" means as defined by W.S. 6-3-1001(a)(vi).

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require an owner of a trap or snare to check the trap or snare before the time required in title 23 of the Wyoming statutes and rules promulgated by the game and fish commission. Wildlife discovered in a snare or trap shall be considered within the possession of the owner of the snare or trap upon discovery by the owner.

23-3-306. Use of aircraft, automobiles, motorized and snow vehicles and artificial light for hunting or fishing prohibited; exceptions; penalties.

(j) Any person who pursues a predatory animal or predacious bird by use of any vehicle or other conveyance specified in subsection (a) of this section and injures or incapacitates the predatory animal or predacious bird shall make a reasonable effort to immediately kill the injured or incapacitated animal. This subsection shall not apply to governmental agencies or their employees,

contractors or designees while using any aircraft to perform their lawful duties. As used in this subsection, "incapacitate" means injury or a state of physical exhaustion to the point the animal has ceased to attempt to elude the vehicle or other conveyance.

23-6-206. Revocation of license; hunting after suspended license.

(a) The court may, in its discretion, revoke any license issued under this act to any person convicted of a violation of this act or W.S. 6-3-1005(a)(iii), for the remainder of the year in which the conviction occurs, and may suspend the person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license under this act, or to take any wildlife for the following time periods provided in paragraphs (i) through (iii) and shall suspend the person's privilege to purchase or receive any other license under this act for the time period provided in paragraph (iv) of this subsection:

(iii) Up to three (3) years for conviction of a low misdemeanor as provided in W.S. 23-6-202(a)(v) or for conviction of a violation of W.S. 6-3-1005(a)(iii) or 23-3-103(d);

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 94

PROTECTING PRIVACY IN PUBLIC SPACES ACT

Original House Bill No. 72

AN ACT relating to the administration of the government; specifying requirements for the use of sex-designated restrooms, showers, sleeping quarters and locker room facilities at public facilities; providing for complaints and civil actions; specifying duties for public entities; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-39-124 and 9-25-101 through 9-25-103 are created to read:

1-39-124. Liability; sex-designated facilities.

A governmental entity is liable for damages resulting from a violation of W.S. 9-25-101 through 9-25-103 in accordance with W.S. 9-25-101 through 9-25-103.

CHAPTER 25
CHANGING AREA AND RESTROOM REQUIREMENTS

9-25-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Changing area" means an area in a public facility in which a person may be in a state of undress in the presence of others, including a changing room, locker room or shower room;

(ii) "Correctional facility" means a state penal institution, correctional facility operated by a private entity under W.S. 7-22-102, the Wyoming boys' school and the Wyoming girls' school;

(iii) "Educational facility" means the University of Wyoming and a Wyoming community college and any facility owned, operated or leased by the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming community college. "Educational facility" shall not include any multi-occupancy changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters located inside a space that an educational facility utilizes as a private residence or as reservable commercial lodging;

(iv) "Female" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes eggs for fertilization;

(v) "Governmental entity" means the state, University of Wyoming or any local government but shall not include any school district or any city or county jail where adults are incarcerated or managed youth facility where persons are placed under W.S. 14-6-201 through 14-6-252;

(vi) "Local government" means cities and towns, counties, joint powers boards, airport boards, public corporations, entities formed by a county memorial hospital, special hospital district, rural health care district or senior health care district that are wholly owned by one (1) or more governmental entities, community college districts, special districts and their governing bodies, all political subdivisions of the state, and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions. "Local government" shall not include any school district or any city or county jail where adults are incarcerated or managed youth facility where persons are placed under W.S. 14-6-201 through 14-6-252;

(vii) "Male" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes sperm for fertilization;

(viii) "Public facility" means any building or facility owned, operated or leased by a governmental entity and shall include correctional facilities and educational facilities. "Public facility" shall not include any multi-occupancy changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters located inside a space that a governmental entity or public facility utilizes as a private residence or as reservable commercial lodging;

(ix) "Restroom" means a room or facility that includes one (1) or more toilets or urinals;

(x) "Sex" means a person's biological sex, either male or female;

(xi) "Sleeping quarters" means an area with at least one (1) bed or cot and in which more than one (1) person is housed overnight.

9-25-102. Public facilities; changing areas exclusively for members of a single sex.

(a) In each public facility:

(i) Every multi-occupancy changing area, restroom and sleeping quarters shall be designated for use exclusively by males or exclusively by females;

(ii) Every multi-occupancy changing area, restroom and sleeping quarters designated for one (1) sex shall be used only by members of that sex.

(b) In each public facility, no person shall enter a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters that is designated for males or females unless the person is a member of that sex.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the administrator of a public facility from providing a reasonable accommodation for a person. For purposes of this subsection, a reasonable accommodation shall not include access to a multi-occupancy changing area, restroom, or sleeping quarters designated for the opposite sex.

(d) Subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to:

(i) Single-occupancy changing areas, restrooms or sleeping quarters that are conspicuously designated for unisex use;

(ii) An employee who enters the changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters to clean, maintain or inspect a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters when the changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters is not occupied;

(iii) A person who enters a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters to render medical assistance or caregiving assistance;

(iv) A person or employee who enters the changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters while in the performance of the person's or employee's official duties;

(v) Any time during an ongoing natural disaster or emergency or when necessary to prevent a serious threat to public health or safety;

(vi) Changing areas, restrooms or sleeping quarters that have been temporarily designated for use by that person's sex;

(vii) A coach and members of an athletic team or activity that includes members of both the male and female sexes present in a changing area or restroom during an athletic activity, in accordance with all of the following:

(A) Another suitable changing area or restroom is not available;

(B) The coach is the coach of an athletic activity or team with members

of both the male and female sexes;

(C) All persons in the changing area or restroom are fully clothed;

(D) If available, the coach shall be accompanied by not less than one (1) additional adult at all times in the changing area or restroom, provided that an additional adult shall not be required if members of the activity or team of both sexes are present in the changing area or restroom.

(e) In each public facility, a person who, while accessing a changing area or restroom designated for use by the person's sex, encounters another person of the opposite sex in the designated changing area or restroom shall have a cause of action against the public facility that:

(i) Provided the other person permission to use a changing area or restroom of the opposite sex; or

(ii) Failed to take reasonable steps to prohibit the other person from using the changing area or restroom of the opposite sex. Reasonable steps may include but are not limited to posting appropriate signage and adopting policies and procedures for the enforcement of the provisions of this act.

(f) A person who is required by a correctional facility to share sleeping quarters with another person of the opposite sex shall have a cause of action against the correctional facility.

(g) A person aggrieved under this section who prevails in a cause of action brought under this section is entitled to actual damages and may recover reasonable attorney fees and costs from the governmental entity operating the public facility.

9-25-103. Sex-designated changing areas and privacy spaces in educational facilities.

(a) In each educational facility:

(i) Each multi-occupancy changing area, restroom and sleeping quarters shall be designated by the educational facility for use exclusively for males or exclusively for females;

(ii) Every multi-occupancy changing area, restroom and sleeping quarters designated for one (1) sex shall be used only by members of that sex.

(b) In each educational facility, no person shall enter a changing area that is designated for one (1) sex unless that person is a member of that sex.

(c) Each educational facility that offers housing for student residents shall provide students the option to be housed only with persons of the same sex.

(d) During any activity or event authorized by an educational facility where persons share sleeping quarters, no person shall be required to share sleeping quarters with a member of the opposite sex, unless all occupants of the sleeping quarters are members of the same immediate family.

(e) In any other facility or setting in an educational facility where a person may be in a state of undress in the presence of others, the educational facility shall provide separate, private changing areas designated for use by persons based on their sex. Except as provided by subsection (f) of this section, no person shall enter these changing areas unless that person is a member of the designated sex.

(f) This section shall not apply to:

(i) Single-occupancy changing areas, restrooms or sleeping quarters that are conspicuously designated for unisex or family use;

(ii) Changing areas, restrooms or sleeping quarters that have been temporarily designated for use by that person's sex;

(iii) A person of one (1) sex who uses a single-sex changing area or restroom designated for the opposite sex, if that single-sex changing area or restroom is the only facility reasonably available at the time of the person's use of the changing area or restroom and no members of the opposite sex are present in the changing area or restroom at that time;

(iv) A person employed to clean, maintain or inspect a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters when the changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters is not occupied;

(v) A person who enters a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters to render medical assistance or caregiving assistance;

(vi) A person who is in need of assistance and, for the purposes of receiving that assistance, is accompanied by a family member, legal guardian or the person's designee who is a member of the designated sex for the single-sex changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters;

(vii) Any time during an ongoing natural disaster or emergency or when necessary to prevent a serious threat to public health or student safety;

(viii) A school official or employee who enters the changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters while in the performance of the official's or employee's official duties and who takes reasonable steps to ensure that no person in the room is in a state of undress;

(ix) A coach and members of an athletic team or activity that includes members of both the male and female sexes present in a changing area or restroom during an athletic activity, in accordance with all of the following:

(A) Another suitable changing area or restroom is not available;

(B) The coach is the coach of an athletic activity or team with members of both the male and female sexes;

(C) All persons in the changing area or restroom are fully clothed;

(D) If available, the coach shall be accompanied by not less than one (1)

additional adult at all times in the changing area or restroom, provided that an additional adult shall not be required if members of the activity or team of both sexes are present in the changing area or restroom.

(g) Each educational facility shall provide a reasonable accommodation to any person who is unwilling or unable for any reason to use a changing area or restroom designated for the person's sex and located within an educational facility, or multi-occupancy sleeping quarters while attending an activity sponsored by the educational facility, and who makes a written request to the educational facility for the reasonable accommodation. A reasonable accommodation granted under this subsection shall not include access to a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters that is designated for use by members of the opposite sex while persons of the opposite sex are present or could be present.

(h) In each educational facility, any person who, while accessing a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters designated for use by the person's sex, encounters a person of the opposite sex may bring a cause of action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the educational facility if:

(i) The educational facility gave that person permission to use the changing area or restroom of the opposite sex; or

(ii) The educational facility failed to take reasonable steps to prohibit that person from using the changing area or restroom of the opposite sex.

(j) A person who is required by the educational facility to share sleeping quarters with a person of the opposite sex shall have a private cause of action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the educational facility.

(k) Any action initiated under subsections (h) or (j) of this section shall be in accordance with all of the following:

(i) Any civil action shall be brought not later than four (4) years after the event creating the cause of action has occurred;

(ii) Any person who prevails in an action brought under subsections (h) or (j) of this section may recover from the educational facility five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) for each instance that the person encountered a person of the opposite sex while accessing a changing area, restroom or sleeping quarters designated for use by the person's sex;

(iii) The person may also recover monetary damages from the educational facility for all harm suffered;

(iv) Any person who prevails in an action brought under subsections (h) or (j) of this section shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney fees and costs from the educational facility;

(v) Nothing in this section shall limit any other remedy of law or equity available to the person against the educational facility.

Section 2. W.S. 1-39-104(a) is amended to read:

1-39-104. Granting immunity from tort liability; liability on contracts; exceptions.

(a) A governmental entity and its public employees while acting within the scope of duties are granted immunity from liability for any tort except as provided by W.S. 1-39-105 through 1-39-112~~,~~ and 1-39-122 ~~and~~ through ~~1-39-123~~ 1-39-124. Any immunity in actions based on a contract entered into by a governmental entity is waived except to the extent provided by the contract if the contract was within the powers granted to the entity and was properly executed and except as provided in W.S. 1-39-120(b). The claims procedures of W.S. 1-39-113 apply to contractual claims against governmental entities.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 95

MANUFACTURING SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION-AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 11

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; extending the sunset date for the manufacturing sales tax and use tax exemptions; repealing provisions for the manufacturing use tax exemption to align with the manufacturing sales tax exemption; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-15-105(a)(viii)(O) and 39-16-105(a)(viii)(D)(intro) are amended to read:

39-15-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following sales or leases are exempt from the excise tax imposed by this article:

(viii) For the purpose of exempting sales of services and tangible personal property as an economic incentive, the following are exempt:

(O) Until December 31, ~~2027~~ 2042, the sale or lease of machinery to be used in this state directly and predominantly in manufacturing tangible personal property;

39-16-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following purchases or leases are exempt from the excise tax imposed by this article:

(viii) For the purpose of exempting sales of services and tangible personal

property as an economic incentive, the following are exempt:

(D) Until December 31, ~~2027~~ 2042, the purchase or lease of machinery to be used in this state directly and predominantly in manufacturing tangible personal property~~;, if the sale or lease~~.

Section 2. W.S. 39-16-105(a)(viii)(D)(I) and (II) is repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 96

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS-INVESTMENTS IN EQUITIES

Original Senate File No. 145

AN ACT relating to public funds; authorizing specified local governments to invest in equities as specified; specifying requirements for investments in equities; specifying applicability; authorizing actions; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-4-831(a) by creating a new paragraph (xxix) is amended to read:

9-4-831. Investment of public funds.

(a) The state treasurer, or treasurer of any political subdivision, municipality or special district of this state, and the various boards of trustees and boards of directors of county hospitals, airports, fairs and other duly constituted county boards and commissions, may invest in:

(xxix) Equities, including stocks of corporations. Investments made under this paragraph shall comply with all provisions of investment policy statements applicable to local government investing adopted by the state loan and investment board. All risks associated with the investment of equities under this paragraph shall be assumed by the governmental entity making the investment. A political subdivision shall establish an investment advisory board to provide advice and expertise on investments made under this paragraph. Investments made under this paragraph shall not be subject to paragraph (xxviii) of this subsection or W.S. 9-1-419. The state loan and investment board shall adopt investment policy statements for investments made by local governments and political subdivisions under this paragraph. The board shall include in the investment policy statements requirements and conditions comparable to the requirements and conditions specified in W.S. 9-4-715 and 9-4-716 for the investment of public funds. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit or alter the state treasurer's authority to invest state funds in equities in accordance with law.

Section 2. No political subdivision specified in W.S. 9-4-831(a)(intro) shall make investments authorized in W.S. 9-4-831(a)(xxix), as created by section 1 of this act, before the state loan and investment board adopts applicable investment policy statements in accordance with this act.

Section 3. The state treasurer and the state loan and investment board shall take all actions necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(b) Section 1 of this act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 97

WATER, IRRIGATION AND SEWER DISTRICTS-BID REQUIREMENTS

Original Senate File No. 46

AN ACT relating to water, irrigation and sewer districts; increasing the cost requirements for water, irrigation, sewer and water and sewer district purchases or projects that are required to be submitted for bids; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 41-7-412, 41-7-813 and 41-10-113(a)(xi) are amended to read:

41-7-412. Advertisement for bids.

In all cases where the work to be done at any one (1) time under the direction of the commissioners will, in their opinion, cost to exceed ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500.00)~~ seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00), the same shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the commissioner shall advertise for sealed bids, by notice published in some newspaper published in the county in which the petition is filed, and may advertise in one (1) or more newspapers published elsewhere. If there be no newspaper published in the county in which the petition is filed, they shall advertise in some newspaper published in an adjoining county, which said notice shall particularly set forth the time and place when and where the bids advertised will be opened, the kind of work to be let and the terms of payment. Said commissioners may continue the letting from time to time, if in their judgment the same shall be necessary, and shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids. This section shall not be

construed to apply to the employment of superintendent, engineer, attorney or other employee engaged in the general work of the district.

41-7-813. Construction of irrigation works; cost estimates; advertisement for bids; contracts.

Before any district shall enter into any contract for the construction, building, alteration, extension, or improvement of any irrigation works, power plant or system, or any part or section thereof for the use of the district, or for the purchase of any materials, machinery, or apparatus, such district shall cause estimates of the cost thereof to be made by some competent engineer or engineers and if such estimated cost shall exceed the sum of ~~one thousand dollars ($1,000.00)~~ twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) no such contract shall be entered into for a price, cost or consideration exceeding such estimate nor without advertising for sealed bids. Prior to such advertisement, plans and specifications for the proposed construction work or materials shall be prepared and filed at the principal office or place of business of the district. Such advertisement shall be inserted for three (3) consecutive issues, with not less than twenty (20) days intervening between the first and last publication dates, in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the district and, in the discretion of the board of directors of the district, in such additional newspapers or trade or technical periodicals as may be selected by the board in order to give proper notice of the receiving of bids. Such advertisement shall designate the nature of the construction work proposed to be done or materials proposed to be purchased; that the plans and specifications therefor may be inspected at the office of the district, giving the location thereof, and shall designate the time within which bids shall be filed and the date, hour and place the same shall be opened. The board of directors of the district, with the assistance of the state engineer, whose duty it shall be to supervise such lettings, may let the contract for such work or materials to the lowest responsible bidder, or, in the sole discretion of the board, all bids tendered may be rejected and readvertisement for bids made in the manner, form and time in this section provided. No such contract shall be valid nor shall any money of the district be expended thereunder unless advertisement and letting shall have been had as in this section provided. Such contract shall provide that wherever possible workmen who are citizens of Wyoming shall be employed by the contractor. All provisions of W.S. 16-6-112 through 16-6-115, with reference to contractor's bonds, shall be applicable and effective as to any contract let pursuant to the provisions of this act; provided further, that if all or a portion of the cost of the proposed works is to be met by grant of labor or a grant in aid from a federal or state agency, the rules and regulations of which agency provide that work shall not be done by contract, the board may proceed with the necessary construction or other work without first complying with any of the foregoing provisions of this section.

41-10-113. Powers of district board.

(a) For and on behalf of the district the board of any district shall have the following powers:

(xi) Except as otherwise provided in this act, to enter into contracts and agreements affecting the affairs of the district, including but not limited to contracts with the United States of America and any of its agencies or instrumentalities, and contracts with any municipality or district for the operation of a common or jointly owned project. Any improvement ~~or improvements~~ of any nature made in any district where the entire cost, value or amount of such work including labor and materials shall exceed ~~thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00)~~ seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00), except such work done by employees of the district with supplies and materials purchased by it as hereinafter provided or except by labor or supplies and materials, or all of such, supplied under agreement with the United States of America, the state of Wyoming, or any federal or state agency, instrumentality or corporation, or other political subdivision, shall be done only under independent contract to be entered into by the district with the lowest responsible bidder submitting the lowest and best bid upon proper terms after due public notice by publication has been given asking for competitive bids. The district shall have the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity in any bid. Any contract may be let on a lump sum or unit basis. No contract shall be entered into for such work unless the contractor shall give an undertaking with a sufficient surety or sureties approved by the board and in an amount fixed by the board for the faithful performance of the contract. Upon default in the performance of any contract, the proper official may advertise and relet the remainder of the work without further resolution and deduct the cost from the original contract price and recover any excess cost by suit on the original bond, or otherwise. The district shall have the power to make any improvement, or portion thereof, in any district, directly by the officers, agents and employees of the district, with supplies and materials purchased or otherwise acquired therefor. All supplies, materials, equipment, machinery and apparatus purchased by the board for any district (but not by a contractor) costing ~~thirty thousand dollars ($30,000.00)~~ seventy-five thousand dollars ($75,000.00) or more shall be purchased only after notice by publication for competitive bids. The district shall accept the lowest bid, kind, quality and material being equal, but the district shall have the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularity in any bid, and to select a single item from any bid. The ~~provision as to~~ bidding requirements of this paragraph shall not apply to the purchase of patented and manufactured products offered for sale in a noncompetitive market or solely by a manufacturer's authorized dealer;

Section 2. This act shall apply to any improvement or purchase of a water, irrigation, sewer or water and sewer district initiated on or after July 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 98

PROTECTION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

Original Senate File No. 26

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; providing an affirmative defense for use of force to protect military equipment; extending immunity for civil or criminal liability for acts committed in the performance of necessary duties to state security officers employed by the military department; providing a definition; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-2-603 is created to read:

6-2-603. Use of force in defense of military equipment.

A state security officer as defined by W.S. 19-7-101(a)(xiii), a member of the armed forces or a member of the Wyoming national guard in active state service as defined by W.S. 19-7-101(a)(v) who is on official duty defending military equipment is privileged to use reasonable force as necessary to defend military equipment, including deadly force as defined by W.S. 6-2-602(g)(iii), in accordance with published military regulations and doctrine regarding the use of force.

Section 2. W.S. 19-7-101(a) by creating a new paragraph (xiii) and 19-9-401(c)(intro) are amended to read:

19-7-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xiii) "State security officer" means a person employed by the military department whose primary duties include being armed and securing military assets controlled by the military department.

19-9-401. National Guard members and state security officers granted certain exemptions.

(c) No member of the Wyoming national guard in active state service or a state security officer shall incur any personal liability, civil or criminal, by reason of acts committed in the performance of his necessary duties incident to service under orders of the governor or any lawful superior if the acts are not palpably illegal, excessively violent or malicious. If any civil action is brought against a member or state security officer by reason of an act or acts committed in the performance of his necessary duties, he is entitled to legal counsel to assist in his defense at state expense. Legal counsel for such purposes may be chosen by the guardsman or state security officer subject to approval by the Wyoming attorney general and legal fees incurred shall be approved by either:

Section 3. The affirmative defense created by section 1 of this act shall be available as an affirmative defense to conduct occurring on and after the effective date of this act.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 99

SERVICE DOGS-TRAINING AND CRIMES

Original Senate File No. 147

AN ACT relating to the protection and rights of blind and disabled persons; specifying that the rights and obligations applicable to service and assistance animals apply to service animals that are being trained; increasing penalties related to injuring or killing a service or assistance animal; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-13-205(a)(iv) and (viii) and 35-13-206(a) are amended to read:

35-13-205. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(iv) "Assistance animal" means an animal that works, provides assistance or performs tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, or provides emotional support that alleviates one (1) or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability;

(viii) "Service animal" means as defined in 28 C.F.R. 35.104 and 28 C.F.R. 36.104 and includes service miniature horses pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 35.136 and 28 C.F.R. 36.302(c). "Service animal" shall include a dog that is being trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability.

35-13-206. Injuring or killing a service or assistance animal prohibited; penalties.

(a) Any person who knowingly, willfully and without lawful cause or justification inflicts, or permits or directs any animal under his control or ownership to inflict, serious bodily harm, permanent disability or death upon any service animal or assistance animal is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for ~~not more than six (6) months~~ less than one (1) year, a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00)~~ five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), or both.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 100

RESTORATION OF RIGHTS AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 9

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; specifying eligibility for the restoration of rights; expanding the scope of judicial review of restoration of rights eligibility determinations; amending notification requirements regarding the issuance of restoration of rights certificates; clarifying the effect of a new felony conviction upon a prior restoration of rights; amending the definition of violent felony; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-11-102, 7-13-105(a)(intro), (b)(intro), (ii), (c)(i), (ii), (d), (e)(ii), (f), (g)(i), (ii), by creating a new paragraph (iii) and by creating new subsections (h) and (j) and 25-1-104(k) are amended to read:

1-11-102. Convicted felon disqualified.

A person who has been convicted of any felony is disqualified to act as a juror unless his conviction is reversed or annulled, he receives a pardon or his rights are restored pursuant to W.S. 7-13-105(a) or (f).

7-13-105. Certificate of restoration of rights; procedure for restoration in general; procedure for restoration of voting rights for nonviolent felonies; filing requirements.

(a) Subject to subsections (h) and (j) of this section, upon receipt of a written application, the governor may issue to a person convicted of a felony ~~under the laws of a state or the United States~~ a certificate which restores the rights lost pursuant to W.S. 6-10-106 when:

(b) Subject to subsections (h) and (j) of this section, the department of corrections shall issue a certificate of restoration of voting rights as provided in this subsection and subsection (c) of this section. Upon issuance of a certificate, voting rights lost pursuant to W.S. 6-10-106 shall be deemed restored. The department of corrections shall automatically issue a person convicted of a nonviolent felony or nonviolent felonies arising out of the same occurrence or related course of events a certificate of restoration of voting rights if:

(ii) The person has completed all of his sentence, including probation or parole, and before conviction the person had the right to vote or would have had the right to vote upon attaining the age of eighteen (18) years.

(c) The department of corrections shall issue a certificate of restoration of voting rights to eligible persons as follows:

(i) For persons convicted ~~within Wyoming~~ of a nonviolent felony or nonviolent felonies under the laws of the state of Wyoming arising out of the same occurrence or related course of events who completed their sentence before January 1, 2010, the department shall require receipt of a written request on a form prescribed by the department and issue each eligible person a certificate of restoration of voting rights following a determination that the person has completed his sentence, including probation and parole. The department shall not require an application for restoration before issuing a certificate to eligible persons who complete their sentence on and after January 1, 2010;

(ii) For persons convicted ~~outside of Wyoming or under federal law~~ of a nonviolent felony or nonviolent felonies under the laws of another state arising out of the same occurrence or related course of events, the department shall issue each eligible person a certificate of restoration of voting rights upon receipt of a written request on a form prescribed by the department and following a determination that the person has completed his sentence, including probation and parole.

(d) The department of correction's determination that a person is ineligible for a certificate of restoration of ~~voting~~ rights under subsections (b), (c) or (f) of this section is a final action of the agency subject to judicial review. The clerk of the district court and the division of criminal investigation shall cooperate with the department of corrections in providing information necessary for determining a person's eligibility to receive a certificate of restoration of ~~voting~~ rights. The department of corrections shall notify the secretary of state when any person's voting rights have been restored. ~~If the person was convicted in Wyoming,~~ The department of corrections shall submit the certificate of restoration of voting rights to the clerk of the district court in which the person was convicted and the clerk shall file the certificate in the criminal case in which the conviction was entered.

(e) As used in this section:

(ii) "Violent felony" means as defined by W.S. 6-1-104(a)(xii), including offenses committed in another ~~jurisdiction~~ state which if committed in this state would constitute a violent felony under W.S. 6-1-104(a)(xii). "Nonviolent felony" includes all felony offenses not otherwise defined as violent felonies.

(f) Subject to subsections (h) and (j) of this section, all other rights a person has lost pursuant to W.S. 6-10-106 shall be restored five (5) years after the person has completed their sentence, including applicable periods of probation or parole. A person shall only be eligible for restoration of their rights under this subsection if the person has not been convicted of any other felony other than convictions arising out of the same occurrence or related course of events for which restoration of rights is to be certified. The date on which all rights

are restored under this subsection shall be noted on a certificate issued by the department which shall be the same certificate issued under subsections (b) and (c) of this section if the certificate is issued on or after July 1, 2023, or a separate certificate issued upon receipt of a written request on a form prescribed by the department for a person eligible for restoration of rights under this subsection prior to July 1, 2023. A conviction for a new felony upon the issuance of any certificate under this section shall render the certificate void in accordance with subsection (h) of this section.

(g) When a certificate of restoration of rights is issued pursuant to subsections (a) or (f) of this section, the department of corrections shall:

(i) Notify the federal bureau of alcohol, tobacco, and firearms when any person's right to use or possess any firearm have been restored pursuant to subsections (a) or (f) of this section and explosives;

(ii) File a copy of the certificate with the secretary of state;

(iii) Notify the division of criminal investigation.

(h) Upon conviction of a new felony under the laws of the state of Wyoming, the laws of another state or federal law on or after the date a certificate of restoration of rights is issued under this section, the certificate shall automatically be void and all rights that were deemed restored by the certificate shall no longer be deemed restored.

(j) A person shall only be eligible for a certificate of restoration of rights under this section as follows:

(i) Under subsection (a) of this section if the person was convicted of a felony under the laws of the state of Wyoming or another state;

(ii) For purposes of the restoration of rights to possess a firearm, under subsection (f) of this section if the person was convicted of a nonviolent felony or nonviolent felonies arising out of the same occurrence or related course of events under the laws of the state of Wyoming;

(iii) Under subsections (b) and (c) of this section if the person was convicted of a nonviolent felony or nonviolent felonies arising out of the same occurrence or related course of events under the laws of the state of Wyoming or another state.

25-1-104. Creation of department of corrections; duties; inspections of state institutions; regulation of prisoner produced goods.

(k) The department of corrections shall issue certificates of restoration of voting rights pursuant to W.S. 7-13-105(b), and (c), (f) and (j).

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 101

SEX-DESIGNATED FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Original Senate File No. 62

AN ACT relating to school districts; requiring public school children to use restrooms, sex-designated changing facilities and sleeping quarters that align with their sex at birth; requiring reasonable accommodations; providing exceptions; providing penalties; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-137 is created to read:

21-3-137. Restrooms and changing rooms in public schools; designated sleeping quarters for school-sponsored activities; requirements; definitions; penalties; rulemaking.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Coach" means a person, including but not limited to coaches, assistant coaches or athletic trainers, employed by or contracted with a public school who is involved in the teaching, coaching or training of students participating in a school-sponsored activity;

(ii) "Female" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes eggs for fertilization;

(iii) "Male" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes sperm for fertilization;

(iv) "Restroom" or "changing room" means a room in a public school building designed or designated to be used by one (1) or more persons, where persons may be in various stages of undress in the presence of other persons. The term includes but is not limited to a school restroom, locker room, changing room or shower room;

(v) "School-sponsored activity" means an event that is supported and affiliated with the school;

(vi) "Sex" means a person's biological sex, either male or female;

(vii) "Sleeping quarters" means an area with at least one (1) bed or cot in which at least one (1) person is housed overnight on or off public school property when attending a school-sponsored activity.

(b) To ensure privacy and safety, each public school district that serves students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade in this state shall require every multiple occupancy restroom, changing room or sleeping quarters to be

designated as follows:

(i) For the exclusive use of the male sex; or

(ii) For the exclusive use of the female sex.

(c) Each public school district shall provide a reasonable accommodation to any person who does not wish to use a multiple occupancy restroom, changing room or sleeping quarters in accordance with the designation required under subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, a reasonable accommodation shall include a single-occupancy restroom, changing room or sleeping quarters. A reasonable accommodation granted under this subsection shall not include access to a restroom, changing area or sleeping quarters that is designated for use by members of the opposite sex while persons of the opposite sex are present or could be present.

(d) This section shall not apply to persons entering a multiple occupancy restroom, changing room or sleeping quarters designated for use by the opposite sex when entering for at least one (1) of the following reasons:

(i) For custodial, maintenance, repair or inspection purposes;

(ii) To render emergency medical assistance;

(iii) If a suitable meeting room or area is not available, a coach may enter a locker room before, during or after a school-sponsored activity, provided:

(A) All students present are fully clothed;

(B) The coach shall be accompanied by not less than one (1) additional adult at all times;

(C) If the coach is the opposite sex of the students present, the coach shall be accompanied by at least one (1) adult of the same sex as the students present; and

(D) The adults present shall not be current high school students.

(iv) For an adult to render assistance to any student or person requiring assistance because of disability or age;

(v) If a suitable meeting room or area is not available and the coach is the coach of a school-sponsored activity with members of both the male and female sexes on the team or in the activity, the coach may enter a locker room before, during or after the school-sponsored activity if all students are fully clothed. The coach shall be accompanied by not less than one (1) additional adult at all times but an additional adult shall not be required if members of the activity of both sexes are present in the locker room. The adults present shall not be current high school students;

(vi) To render caregiving assistance;

(vii) To receive assistance if the person is accompanied by a family member,

legal guardian or the person's designee who is a member of the designated sex for the single-sex restroom, changing area or sleeping quarters;

(viii) When necessary to prevent a serious threat to public health or student safety during an ongoing natural disaster or emergency;

(ix) When a school official or employee enters a restroom, changing area or sleeping quarters while in the performance of the official's or employee's official duties and who takes reasonable steps to ensure that no person in the room is in a state of undress;

(x) When a restroom, changing area or sleeping quarters has been temporarily designated for use by the opposite sex.

(e) Each school district board of trustees shall adopt policies to provide for disciplinary action for persons who refuse to comply with this section.

(f) No school district board of trustees shall adopt a policy contrary to the provisions of this section.

(g) A parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in and physically attending a public school district shall have a cause of action, including for declaratory and injunctive relief, against the public school for noncompliance with the provisions of subsection (b), (c) or (d) of this section.

Section 2. W.S. 21-3-110(a) by creating a new paragraph (xliv) is amended to read:

21-3-110. Duties of boards of trustees.

(a) The board of trustees in each school district shall:

(xliv) Ensure that each school district in the state requires every multiple occupancy restroom, changing room or sleeping quarters be designated for the exclusive use of the male sex or the exclusive use of the female sex.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 102

CERTIFICATE OF NEED REPEAL-3

Original House Bill No. 289

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; authorizing the department of health to approve alterations or additions to health care facilities for purposes of health care and life safety compliance determinations only; repealing bed expansion limitations for nursing care facilities and hospitals as specified; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-2-906(a) is amended to read:

35-2-906. Construction and expansion of facilities; exemption.

(a) A licensee who contemplates construction of or alteration or addition to a health care facility shall submit plans and specifications to the division for preliminary inspection and approval prior to commencing construction. Significant changes to the original plans must also be submitted and approved prior to implementation. The plans and any changes shall indicate any increase in the number of beds. Information submitted pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the division only for purposes of health care and life safety compliance determinations.

Section 2. W.S. 35-2-901(a)(v) and 35-2-906(b), (c), (f) and (g) are repealed.

Section 3. On or before September 1, 2029, the department of health shall report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee on the status of construction of nursing care facilities and whether hospitals and nursing care facilities are positively or adversely affected by this act.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2026.

Approved March 3, 2025.

Chapter 103

SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM

Original Senate File No. 195

AN ACT relating to emergency loan programs; establishing an emergency bridge loan program for small businesses during declared natural disasters; specifying eligibility and requirements for the bridge loan program; specifying terms, conditions and obligations for bridge loans; specifying duties; creating an account; requiring reports; providing a loan; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-52-101 and 11-52-102 are created to read:

CHAPTER 52
SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY BRIDGE LOAN PROGRAM

11-52-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Office" means the office of state lands and investments;

(ii) "Financial institution" means a bank or credit union having a place of business within this state and that is chartered under state or federal law;

(iii) "Program" means the small business emergency bridge loan program

created in this chapter;

(iv) "Director" means the director of the office of state lands and investments.

11-52-102. Small business emergency bridge loan program; eligibility; requirements; account.

(a) The small business emergency bridge loan program is hereby created to provide short-term bridge loans to Wyoming businesses after declared natural disasters.

(b) The office of state lands and investments shall administer the program. The state loan and investment board shall:

(i) Promulgate any rules necessary to implement the program;

(ii) Establish a process by which financial institutions may register to administer and process emergency bridge loans issued under the program;

(iii) Develop an application for emergency bridge loans, including specifying the documentation required to apply, and provide applications to participating financial institutions for distribution;

(iv) Review all applications and recommendations from financial institutions to ensure that emergency bridge loans are approved and made in accordance with this chapter;

(v) Oversee the disbursement and repayment of funds from emergency bridge loans.

(c) Subject to available funding, small business emergency bridge loans shall be made and disbursed in accordance with all of the following:

(i) Before bridge loans shall be available under this chapter, the governor shall declare that a natural disaster has occurred and shall designate the counties in which the natural disaster has occurred. For purposes of this paragraph, the governor may declare a natural disaster for purposes of making loans available under this section upon the failure of infrastructure, including but not limited to roads, bridges, dams and irrigation infrastructure. Upon this declaration, businesses located in the designated counties in which the natural disaster has been declared may apply for emergency bridge loans under this chapter;

(ii) Emergency bridge loans shall be made only to businesses that:

(A) Are physically located and doing business in Wyoming and are physically located within the area in which the governor has declared that a natural disaster has occurred;

(B) Were established and in operation before the declared natural disaster occurred;

(C) Have one (1) or more persons who own not less than fifty percent

(50%) of the business, who can apply for the loan and who shall serve as guarantor for the loan. Any person or persons applying for a loan under this chapter for a business shall have a credit score of not less than five hundred fifty (550) and shall not be on probation or parole at the time of application;

(D) Not be engaged in the business of loan packaging, offering or providing short-term rentals, speculation, multi-sales distribution, gaming, investment or lending or any activity that violates state or federal law.

(iii) Applications for emergency bridge loans shall be filed with a financial institution registered with the office to participate in the program. Upon receipt of a complete application and all required documentation, the financial institution shall review the application and documentation to determine whether the business qualifies for an emergency bridge loan under this chapter and shall forward a recommendation to the office whether to approve or reject the loan and any terms or conditions that should be included for the loan;

(iv) Upon receipt of a recommendation from a financial institution, the office shall, not later than five (5) business days after receiving the recommendation, review the recommendation and ensure that the applicant qualifies for a loan. Upon determining that an applicant qualifies under this chapter, the director may approve the application and, if approved, shall disburse funds from the account created in subsection (f) of this section to the financial institution for disbursement to the loan applicant or, if requested by the loan applicant or if the financial institution is unable to accept the funds, for disbursement directly to the loan applicant, and specify any terms and conditions that shall be included as part of the loan agreement. Loans approved by the director shall not require subsequent approval by the state loan and investment board.

(d) Emergency bridge loans issued under this chapter shall:

(i) Require an origination fee of two percent (2%) of the loan amount, to be distributed to the financial institution for processing the loan. The office shall pay one percent (1%) of the origination fee from funds available in the account created in subsection (f) of this section. The loan applicant shall pay the remaining one percent (1%) of the origination fee from loan proceeds. For purposes of this paragraph, the office may require an additional origination fee to be paid by the applicant for deposit in the account created by subsection (f) of this section if the additional fee is necessary to account for a decreased amount of investment earnings as a result of the emergency bridge loan program;

(ii) Not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000.00) for each business applying under this chapter;

(iii) Be secured by insurance proceeds or other anticipated funds that the business will receive as a result of the natural disaster or other land, equipment or assets owned by the business;

(iv) Be expended only for any business purposes, which may include, but not limited to, fencing repair, the replacement of livestock, the replacement of buildings or shelters, business vehicles, inventory replacement, equipment damaged or destroyed in the natural disaster, the leasing of land for business purposes, necessary trucking and transportation expenses and temporary facilities for the business to operate;

(v) Not be expended to expand the business's operations or to purchase additional property or equipment that the business did not have before the natural disaster;

(vi) Contain repayment terms, provided that:

(A) Full repayment shall occur not later than three (3) years after the issuance of the loan;

(B) Interest shall be charged on the loan at a rate not to exceed zero percent (0%) plus the interest rate earned on pooled fund investments in the previous fiscal year. The interest rate specified in this subparagraph shall be reduced to account for investment earnings and the rate of return on investments of the small business emergency bridge loan account created in subsection (f) of this section.

(e) Each business receiving a loan under this chapter shall make repayments to the office. Upon receiving payments, the office shall deposit the funds received, including interest, in the small business emergency bridge loan account created in subsection (f) of this section.

(f) There is created the small business emergency bridge loan account. Funds within the account shall be used only to provide emergency bridge loans under this chapter, origination fees specified in this chapter and any administrative costs associated with operating the program. The state treasurer shall invest funds within the account in accordance with law, and all earnings from the account shall be deposited in the account. The office may accept grants, gifts or other funds for deposit in the account. Any grants, gifts or other funds accepted under this subsection shall first be expended to reduce, on a pro rata basis, the interest that applicants are required to pay under this section. Funds in the account are continuously appropriated to the office to be expended only in accordance with this chapter.

(g) Not later than October 1 of each year, the office shall annually review the program and report to the joint appropriations committee, the joint agriculture, state and public lands and water resources interim committee and the state loan and investment board on the loans made under the program, all outstanding loan commitments, repayments received and the balance of the account created in subsection (f) of this section.

(h) The director of the office of state lands and investments, with approval from the governor, is authorized to borrow from the legislative stabilization

reserve account up to twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000.00) as necessary to meet funding requirements for qualifying loans under this section. Any loan proceeds shall be deposited into the small business emergency bridge loan account. Interest charged on the amounts borrowed shall be zero percent (0%). The director of the office of state lands and investments shall report to the joint appropriations committee, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives immediately upon exercise of this loan authority. The director of the office of state lands and investments, after consultation with the state auditor, shall include an appropriation request in each biennial budget and supplemental budget request in an amount equal to the lesser of twenty-five million dollars ($25,000,000.00) or the outstanding loan balance until all loans from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the emergency bridge loan account are repaid in full.

Section 2. The office of state lands and investments shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Became law without signature March 3, 2025.

Chapter 104

EXEMPTION FOR TRANSPORTED FUEL AND POWER SALES-AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 311

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; providing a definition associated with a sales tax exemption for power and fuel sales related to pipeline transportation as specified; clarifying ownership requirements for the exemption; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-15-105(a)(iii)(E) is amended to read:

39-15-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following sales or leases are exempt from the excise tax imposed by this article:

(iii) For the purpose of exempting sales of services and tangible personal property consumed in production, the following are exempt:

(E) Sales of power or fuel to a person transporting tangible personal property by railroad or by pipeline when the power or fuel is consumed directly in generating motive power for actual transportation purposes, regardless of ownership of the transported tangible personal property, except power or fuel which is not taxed as gasoline or gasohol under W.S. 39-17-101 through 39-17-111 or as diesel fuel under W.S. 39-17-201 through 39-17-211 and which is used to propel a motor vehicle upon the highway as defined in W.S. 39-17-201(a)(xii). As used in this subparagraph, "pipeline" means a system of connected pipes and other equipment that is used to transport oil, natural gas or other hydrocarbons from a well site to an interstate or intrastate transmission customer sales delivery point, including between intermediate points along a transportation path;

Section 2. The department of revenue shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(b) Section 1 of this act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 105

SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICE DISTRICTS-AUTHORIZATION AND RENEWAL

Original House Bill No. 122

AN ACT relating to counties; amending the length of time for approval of a mill levy proposition for senior citizen service districts; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 18-15-102(d) is amended to read:

18-15-102. Formation of district; mill levy.

(d) If the proposition to authorize a mill levy is approved by the qualified electors of the proposed district under subsection (c) of this section, the proposition to impose a levy in the same or at a different amount not to exceed two (2) mills, shall be submitted to the resident electors within the proposed district at the first general election held ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years after the election authorizing the district and every four (4) years thereafter, until defeated. If the proposition to impose or continue a mill levy is defeated, the proposition shall not be submitted to the electors for a period of not less than one (1) year.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 106

HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Original Senate File No. 69

AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a homeowner property tax exemption; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-11-105(a) by creating a new paragraph (xlvi) is amended to read:

39-11-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following property is exempt from property taxation:

(xlvi) A portion of a single family residential structure and the associated improved land as a homeowner tax exemption as provided in this paragraph. The following shall apply to this exemption:

(A) The amount of the exemption under this paragraph shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the fair market value of a single family residential structure and the associated improved land, provided that the exemption shall only apply to the first one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) of the fair market value of the single family residential structure and associated improved land. The exemption provided by this paragraph shall not be available to any person who has applied for and received the tax exemption provided by paragraph (xlv) of this subsection for the same property in the same tax year;

(B) As used in this paragraph, "single family residential structure" means a structure intended for human habitation including a house, modular home, mobile home, townhouse or condominium that is a privately owned single family dwelling unit. Beginning with tax year 2026 and each tax year thereafter, "single family residential structure" shall mean a single family residential structure as defined in this subparagraph where the person claiming the exemption actually resides for not less than eight (8) months of the year. Beginning with tax year 2026 and each tax year thereafter, if the person claiming the exemption or a member of that person's immediate family is an active duty member of the armed forces and service in the armed forces is the reason that the person claiming the exemption cannot meet the eight (8) month requirement specified in this subparagraph, the person shall qualify for the exemption if the single family residential structure is the legal domicile of the applicable member of the armed forces;

(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall prohibit a taxpayer from paying the amount of property taxes that would be due without the application of the exemption provided in this paragraph.

Section 2. The exemption provided by this act shall first apply to the tax year beginning January 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 107

STEAMBOAT LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Original House Bill No. 199

AN ACT relating to education; modifying the education savings accounts program; changing the name of the program to the steamboat legacy scholarship act; creating the steamboat legacy scholarship program account; modifying definitions; increasing the maximum scholarship award; modifying eligibility requirements; repealing provisions; providing appropriations; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-2-901, 21-2-903(a), (b), (c) and by creating a new subsection (d), 21-2-904(b)(i)(J), by creating a new subparagraph (Q), (ii)(A) and (e), 21-2-905(e) and (f)(intro), 21-2-906(a)(i), (ix), (xi), by creating a new paragraph (xiii) and by creating new subsections (d) and (e) and 21-2-909, as amended by 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 108, Section 1 and effective January 1, 2025, are amended to read:

ARTICLE 9
STEAMBOAT LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP ACT

21-2-901. Short title.

This act shall be known as the "~~Wyoming Education Savings Accounts~~ Steamboat Legacy Scholarship Act." The program created by this act shall be known as the "ESA program."

21-2-903. Education savings accounts; steamboat legacy scholarship program account.

(a) For school year 2025-2026 and each school year thereafter, the total amount to be deposited in an education savings account ~~for an ESA student~~ each year shall be ~~determined by the student's household income compared to the federal poverty levels, using the most recent federal poverty guidelines for the student's household size and income, as follows; six thousand dollars~~

~~($6,000.00) for students~~ as follows:

(i) For students eligible for an ESA under W.S. 21-2-904(a)(i), seven thousand dollars ($7,000.00);

(ii) For students eligible for an ESA under W.S. 21-2-904(a)(ii), whose household income is ~~at or below one hundred fifty percent (150%)~~ equal to or less than two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level using the student's household income compared to the federal poverty guidelines for the student's household size and income, seven thousand dollars ($7,000.00).

(b) Payments to ESAs under this act shall be made by the state superintendent of public instruction from the ~~Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure~~ steamboat legacy scholarship program account, which is hereby created. The ~~Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure~~ steamboat legacy scholarship program account shall consist of funds transferred to the ~~expenditure~~ account and other funds appropriated by the legislature to the ~~expenditure~~ account. All earnings from investment of the ~~expenditure~~ steamboat legacy scholarship program account shall be credited to the ~~expenditure~~ account. Any unencumbered, unobligated balance of the ~~expenditure~~ steamboat legacy scholarship program account at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain in the ~~expenditure~~ account and shall be expended to fund ESAs as provided by this act.

(c) Payments to each approved ESA shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis by the state superintendent or another state agency or person designated by the state superintendent to administer and disburse funds to education savings accounts.

(d) The ESA program shall not be funded with county, city or school district tax revenues.

21-2-904. ESA parent agreement; ESA administration.

(b) To participate in the ESA program, the custodial parent of an ESA student shall sign an agreement with the state superintendent that:

(i) Requires use of the ESA funds for the following qualifying expenses to educate the ESA student:

(J) Tuition and fees for summer education programs and specialized after school education programs, but not including after school childcare programs;

(Q) Tuition and fees for nongovernmental online learning programs.

(ii) For students eligible for an ESA under paragraph (a)(i) of this section:

(A) Requires that the ESA student receive instruction in~~, at minimum,~~ reading, writing, mathematics, civics, including studies of the United States constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming, history, literature

and science and is assessed on academic progress. No parent shall be required to include any instruction that conflicts with the parent's or the ESA student's religious doctrines;

(e) An ESA shall remain active and any unused funds shall not revert until the parent withdraws the ESA student from the ESA program or until the ESA student is no longer eligible for the ESA program, unless the ESA is closed because of a substantial misuse of funds. When an ESA is closed, any unused funds shall revert to the ~~Wyoming education savings accounts expenditure~~ steamboat legacy scholarship program account.

21-2-905. Application.

(e) ~~Except as provided under this subsection, eighty percent (80%) of the ESAs shall be awarded to students eligible pursuant to W.S. 21-2-904(a)(i) and the remaining twenty percent (20%) shall be awarded to students eligible pursuant to W.S. 21-2-904(a)(ii) each year. Any funds allocated under this subsection for the award of ESAs to students eligible pursuant to W.S. 21-2-904(a)(ii) that are not awarded in any school year may be awarded to students eligible pursuant to W.S. 21-2-904(a)(i).~~ If the number of applications for ESAs exceeds the available funds for any school year, the students shall be selected on a first-come, first-served basis, except preference shall be given to the following students:

(i) An eligible student who received funds under the ESA program in the immediately preceding school year;~~.~~ or

(ii) A sibling of an eligible student who:

(A) Receives scholarship funds from an ESA at the time the sibling applied for an ESA; or

(B) Received an ESA in the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the sibling applies for an ESA.

(f) For students ~~eligible for~~ receiving an ESA under W.S. 21-2-904(a)(i), the following shall apply:

21-2-906. Duties of the state superintendent.

(a) The state superintendent of public instruction shall:

(i) Establish a certification process for education service providers, which shall~~, at minimum,~~ ensure ESA students attending qualified schools in kindergarten through grade twelve (12) receive instruction in reading, writing, mathematics, civics, ~~including studies of the United States constitution and the constitution of the state of Wyoming,~~ history, literature and science throughout their kindergarten through grade twelve (12) tenure, and for pre-kindergarten ensure ESA students at minimum receive instruction necessary for preparation to enter kindergarten;

(ix) Investigate reports of intentional and substantial misuse of ESA funds and prohibit an eligible ESA student from receipt of ESA funds if the state superintendent determines that the ESA student or ESA student's parent intentionally and substantially misused ESA funds. The state superintendent shall by rule create procedures to ensure that a fair process exists to determine whether an intentional and substantial misuse of ESA funds has occurred. If an ESA student is free from personal misconduct, that student shall be eligible for an ESA in the future if placed with a different parent or other person with the legal authority to act on behalf of the student. The state superintendent shall have the authority to refer suspected cases of intentional and substantial misuse of ESA funds to the department of audit or to law enforcement and the attorney general for investigation and prosecution if evidence of fraudulent use of ESA funds is obtained. A parent or ESA student may appeal a final decision of the state superintendent to make the parent or ESA student ineligible for the ESA program as provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act;

(xi) ~~Notify parents and ESA students within ten (10) business days if the state superintendent prohibits~~ By rule create procedures to ensure that a fair process exists to determine whether an education service provider should be prohibited from receiving ESA funds under paragraph (x) of this subsection. Education service providers may appeal a final decision of the state superintendent under this paragraph as provided by the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act;

(xiii) If the state superintendent determines it is necessary, withhold from the funds to be deposited in ESAs, a maximum of five percent (5%) annually of the funds to be deposited in ESAs in the first two (2) school years of the ESA program and a maximum of three percent (3%) annually of the funds to be deposited in ESAs thereafter to pay for the costs of administering the ESA program.

(d) Rules adopted by the state superintendent under subsection (c) of this section shall focus on simplifying parental access to the program and encouraging educational service providers to provide parents and ESA students with a broad array of educational options.

(e) The state superintendent may accept gifts and grants from any source to cover administrative costs of the program, to inform the public about the ESA program or to fund ESAs.

21-2-909. Legal proceedings.

(a) No liability shall arise on the part of the state superintendent of public instruction or the state or any public school or school district based on the award of or use of an ESA pursuant to this act.

(b) In any legal proceeding challenging the application of this act or rule adopted under this act to an education service provider, the state bears the burden of proof to establish that the law is necessary and does not impose any

undue burden on the education service provider.

(c) If any part of this act is challenged in a state court as violating either the state or federal constitutions, parents of eligible students and parents of ESA students shall be permitted to intervene in any lawsuit for the purposes of defending the ESA program's constitutionality.

(d) If any provision of this act or its application to an individual or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are severable.

Section 2. 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 108, Section 3 and Section 6(c) is repealed.

Section 3. There is appropriated thirty million dollars ($30,000,000.00) from the general fund to the steamboat legacy scholarship program account created by section 1 of this act for the purposes of the Steamboat Legacy Scholarship Act. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the standard budget of the Wyoming department of education for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 108

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUNDING

Original House Bill No. 18

AN ACT relating to school finance; modifying the career and technical education equipment and supplies component within the education resource block grant model; making conforming amendments; providing an appropriation; repealing an obsolete provision; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-13-338 is created to read:

21-13-338. Career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment; criteria; limitations.

(a) Commencing with school year 2025-2026, to augment amounts within the education resource block grant model available to districts for career and technical education programs, the department of education shall distribute career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding in accordance with this section.

(b) Each school district shall report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) career and technical education teachers within a school from the prior school year, as computed in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the department, who are providing career and technical education instruction in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and except as provided under W.S. 21-2-202(a)(xxvii), certified by the Wyoming professional teaching standards board to provide instruction at the high school level for career and technical education courses comprising career and technical education programs. Nothing in this subsection shall require a district to employ teachers certified for high school career and technical education instruction on a full-time basis or to require teachers to teach only high school career and technical education courses on a full-time basis.

(c) Amounts distributed to each school district for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding under this section shall be calculated as follows:

(i) Except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this subsection, the product of each school's FTE career and technical education teachers reported under subsection (b) of this section multiplied by fourteen thousand one hundred eighty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents ($14,184.68);

(ii) If a school's FTE career and technical education teachers reported in subsection (b) of this section is less than two (2), the amount of funding for the school's career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding shall be equal to twenty-eight thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents ($28,369.36);

(iii) The department shall further adjust the amounts for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment funding in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this subsection by any external cost adjustment enacted by the legislature for the educational materials category of the educational resource block grant model.

(d) Not later than October 15 of the applicable school year and following review of reports submitted under this section, the department shall notify districts of distributions. The department shall pay each school district not later than February 15 of the applicable school year.

(e) Each district shall report to the department on the expenditure of amounts distributed under this section and shall provide other information as required by rule of the department. Amounts distributed under this section shall only be expended on supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs.

(f) The department of education shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out this section.

(g) As used in this section, "career and technical education program" shall be

as specified in W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(II).

Section 2. W.S. 21-12-105(b), 21-13-101(a)(v) and (xvii) and 21-13-337(a) and (c) are amended to read:

21-12-105. Career and technical education demonstration project grants; application; criteria; limitations.

(b) Any amount awarded to a district under this section shall be in addition to and not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309 and the amount for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment pursuant to W.S. 21-13-338. A grant awarded under this section shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) for the first year of demonstration project planning, and not more than two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00) for project implementation in year two (2) of the project grant. Thereafter, state assistance for the project shall be limited to funds distributed to the district within its foundation program amount as determined under the education resource block grant model and the amount distributed under W.S. 21-13-338. Any school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-13-337 for career and technical supplies, materials and equipment shall be ineligible to receive a grant under this section for the period the district receives funds under W.S. 21-13-337.

21-13-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(v) "Foundation program" means the level of funding which is to be made available to each district under this ~~article~~ title so that each district is able to comply with the state uniform educational program standards imposed under W.S. 21-9-101 and 21-9-102 and the uniform state student content and performance standards prescribed by the state board of education under W.S. 21-2-304(a)(iii);

(xvii) "Attachment A" to ~~2011 House Bill 0127 as amended by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99~~ 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, as further amended by the legislature, consists of an enumeration of model components as enacted into law, summarizing and executing recommendations contained within the 2010 cost of education study, as modified by the legislature, and is hereby incorporated into this chapter by this reference;

21-13-337. Career and technical education equipment grants; application; criteria; limitations.

(a) A school district may apply to the state department of education for state assistance to fund the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for a new or existing career and technical education program in the district. Amounts

awarded under this section shall be in addition to and shall not be considered in determining the school foundation program amount under the education resource block grant model pursuant to W.S. 21-13-309 and shall be in addition to the amount for career and technical education supplies, materials and equipment pursuant to W.S. 21-13-338. Any school district receiving funds under W.S. 21-12-105 for a career and technical education demonstration project grant shall be ineligible to receive funds under this section for the period the district receives funds under W.S. 21-12-105.

(c) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school year and following review of applications submitted under this section, the department shall notify applicant districts of its grant awards and shall provide each applicant district a written statement of the reasons for approving or denying the application. No award shall be given to a district unless it has expended, or will expend with the award of the grant requested under this section, the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D) prior to school year 2025-2026 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs and commencing school year 2025-2026, the entire amount generated under W.S. 21-13-338 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs utilizing expenditure data from the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application and amounts from the special reserve fund created under W.S. 21-13-504 for supplies, materials and equipment for career and technical education programs. ~~Further~~ Preference shall be given to districts that have not received a grant under this section in the immediately preceding five (5) school years from the date of application. If an application is approved, the department shall award the grant from amounts made available by legislative appropriation from the public school foundation program account for purposes of this section.

Section 3. 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, ATTACHMENT "A"(b)(xxv), as amended by 2017 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 205, Section 3, is amended to read:

ATTACHMENT "A"

ATTACHMENT "A" CONTAINS AN ENUMERATION OF EDUCATION RESOURCE BLOCK GRANT MODEL COMPONENTS SUMMARIZING AND EXECUTING RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE 2010 COST OF EDUCATION STUDY AS FOLLOWS:

(b) Notwithstanding components specified in the 2010 cost of education study accepted by the legislature, the Wyoming education resource block grant model components and the resourcing for those components, as enacted by the legislature, shall be as follows:

(xxv) ~~Vocational~~ Career and technical education: 0.29 times FTE ~~vocational~~ career and technical education ADM.~~;~~

~~$9,428.77 / FTE vocational education teacher for equipment and supplies.~~

Section 4. W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(D)(III) is repealed.

Section 5. 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 185, ATTACHMENT "A"(a)(iii)(D), as amended by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3, is repealed.

Section 6. There is appropriated four million nine hundred ninety thousand six hundred thirty-one dollars ($4,990,631.00) from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance for career and technical education supplies, equipment and replacement payments to school districts made necessary by the amendments enacted in this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the standard budget for the department of education-school finance for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 7. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 109

ANTHRAX OUTBREAK PROTOCOL

Original House Bill No. 90

AN ACT relating to agriculture, livestock and other animals; requiring the livestock board to develop a protocol for positive anthrax tests; requiring rulemaking; requiring a report; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-18-103(a) by creating a new paragraph (xiii) is amended to read:

11-18-103. Livestock board; powers generally.

(a) In addition to powers and duties hereinafter provided, the Wyoming livestock board shall:

(xiii) Establish a standard notification protocol to inform livestock producers, veterinarians, brand inspectors and other agencies with jurisdiction

or authority regarding anthrax outbreaks.

Section 2. The livestock board shall report to the joint agriculture, state and public lands and water resources interim committee not later than September 30, 2025 regarding the status of the standard notification protocol required by section 1 of this section. The report shall include suggestions for legislation that may be necessary to implement the protocol.

Section 3. The livestock board shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective January 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 110

PROHIBITION OF INSTITUTIONAL DISCRIMINATION

Original House Bill No. 147

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; prohibiting governmental entities from engaging in any diversity, equity or inclusion program, activity or policy; prohibiting governmental entities engaging in institutional discrimination; prohibiting required attendance for certain programs or trainings; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; providing applicability; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-25-101 is created to read:

CHAPTER 25
PROHIBITED PRACTICES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

ARTICLE 1
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

9-25-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Diversity, equity or inclusion" means any program, activity or policy that promotes differential or preferential treatment of individuals or classifies individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin;

(ii) "Governmental entity" means the state, any department thereof, the University of Wyoming and any county, city, town, school district, community

college district, other political subdivision and other public corporation of the state;

(iii) "Institutional discrimination" means any of the following concepts:

(A) That any race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin is inherently superior or inferior;

(B) That a person should be discriminated against or adversely treated because of the person's race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin;

(C) That the moral character of a person is determined by the person's race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin;

(D) That because of a person's race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin the person is inherently racist, sexist or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously;

(E) That by virtue of a person's race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin, the person is inherently responsible for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin;

(F) That fault, blame or bias should be assigned to members of a race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin;

(G) That any person should accept, acknowledge, affirm or assent to a sense of guilt, complicity or a need to apologize on the basis of the person's race, color, religion, sex, ethnicity or national origin;

(H) That meritocracy or certain traits including a hard work ethic are racist or sexist.

(b) No governmental entity shall:

(i) Engage in any diversity, equity or inclusion program, activity or policy;

(ii) Engage in institutional discrimination;

(iii) Require instruction promoting institutional discrimination;

(iv) Require any student, employee or contractor to attend or participate in any diversity, equity or inclusion program or training or any institutional discrimination program or training.

(c) As a political class, classification or identity, federally recognized Indian tribes and programs, trainings, degrees, classes or endowments related to federally recognized Indian tribes or Indian history, culture, language and traditions, are not diversity, equity and inclusion as defined by this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to federally recognized Indian tribes. For purposes of this section:

(i) "Federally recognized Indian tribe" means a tribal government and its

citizens who have an acknowledged government-to-government relationship with the United States of America;

(ii) Federally recognized Indian tribes and their citizens shall be considered a political class, classification or identity. Tribes and their members shall not be considered a race or a racial classification.

Section 2. Not later than July 1, 2025, all governmental entities as defined in section 1 of this act shall take any actions required to implement this act including the promulgation of rules, if necessary.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 111

OMNIBUS WATER BILL-CONSTRUCTION

Original House Bill No. 117

AN ACT relating to water development projects; authorizing construction of designated water projects; describing projects; specifying terms and conditions of funding for projects; providing grants; providing loans; providing appropriations; amending the sponsor's contingency fund; amending amounts and terms of appropriations for specified prior projects; transferring funds from water development account I to water development account II; transferring projects; repealing a project; authorizing one full-time position; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 99-3-3001 through 99-3-3004 are created to read:

ARTICLE 30
2025 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

99-3-3001. Definitions.

The definitions in W.S. 99-3-101 apply to this article.

99-3-3002. General authorization.

The provisions of W.S. 99-3-102 apply to this article.

99-3-3003. Level III construction projects – new development.

(a) Authorization is granted for the Level III new development construction projects identified in this section subject to the general conditions specified

in W.S. 99-3-103, provided that W.S. 99-3-103(a)(iii) shall not apply to the projects identified in this section unless required by W.S. 41-2-121.

(b) Project – Big Horn Regional JPB South Transmission Project 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Big Horn Regional Joint Powers Board;

(ii) Project purpose: Municipal and rural domestic water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and pre-construction of water transmission pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Eight hundred ten thousand dollars ($810,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement and pre-construction engineering of the project an amount not to exceed four hundred five thousand dollars ($405,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission four hundred five thousand dollars ($405,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(c) Project – Cloud Seeding: Wind River and Sierra Madre mountain ranges 2026 (ground-based):

(i) Project sponsor: The state of Wyoming;

(ii) Project purpose: To enhance the winter snowpack in the Wind River and Sierra Madre mountain ranges;

(iii) Project description: Conduct a ground-based operational winter snowpack augmentation program during the 2025-2026 season;

(iv) Total project budget: Eight hundred sixty-two thousand one hundred forty-three dollars ($862,143.00);

(v) Special conditions: Prior to commencing project operations, the Wyoming water development office shall acquire funding commitments from other Colorado River basin water users or other interested parties for a minimum of one hundred percent (100%) of actual project operations costs.

(d) Project – Hoback Junction Public Water System 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Hoback Junction Water and Sewer District;

(ii) Project purpose: Rural domestic water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and pre-construction of a diversion structure, pumping facilities, water transmission pipelines, tank, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Five hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars ($548,900.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement and pre-construction engineering of the project an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy-four thousand four hundred fifty dollars ($274,450.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriations: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission two hundred seventy-four thousand four hundred fifty dollars ($274,450.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(e) Project – SAWS JPB Upper Road Transmission Main Phase I 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Sheridan Area Water Supply Joint Powers Board;

(ii) Project purpose: Municipal and rural domestic water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of water transmission pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Four million four hundred thirteen thousand five hundred dollars ($4,413,500.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed two million two hundred six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars ($2,206,750.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission two million two hundred six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars ($2,206,750.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty

percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(f) Project - Small Water Development Projects – New Development 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Eligible public entities;

(ii) Project purpose: Multi-purpose - agriculture, recreation and environmental;

(iii) Project description: Small dams, windmills, springs, guzzlers and other water collection, storage and drinking systems, pipelines, etc., to impound, develop and convey water for livestock, wildlife, irrigation, environmental and recreational purposes;

(iv) Total project budget: Three million dollars ($3,000,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to sponsors of small water development projects from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project a total amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual development costs of the small water development projects, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission one million five hundred thousand dollars ($1,500,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Definition: "Small water development project" means a project where the maximum financial contribution from the commission is thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000.00) or less;

(viii) Special conditions:

(A) The commission may grant a sponsor fifty percent (50%) of the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction cost of a small project. No grant shall be more than thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000.00);

(B) The small water development project sponsors shall substantiate the public benefit that will be derived from proposed small water development projects;

(C) The commission may make monthly progress payments for no more than fifty percent (50%) of eligible monthly project expenses;

(D) An appropriate land management or resource management entity shall certify that the proposed small water development project will meet expectations and that appropriate engineering standards, as approved by the commission, will be adhered to;

(E) The establishment of criteria and administrative procedures for the development of small water development projects under this subsection and decisions of the commission relating to the recommendations, prioritization or disqualification of small water development projects are specifically exempt from the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act including judicial review under W.S. 16-3-114 and 16-3-115;

(F) W.S. 16-6-116 shall not apply to a small water development project unless the project sponsor determines the small water development project meets the definition of a "public work" as defined in W.S. 16-6-101(a)(ix).

99-3-3004. Level III construction projects – rehabilitation.

(a) Authorization is granted for the Level III rehabilitation construction projects identified in this section subject to the general conditions specified in W.S. 99-3-104, provided that W.S. 99-3-104(a)(iii) shall not apply to the projects identified in this section unless required by W.S. 41-2-121.

(b) Project – CAID Lateral 256 Check Structure Rehabilitation 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Casper Alcova Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of a check structure and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Seven hundred forty-five thousand dollars ($745,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed three hundred seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars ($372,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission three hundred seventy-two thousand five hundred dollars ($372,500.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(c) Project – Casper Tank Replacement 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: City of Casper;

(ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of water transmission

pipelines, tanks, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Eleven million three hundred forty-four thousand dollars ($11,344,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed five million six hundred seventy-two thousand dollars ($5,672,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission five million six hundred seventy-two thousand dollars ($5,672,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(d) Project – Cottonwood Irrigation District Pipeline Replacement 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Cottonwood Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: One million one hundred two thousand dollars ($1,102,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed five hundred fifty-one thousand dollars ($551,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall loan to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement and project land procurement of the project an amount not to exceed forty-seven thousand dollars ($47,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date the commission determines that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent (4%);

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development

account II to the commission five hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars ($598,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(viii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring forty-five and seventy-four hundredths percent (45.74%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(e) Project – EVIDD Farson Lateral Phase 4A 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Eden Valley Irrigation and Drainage District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Construction of pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Four million four hundred fifty thousand dollars ($4,450,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the permit procurement, project land procurement and construction of the project an amount not to exceed one million one hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars ($1,112,500.00) or twenty-five percent (25%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission one million one hundred twelve thousand five hundred dollars ($1,112,500.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring seventy-five percent (75%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(f) Project – GID 62.2 Check Structure Project 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Goshen Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of a check structure and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: One million three hundred twenty-two thousand dollars ($1,322,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed six hundred sixty-

one thousand dollars ($661,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall loan to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed six hundred sixty-one thousand dollars ($661,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date the commission determines that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent (4%);

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission one million three hundred twenty-two thousand dollars ($1,322,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030.

(g) Project – Kirby Creek Spillway Replacement 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Kirby Ditch Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of a spillway and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Five hundred fifty-four thousand dollars ($554,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars ($277,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall loan to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars ($277,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of thirty (30) years from the date the commission determines that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent (4%);

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission five hundred fifty-four thousand dollars ($554,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall

revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030.

(h) Project – Meeteetse Trails Estates 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Town of Meeteetse;

(ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of water storage tank and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: One million one hundred eighty-one thousand dollars ($1,181,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed three hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars ($324,581.00) or twenty-seven and five-tenths percent (27.5%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission three hundred twenty-four thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars ($324,581.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring seventy-two and five-tenths percent (72.5%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(j) Project – Rawlins Sage Creek Pipeline 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: City of Rawlins;

(ii) Project purpose: Municipal water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of blowoffs, air and vacuum stations, inline valves and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Five million six hundred seventy thousand dollars ($5,670,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed two million eight hundred thirty-five thousand dollars ($2,835,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission two million eight hundred thirty-five thousand dollars ($2,835,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(k) Project – Sidon ID Canal Crossing 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Sidon Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of culverts, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Eight hundred ninety-five thousand one hundred ten dollars ($895,110.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the purchase of project materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved by the commission an amount not to exceed four hundred thirty-two thousand dollars ($432,000.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of the approved materials costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission four hundred thirty-two thousand dollars ($432,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions:

(A) The sponsor is responsible for all project costs with the exception of the purchase of project materials as supported by vendor invoices and as approved by the commission, up to the amount appropriated in this subsection;

(B) The sponsor is responsible for retaining professional engineering services to design the project, compile materials and bidding documents and monitor construction activities including the installation of project components and the tracking of project expenditures.

(m) Project - Small Water Development Projects – Rehabilitation 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Eligible public entities;

(ii) Project purpose: Multi-purpose - agriculture, recreation and environmental;

(iii) Project description: Rehabilitation and replacement of small dams, windmills, springs, guzzlers and other water collection, storage and drinking systems, pipelines, etc., to impound, develop and convey water for livestock, wildlife, irrigation, environmental and recreational purposes;

(iv) Total project budget: One million dollars ($1,000,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to sponsors of small water development projects from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of small water development projects a total amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00) or fifty percent (50%) of the actual development costs of the small water development projects, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Definition: "Small water development project" means a project where the maximum financial contribution from the commission is thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000.00) or less;

(viii) Special conditions:

(A) The commission may grant a sponsor fifty percent (50%) of the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction cost of a small water development project. No grant shall be more than thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000.00);

(B) The small water development project sponsors shall substantiate the public benefit that will be derived from proposed small water development projects;

(C) The commission may make monthly progress payments for not more than fifty percent (50%) of eligible monthly project expenses;

(D) An appropriate land management or resource management entity shall certify that the proposed small water development project will meet expectations and that appropriate engineering standards, as approved by the commission, will be adhered to;

(E) The establishment of criteria and administrative procedures for the development of small water development projects under this subsection and decisions of the commission relating to the recommendations, prioritization or disqualification of small water development projects are specifically exempt from the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act including judicial review under W.S. 16-3-114 and 16-3-115;

(F) W.S. 16-6-116 shall not apply to a small water development project unless the project sponsor determines the small water development project meets the definition of a "public work" as defined in W.S. 16-6-101(a)(ix).

(n) Project – Upper Bluff Pump Plant No. 1 Pipeline 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Upper Bluff Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: Seven hundred thirteen thousand five hundred dollars ($713,500.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty-six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars ($356,750.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission three hundred fifty-six thousand seven hundred fifty dollars ($356,750.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring fifty percent (50%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(o) Project – West Afton ID Phase I Project 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: West Afton Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: One million three hundred seventeen thousand dollars ($1,317,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed six hundred fifty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($658,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall loan to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed six hundred fifty-eight thousand five hundred dollars ($658,500.00) or fifty percent (50%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date the commission determines that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent (4%);

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission one million three hundred seventeen thousand dollars ($1,317,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030;

(viii) Special conditions: The appropriation of funds for this project is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water development account II as described in section 4 of this act or transfer from another funding source.

(p) Project – Willwood ID Willwood Chute 2025:

(i) Project sponsor: Willwood Irrigation District;

(ii) Project purpose: Agricultural water supply;

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of a chute, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: One million six hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars ($1,698,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed seven hundred ninety-eight thousand dollars ($798,000.00) or forty-seven percent (47%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall loan to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed nine hundred thousand dollars ($900,000.00) or fifty-three percent (53%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less, for a term of twenty (20) years from the date the commission determines that project benefits accrue to the sponsor, at an annual interest rate of four percent (4%);

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission one million six hundred ninety-eight thousand

dollars ($1,698,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, 2030.

Section 2. W.S. 99-3-303(b)(ii), (iii) and (iv) by creating a new subdivision (F), 99-3-1106(b)(iv), (vi), (vii) and (viii)(B), 99-3-1503(g)(vi), 99-3-2003(b)(vi), 99-3-2203(b)(iv) through (vi), (vii)(B) and (e)(vi), 99-3-2205(c)(v) and (d)(vii), 99-3-2303(b)(vi), 99-3-2404(e)(iv) through (vii), 99-3-2406(h)(iii) through (vi) and (vii)(A), 99-3-2503(f)(vi), 99-3-2504(g)(vii) and (j)(vii), 99-3-2603(d)(iv) through (vi), 99-3-2803(f)(iii) through (vi) and 99-3-2904(f)(iv) through (vi), (j)(iv) through (vi) and by creating a new paragraph (vii) are amended to read:

99-3-303. Level III construction projects new development.

(b) Project - Aladdin Water Supply Project:

(ii) Project purpose: Municipal~~, domestic and to provide~~ and rural domestic water ~~to facilitate highway construction~~ supply;

(iii) Project description: Authorization for the commission to ~~sell water from a well constructed from water development program funds to the Aladdin Water District and to the Wyoming department of transportation~~ transfer ownership of the Project;

(iv) Special Conditions:

(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission shall transfer to the Aladdin Water District all rights, title and interest to the Project, to include the well and associated parcel of real property upon occurrence of all the following:

(I) Expiration of any existing water service contract between the commission and the Aladdin Water District;

(II) A finding by the commission that it has no further Project related interest;

(III) Execution of an agreement between the commission and Aladdin Water District to transfer the Project.

99-3-1106. Sponsor's Contingency Funds.

(b) Project – Sponsor's Contingency Fund-Rehabilitation:

(iv) Total project budget: ~~Five million seven hundred thousand dollars ($5,700,000.00)~~ Eight million six hundred thousand dollars ($8,600,000.00);

(vi) Project loan: The state of Wyoming shall loan to sponsors from water development account II through the commission sufficient supplemental funds which may be used to complete construction of projects up to an amount not to exceed ~~thirty-three percent (33%)~~ fifty percent (50%) of the difference between

the original project budget and the actual cost of construction, at an annual rate of four percent (4%);

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission ~~five million seven hundred thousand dollars ($5,700,000.00)~~ eight million six hundred thousand dollars ($8,600,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, ~~2027~~ 2028; and

(viii) Special condition:

(B) The appropriation of additional funds for this project in the amount of ~~one million two hundred thousand dollars ($1,200,000.00)~~ two million nine hundred thousand dollars ($2,900,000.00) is contingent upon the transfer of funds to water development account II as described in ~~section 3 of~~ this act or the transfer of funds from another funding source.

99-3-1503. Level III construction projects - new development.

(g) Project - Ethete Water Supply:

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026;

99-3-2003. Level III construction projects - new development.

(b) Project - Arapahoe Pipeline and Tank:

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission two million four hundred twenty thousand dollars ($2,420,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026;

99-3-2203. Level III construction projects – new development.

(b) Project – Broken Wheel Ranch Water Supply 2017:

(iv) Total project budget: ~~Nine hundred fifteen thousand dollars ($915,000.00)~~ One million eight hundred forty-nine thousand four hundred eighty-seven dollars ($1,849,487.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed ~~six hundred thirteen thousand fifty dollars ($613,050.00) or sixty-seven percent (67%)~~ nine hundred thirteen thousand fifty dollars ($913,050.00) or forty-nine and four-tenths

percent (49.4%) of the actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission ~~six hundred thirteen thousand fifty dollars ($613,050.00)~~ nine hundred thirteen thousand fifty dollars ($913,050.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026;

(vii) Special conditions:

(B) The sponsor is responsible for acquiring ~~thirty-three percent (33%)~~ fifty and six-tenths percent (50.6%) of the total project budget from other sources.

(e) Project - Gillette Regional Extensions 2017:

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission two million seven hundred fifty-three thousand seven hundred dollars ($2,753,700.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026;

99-3-2205. Level III construction projects – dams and reservoirs.

(c) Project – Middle Piney Reservoir:

(v) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account III to the commission for project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project fourteen million two hundred twenty-eight thousand dollars ($14,228,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account III on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027;

(d) Project – Alkali Creek Reservoir:

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account III to the commission fifty-nine million dollars ($59,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account III on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026.

99-3-2303. Level III construction projects – new development.

(b) Project - Gillette Regional Extensions Phase IV 2018:

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission one million five hundred twelve thousand one hundred ninety dollars ($1,512,190.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026;

99-3-2404. Level III construction projects – new development.

(e) Project GR/RS/SC JPWB Pump Station 2019:

(iv) Total project budget: ~~Eleven million one hundred ninety thousand dollars ($11,190,000.00)~~ Twenty million one hundred twenty thousand dollars ($20,120,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed ~~seven million four hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred dollars ($7,497,300.00) or sixty-seven percent (67%)~~ eleven million nine hundred sixty-two thousand three hundred dollars ($11,962,300.00) or fifty-nine and five-tenths percent (59.5%) of the actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission ~~seven million four hundred ninety-seven thousand three hundred dollars ($7,497,300.00)~~ eleven million nine hundred sixty-two thousand three hundred dollars ($11,962,300.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2026~~ 2028;

(vii) Special conditions: The sponsor is responsible for acquiring ~~thirty-three percent (33%)~~ forty and five-tenths percent (40.5%) of the total project budget from other sources.

99-3-2406. Level III construction projects – rehabilitation.

(h) Project – Eden Valley Irrigation District System Improvements 2019:

(iii) Project description: Design and construction of ~~canal lining,~~ sandtrap structure and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: ~~Six hundred fifty thousand dollars ($650,000.00)~~ One million four hundred four thousand dollars ($1,404,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed three hundred fifty-one thousand dollars ($351,000.00) or ~~fifty-four percent (54%)~~ twenty-five percent (25%) of the actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission three hundred fifty-one thousand dollars ($351,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water

development account II on July 1, ~~2026~~ 2028;

(vii) Special conditions:

(A) The sponsor is responsible for acquiring ~~forty-six percent (46%)~~ seventy-five percent (75%) of the total project budget from other sources;

99-3-2503. Level III construction projects new development.

(f) Project – Gillette Regional Extensions Phase V 2020:

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission three million eighty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars ($3,088,700.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027;

99-3-2504. Level III construction projects – rehabilitation.

(g) Project – Enterprise Watershed Improvement District Canal Lining 2020:

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission six hundred ten thousand dollars ($610,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

(j) Project – Laramie Valley Diversion Structure 2020:

(vii) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account II to the commission one million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars ($1,850,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account II on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

99-3-2603. Level III construction projects – new development.

(d) Project – Lander Well and Transmission Pipeline 2021:

(iv) Total project budget: ~~One million three hundred twenty thousand dollars ($1,320,000.00)~~ Two million eight hundred fifty-seven thousand four hundred dollars ($2,857,400.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement, construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed ~~eight hundred eighty-four thousand four hundred dollars ($884,400.00)~~ one million nine hundred fourteen thousand four hundred fifty-eight dollars ($1,914,458.00) or sixty-seven percent (67%) of the actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission ~~eight hundred eighty-four thousand four hundred dollars ($884,400.00)~~ one million nine hundred fourteen thousand four hundred fifty-

eight dollars ($1,914,458.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, ~~2026~~ 2028;

99-3-2803. Level III construction projects - new development.

(f) Project - South End Water Users ISD Pipeline 2023:

(iii) Project description: Design and ~~pre-construction~~ construction of water transmission pipelines, structures and appurtenances necessary to make the project function in the manner intended;

(iv) Total project budget: ~~Four hundred fifty-nine thousand four hundred three dollars ($459,403.00)~~ Five million five hundred forty-eight thousand four hundred three dollars ($5,548,403.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account I through the commission for the design, permit procurement, project land procurement and ~~pre-construction~~ construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed ~~three hundred seven thousand eight hundred dollars ($307,800.00)~~ three million seven hundred seventeen thousand four hundred thirty dollars ($3,717,430.00) or sixty-seven percent (67%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from water development account I to the commission ~~three hundred seven thousand eight hundred dollars ($307,800.00)~~ three million seven hundred seventeen thousand four hundred thirty dollars ($3,717,430.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subsection shall revert to water development account I on July 1, 2028;

99-3-2904. Level III construction projects - rehabilitation.

(f) Project - Goshen Irrigation District Tunnels 1 and 2 Rehabilitation:

(iv) Total project budget: ~~Eighty-four million dollars ($84,000,000.00)~~ one hundred four million dollars ($104,000,000.00). The sponsor's project budget ~~is twenty-one million eight hundred ten thousand dollars ($21,810,000.00)~~ forty-one million eight hundred ten thousand dollars ($41,810,000.00) or forty-nine percent (49%) of the total project budget, whichever is less;

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the construction engineering and construction of the project an amount not to exceed ~~twenty-one million eight hundred ten thousand dollars ($21,810,000.00)~~ forty-one million eight hundred ten thousand dollars ($41,810,000.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of these actual development costs within the sponsor's project budget, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation:

(A) 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 74, Section 1(a)(ii), as amended, appropriated twenty-one million eight hundred ten thousand dollars ($21,810,000.00) to the commission to carry out the purpose of this subsection;.

(B) There is appropriated from the legislative stabilization reserve account to water development account II which shall be further appropriated from water development account II to the commission twenty million dollars ($20,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subparagraph shall revert to the legislative stabilization reserve account on July 1, 2032.

(j) Project - LaPrele Dam Rehabilitation:

(iv) Total project budget: ~~One hundred eighteen million dollars ($118,000,000.00)~~ One hundred eighty-two million dollars ($182,000,000.00);

(v) Project grant: The state of Wyoming shall grant to the sponsor from water development account II through the commission for the design and construction of the project an amount not to exceed ~~thirty million dollars ($30,000,000.00)~~ ninety million dollars ($90,000,000.00) or one hundred percent (100%) of these actual development costs, whichever is less;

(vi) Appropriation:

(A) 2022 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 74, Section 1(a)(iii), as amended, appropriated thirty million dollars ($30,000,000.00) to the commission to carry out the purpose of this subsection;.

(B) There is appropriated from the legislative stabilization reserve account to water development account II which shall be further appropriated from water development account II to the commission sixty million dollars ($60,000,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purpose of this subsection. Unexpended funds appropriated under this subparagraph shall revert to water development account III on July 1, 2032.

(vii) Special conditions: Available federal funds shall be expended prior to the expenditure of funds appropriated under paragraph (vi) of this subsection.

Section 3. W.S. 99-3-303(b)(iv)(A) through (E) and 99-3-2903(f) are repealed.

Section 4.

(a) The Wyoming water development commission is hereby authorized to transfer four million two hundred thousand dollars ($4,200,000.00) from water development account I created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(i) to water development account II created by W.S. 41-2-124(a)(ii).

(b) In accordance with W.S. 41-2-115(b), upon a finding that the transfer

of test wells, Belvoir No. 5 and Belvoir No. 6, developed as part of the level II feasibility study authorized under 2004 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 34, Section 4, to the Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (BOPU) is desirable and in the public interest and that BOPU is capable of constructing, operating and maintaining the project and accomplishing the public interest, the water development commission shall transfer to BOPU test wells, Belvoir No. 5 and Belvoir No. 6, developed as part of a level II feasibility study for further development by BOPU, provided agrees to terms outlined by the commission for reimbursement of the expense of predevelopment costs, an amount which shall be not less than two hundred eighteen thousand dollars ($218,000.00), payment for property and assurances of construction, operation and maintenance of the test wells, Belvoir No. 5 and Belvoir No. 6 in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.

Section 5.

(a) The state engineer's office is authorized up to one (1) full-time position in the board of control division for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026 for a natural resources program supervisor. It is the intent of the legislature that the state engineer's office include this full-time position in its standard budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(b) There is appropriated one hundred fifty-six thousand three hundred twenty dollars ($156,320.00) from the general fund to the state engineer's office for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026 to be expended only for purposes of funding the position authorized in subsection (a) of this section. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

(c) This section shall not be effective if 2025 House Bill 0001 or 2025 Senate File 0001 is enacted into law and authorizes the position authorized in subsection (a) of this section.

Section 6.

(a) There is appropriated one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars ($148,000.00) from the general fund to the state engineer's office for updating the technology used for the accounting system that calculates the natural flow of the North Platte River. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

(b) If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the state engineer's office

for updating the technology used for the accounting system that calculates the natural flow of the North Platte River in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

[~~**Section 7. The office of state lands and investments shall investigate opportunities to, and subject to the approval of the board of land commissioners shall, exchange public lands for private lands around the LaPrele dam and reservoir to increase public access to, and recreational activity in, the area.**~~] **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 4, 2025.]**

Section 8. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 4, 2025.

Chapter 112

PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS FROM DRONES

Original Senate File No. 132

AN ACT relating to defense forces and affairs; prohibiting the use and operation of unmanned aircraft systems over critical infrastructure and critical systems; specifying exceptions; providing and amending penalties; authorizing the use of the Wyoming national guard; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; providing duties for the attorney general; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 19-13-503 is created to read:

ARTICLE 5
PROTECTION OF CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

19-13-503. Unlawful operation of unmanned aircraft systems over critical infrastructure and systems prohibited; permitted actions by law enforcement.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no person shall operate or use an unmanned aircraft system over or near critical infrastructure or a critical system:

(i) To intentionally photograph critical infrastructure or a critical system;

(ii) To intentionally loiter over or near critical infrastructure or a critical system;

(iii) In furtherance of any other criminal offense.

(b) Unless otherwise authorized by law, no person shall operate or use an

unmanned aircraft system or model aircraft that is carrying, contains or is an explosive device over or near critical infrastructure or a critical system. This subsection shall not apply to law enforcement and the military while acting in the course of their lawful duties.

(c) This section shall not apply to:

(i) A person authorized by the federal aviation administration to operate or use an unmanned aircraft system if the person's operation or use complies with the authorization granted or with rules promulgated by the federal aviation administration;

(ii) A governmental entity's use of an unmanned aircraft system owned by the governmental entity;

(iii) The use of an unmanned aircraft system by the owner or the owner's agent of critical infrastructure or a critical system on or near the owner's critical infrastructure or critical system;

(iv) The use of an unmanned aircraft system by a law enforcement agency, emergency medical service agency, hazardous materials response team, disaster management agency or other emergency management agency for the purpose of incident command, area reconnaissance, personnel and equipment deployment monitoring, training or a related purpose;

(v) The use of an unmanned aircraft system by a private landowner on property owned by the private landowner.

(d) A person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this section is guilty of:

(i) A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.00), or both, for a first offense;

(ii) A felony punishable by imprisonment not to exceed two (2) years, a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars ($5,000.00), or both, for a second or subsequent offense.

(e) A peace officer or law enforcement official may take or authorize the use of reasonable actions to prevent or stop the use of unmanned aircraft systems or model aircrafts operating in violation of this section. For purposes of this subsection, reasonable actions may include disabling, damaging or removing the unmanned aircraft system or model aircraft from the prohibited location.

(f) The governor may order the national guard of Wyoming to assist in taking or using reasonable actions to prevent or stop the use of unmanned aircraft systems or model aircrafts operating in violation of this section, in accordance with W.S. 19-9-207.

(g) The attorney general shall represent Wyoming national guard members, peace officers or law enforcement officials in litigation that may commence

due to a national guard member's, peace officer's or law enforcement official's compliance with subsection (e) or (f) of this section.

Section 2. W.S. 10-4-303 by creating a new subsection (d), 19-9-207(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv) and by renumbering (iv) as (v) and 19-13-501(a) by creating new paragraphs (vi) through (viii) are amended to read:

10-4-303. Low or dangerous flight; landing on land or water of another; penalties and remedies.

(d) A person who operates or uses an unmanned aircraft in a manner that is not lawful under subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both.

19-9-207. Suppressing tumult; preserving order, insuring public safety; expenses; creation of additional units; draft.

(a) The governor may order any designated person or commanding officer of any military unit to appear with or without his command at a time and place specified to:

(iv) Prevent or stop the use of unmanned aircraft systems or model aircrafts violating W.S. 19-13-503;

~~(iv)~~(v) Perform such other duties as the commander in chief may require and which the militia or national guard may lawfully perform.

19-13-501. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(vi) "Critical system" means any one (1) or more of the following:

(A) A petroleum refinery;

(B) A petroleum, chemical or rubber production, transportation, storage or processing facility;

(C) A chemical manufacturing facility;

(D) A water or wastewater treatment facility and water development, distribution or conveyance system, including a dam;

(E) An electric generation facility and any associated substation or switchyard;

(F) An electrical transmission or distribution substation;

(G) An electrical transmission line of not less than sixty-nine thousand (69,000) volts;

(H) An electronic communication station or tower;

(J) An energy control center;

(K) A distribution operating center;

(M) A facility that transfers or distributes natural gas, including a compressor station, regulator station, city gate station or pressure-limiting station or a liquefied natural gas facility or supplier tap facility;

(N) Any railroad infrastructure or facility;

(O) A federal, state, county, chancery or municipal court;

(P) A public safety or emergency operation facility;

(Q) A federal, state, county or municipal jail or correctional facility or any other facility where persons are incarcerated;

(R) A federal or state military installation or facility;

(S) A hospital that receives air ambulance services;

(T) Any surface, subsurface or in-situ mining or manufacturing infrastructure or facility;

(U) Any other facility or property deemed to be a critical infrastructure or critical system by the governor.

(vii) "Model aircraft" means as defined in section 336 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, P.L. 112-95;

(viii) "Unmanned aircraft system" means as defined by W.S. 6-5-214(a)(iii).

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 5, 2025.

Chapter 113

INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY REGULATIONS-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 50

AN ACT relating to the insurance holding company system regulatory act; specifying requirements regarding group capital calculations, group capital ratios, liquidity stress tests, liquidity stress test results, and related information; amending confidentiality provisions; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 26-44-120 is created to read:

26-44-120. Authorized use of and prohibited statements regarding group capital calculations, liquidity stress tests and related information.

(a) The group capital calculation, including the group capital ratio produced

within the calculation, that is required to be reported under W.S. 26-44-104(p) and the liquidity stress test along with its results and supporting disclosures required under W.S. 26-44-104(q) may be used as regulatory tools for assessing group risks and capital adequacy and group liquidity risks, respectively, but shall not be used to rank insurers or insurance holding company systems generally.

(b) Except as authorized in subsection (d) of this section or as otherwise required in this act, a person shall not engage in the making, publishing, disseminating, circulating or placing before the public, or causing directly or indirectly to be made, published, disseminated, circulated or placed before the public in a newspaper, magazine or other publication, or in the form of a notice, circular, pamphlet, letter or poster, or over any radio or television station or any electronic means of communication available to the public, or in any other way an advertisement, announcement or statement containing a representation or statement with regard to the group capital calculation, group capital ratio, liquidity stress test results, or supporting disclosures for the liquidity stress test of any insurer or any insurer group, or any component derived in the calculation by any insurer, broker or other person engaged in any manner in the insurance business.

(c) Any action prohibited under subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed by the commissioner to be misleading.

(d) If any materially false statement with respect to the group capital calculation, group capital ratio, liquidity stress test result or supporting disclosures for the liquidity stress test or an inappropriate comparison of any amount to an insurer's or insurance group's group capital calculation, group capital ratio, liquidity stress test result or supporting disclosures is published in any written publication and the insurer is able to demonstrate to the commissioner with substantial proof the falsity of the statement or the inappropriateness of the comparison, then the insurer may publish announcements in a written publication if the sole purpose of the announcement is to rebut the materially false statement or inappropriate comparison.

Section 2. W.S. 26-44-101(a) by creating new paragraphs (xiv) through (xvii) and amending and renumbering (xiv) as (xviii), 26-44-104(e) and by creating new subsections (p) and (q) and 26-44-110(a), (d)(i) through (iv), by creating new paragraphs (v) and (vi) and (g) are amended to read:

26-44-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xiv) "Group capital calculation instructions" means the group capital calculation instructions as adopted by the NAIC and as amended by the NAIC from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the NAIC;

(xv) "NAIC liquidity stress test framework" means a separate NAIC

publication which includes a history of the NAIC's development of regulatory liquidity stress testing, the scope criteria applicable for a specific data year, and the liquidity stress test instructions and reporting templates for a specific data year, such scope criteria, instructions and reporting template being as adopted by the NAIC and as amended by the NAIC from time to time in accordance with the procedures adopted by the NAIC;

(xvi) "Scope criteria," as detailed in the NAIC liquidity stress test framework, means the designated exposure bases along with minimum magnitudes thereof for the specified data year, used to establish a preliminary list of insurers considered scoped into the NAIC liquidity stress test framework for that data year;

(xvii) "Third-party consultant designated by the commissioner" means any independent or consulting actuarial, rating or other technical service provider with whom the commissioner contracts pursuant to W.S. 26-2-106(d);

~~(xiv)~~(xviii) "This act" means W.S. 26-44-101 through ~~26-44-119~~ 26-44-120.

26-44-104. Registration of insurers; group capital calculations; liquidity stress test results.

(e) Information need not be disclosed on the registration statement filed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section if the information is not material for the purposes of this section. Unless the commissioner by rule, regulation or order provides otherwise, sales, purchases, exchanges, loans or extensions of credit, investments or guarantees involving one-half of one percent (.5%) or less of an insurer's admitted assets as of December 31, of the year immediately preceding are not material for purposes of this section. As used in this subsection, "material" shall not apply for purposes of the group capital calculation or the NAIC liquidity stress test framework.

(p) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration under this section shall concurrently file with the registration an annual group capital calculation, including the group capital ratio produced within the calculation, as directed by the lead state commissioner. The report shall be completed in accordance with the NAIC group capital calculation instructions, which may permit the lead state commissioner to allow a controlling person that is not the ultimate controlling person to file the group capital calculation. The report shall be filed with the lead state commissioner of the insurance holding company system as determined by the commissioner in accordance with the procedures within the financial analysis handbook adopted by the NAIC. The following shall apply to this subsection:

(i) The following insurance holding company systems are exempt from filing the group capital calculation:

(A) An insurance holding company system that has only one (1) insurer within its holding company structure, that only writes business and is only licensed in its domestic state, and that assumes no business from any other insurer;

(B) An insurance holding company system that is required to perform a group capital calculation specified by the United States federal reserve board. The lead state commissioner shall request the calculation from the United States federal reserve board under the terms of information sharing agreements in effect. If the United States federal reserve board cannot share the calculation with the lead state commissioner, the insurance holding company system is not exempt from the group capital calculation filing;

(C) An insurance holding company system whose non-United States group wide supervisor is located within a reciprocal jurisdiction as described in W.S. 26-5-112(j)(ii) that recognizes the United States state regulatory approach to group supervision and group capital;

(D) An insurance holding company system:

(I) That provides information to the lead state that meets the requirements for accreditation under the NAIC financial standards and accreditation program, either directly or indirectly through the group wide supervisor, who has determined such information is satisfactory to allow the lead state to comply with the NAIC group supervision approach, as detailed in the NAIC financial analysis handbook; and

(II) Whose non-United States group wide supervisor who is not in a reciprocal jurisdiction recognizes and accepts, as specified by the commissioner in regulation, the group capital calculation as the world wide group capital assessment for United States insurance groups who operate in that jurisdiction.

(ii) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (i)(C) and (D) of this subsection, a lead state commissioner shall require the group capital calculation for United States operations of any non-United States based insurance holding company system where, after any necessary consultation with other supervisors or officials, it is deemed appropriate by the lead state commissioner for prudential oversight and solvency monitoring purposes or for ensuring the competitiveness of the insurance marketplace;

(iii) Notwithstanding the exemptions from filing the group capital calculation stated in subparagraphs (i)(A) through (D) of this subsection, the lead state commissioner has the discretion to exempt the ultimate controlling person from filing the annual group capital calculation or to accept a limited group capital filing or report in accordance with criteria as specified by the commissioner in regulation;

(iv) If the commissioner determines that an insurance holding company system no longer meets one (1) or more of the requirements for an exemption

from filing the group capital calculation under this subsection, the insurance holding company system shall file the group capital calculation at the next annual filing date unless given an extension by the lead state commissioner based on reasonable grounds shown.

(q) The ultimate controlling person of every insurer subject to registration and also scoped into the NAIC liquidity stress test framework shall file the results of a specific year's liquidity stress test. The filing shall be made to the lead state insurance commissioner of the insurance holding company system as determined by the procedures within the financial analysis handbook adopted by the NAIC, subject to the following:

(i) The NAIC liquidity stress test framework shall include scope criteria applicable to a specific data year. These scope criteria shall be reviewed at least annually by the financial stability task force or its successor. Any change to the NAIC liquidity stress test framework or to the data year for which the scope criteria are to be measured shall be effective on January 1 of the year following the calendar year when the changes are adopted. Insurers meeting at least one (1) threshold of the scope criteria are considered scoped into the NAIC liquidity stress test framework for the specified data year unless the lead state insurance commissioner, in consultation with the NAIC financial stability task force or its successor, determines the insurer should not be scoped into the framework for that data year. Similarly,insurers that do not trigger at least one (1) threshold of the scope criteria shall be considered scoped out of the NAIC liquidity stress test framework for the specified data year, unless the lead state insurance commissioner, in consultation with the NAIC financial stability task force or its successor, determines the insurer should be scoped into the framework for that data year;

(ii) The performance of, and filing of the results from, a specific year's liquidity stress test shall comply with the NAIC liquidity stress test framework's instructions and reporting templates for that year and any lead state insurance commissioner determinations, in conjunction with the financial stability task force or its successor, provided within the framework.

26-44-110. Confidential treatment.

(a) All information, documents and copies of the documents and information obtained by or disclosed to the commissioner or any other person in the course of an examination made pursuant to W.S. 26-44-109 and all information reported pursuant to W.S. 26-44-103(b)(xii) and (xiii), 26-44-104 through 26-44-108 and 26-44-119 shall be confidential, shall not be subject to subpoena and shall not be disclosed by the commissioner, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, or any person, except as authorized by and in accordance with the provisions of W.S. 26-2-113(d), without the prior written consent of the insurer to which the information pertains. The commissioner, after giving the insurer and its affiliates notice and opportunity to be heard,

may determine that the interest of policyholders, shareholders or the public will be served by the publication of the information, in which event he may publish all or any part of the information as he deems appropriate, except as provided in this paragraph. The following shall apply to information reported and provided to the department of insurance pursuant to W.S. 26-44-104(p) and (q):

(i) For purposes of the information reported and provided to the department of insurance pursuant to W.S. 26-44-104(p), the commissioner shall maintain the confidentiality of the group capital calculation and group capital ratio produced within the calculation and any group capital information received from an insurance holding company supervised by the United States federal reserveboard or any United States group wide supervisor;

(ii) For purposes of the information reported and provided to the department of insurance pursuant to W.S. 26-44-104(q), the commissioner shall maintain the confidentiality of the liquidity stress test results and supporting disclosures and any liquidity stress test information received from an insurance holding company supervised by the United States federal reserve board and non-United States group wide supervisors.

(d) In addition to any other authorities provided by law, the commissioner shall enter into written agreements with the NAIC governing sharing and use of information provided pursuant to this act consistent with this subsection which shall:

(i) Specify procedures and protocols regarding the confidentiality and security of information shared with the NAIC ~~and its affiliates and subsidiaries~~ or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this act, including procedures and protocols for sharing by the NAIC with other state, federal or international regulators. The agreement shall provide that the recipient agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the documents, materials or other information and has verified in writing the legal authority to maintain such confidentiality;

(ii) Specify that ownership of information shared with the NAIC ~~and its affiliates and subsidiaries~~ or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this act remains with the commissioner and the NAIC's or a third-party consultant as designated by the commissioner's use of the information is subject to the direction of the commissioner;

(iii) Require prompt notice to be given to an insurer whose confidential information in the possession of the NAIC or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this act is subject to a request or subpoena to the NAIC or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner for disclosure or production; ~~and~~

(iv) Require the NAIC ~~and its affiliates and subsidiaries~~ or a third-party

consultant designated by the commissioner to consent to intervention by an insurer in any judicial or administrative action in which the NAIC ~~and its affiliates and subsidiaries~~ or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner may be required to disclose confidential information about the insurer shared with the NAIC ~~and its affiliates and subsidiaries~~ or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter;~~.~~

(v) Excluding documents, material or information reported pursuant to W.S. 26-44-104(q), prohibit the NAIC or third-party consultant designated by the commissioner from storing the information shared pursuant to this act in a permanent database after the underlying analysis is completed;

(vi) For documents, material or information reported pursuant to W.S. 26-44-104(q), in the case of an agreement involving a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner, provide for notification of the identity of the third-party consultant designated by the commissioner to the applicable insurers.

(g) Documents, materials or other information in the possession or control of the NAIC or a third-party consultant designated by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter shall be confidential by law and privileged, shall not be a public record under W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205, shall not be subject to subpoena and shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private civil action.

Section 3. The department of insurance shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 5, 2025.

Chapter 114

INSURANCE AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 52

AN ACT relating to the insurance code; amending the definition of insurance transaction; making requirements applicable to original certificates of authority apply to all certificates of authority; requiring insurers to update their contact information as specified; amending service of process requirements; clarifying requirements regarding reporting of actions; clarifying the applicability of statutes governing

property and casualty insurance; repealing the requirement for insurers to deliver certificates of authority to the insurance commissioner upon expiration, suspension or termination of the certificates; repealing disclosure requirements regarding the extent to which disability, group disability and blanket disability insurance policies include comprehensive adult wellness benefits; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 26-1-102(a)(xxxix), 26-3-106(b), 26-3-108(a)(intro), 26-3-112(a)(intro), 26-3-114(d) and by creating a new subsection (e), 26-3-122(c), 26-9-216(a) and (b), 26-24-109(b)(intro), 26-24-110(a)(intro), 26-24-113, 26-29-210(e) and 26-35-201 are amended to read:

26-1-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxxix) "Insurance transaction" means:

(A) For the purposes of paragraph (xxxviii) of this subsection, ~~means~~ any transaction involving insurance primarily for personal, family or household needs rather than business or professional needs and which entails the determination of an individual's eligibility for an insurance coverage, benefit or payment or the servicing of an insurance application, policy, contract or certificate;

(B) For all other purposes except as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, any transaction involving insurance, including any act specified in paragraph (xxx) of this subsection.

26-3-106. Conflict of names prohibited.

(b) In case of conflict of names between two (2) insurers, or a conflict otherwise prohibited under this section, the commissioner may permit, or shall require as a condition to the issuance of ~~an original~~ a certificate of authority to an applicant insurer, the insurer to use in this state a modified name as may reasonably be necessary to avoid the conflict.

26-3-108. Capital and surplus requirements.

(a) To qualify for authority to transact any kind of insurance as defined in chapter 5 or combination of kinds of insurance as specified in this subsection, a foreign insurer, or a domestic stock insurer applying for its ~~original~~ certificate of authority, shall possess and thereafter maintain unimpaired basic paid-in capital stock and surplus, if a stock insurer, or unimpaired basic surplus, if a foreign mutual insurer or foreign reciprocal insurer, in an amount not less than as follows:

26-3-112. Certificate of authority; application; contents of application.

(a) An insurer shall apply to the commissioner for ~~an original~~ a certificate of authority, stating under oath of the president, or vice-president or other chief officer and the secretary of the insurer, or of the attorney-in-fact if the insurer is a reciprocal insurer, the insurer's name, location of its home office, or

principal office in the United States if an alien insurer, the kinds of insurance to be transacted, date of organization or incorporation, form of organization, state or country of domicile and any additional information the commissioner reasonably requires. The application shall be accompanied by the applicable fees as provided in W.S. 26-4-101 together with the following documents, as applicable:

26-3-114. Certificate of authority; continuation; expiration; reinstatement.

(d) If an insurer fails to renew its certificate of authority within the time specified in subsection (c) of this section, another certificate shall be issued only after all requirements for ~~an original~~ a certificate of authority in this state are fulfilled.

(e) All insurers or persons otherwise licensed or registered under this article shall inform the commissioner by any means acceptable to the commissioner, or as specified by rule and regulation of the commissioner, of any change of address, telephone number, email address or other contact information that is on file with the department within thirty (30) days of the change.

26-3-122. Service of process; service generally.

(c) Upon service the commissioner shall immediately mail by ~~registered~~ certified mail one (1) of the copies of the process to the person currently designated by the insurer to receive the process as provided in W.S. 26-3-121(d).

26-9-216. Reporting of actions.

(a) A licensee shall report to the commissioner any administrative action taken against the ~~producer~~ licensee in another jurisdiction or by another governmental agency in this state within thirty (30) days of the final disposition of the matter. This report shall include a copy of the order, consent to order or other relevant legal documents.

(b) Within thirty (30) days of the initial pretrial hearing date, a licensee shall report to the commissioner any criminal prosecution of the ~~producer~~ licensee taken in any jurisdiction. The report shall include a copy of the initial complaint filed, the order resulting from the hearing and any other relevant legal documents.

26-24-109. Initial requirements of domestic mutual insurers; authorized transactions.

(b) When applying for ~~an original~~ a certificate of authority, the insurer shall:

26-24-110. Bond or deposit required of domestic mutual insurers.

(a) Before soliciting any applications for insurance required under W.S. 26-24-109 as qualifications for the ~~original~~ certificate of authority, the incorporators of the proposed insurer shall file with the commissioner a corporate surety bond in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00),

in favor of the state and for the use and benefit of the state of the applicant members and creditors of the corporation. The bond shall be conditioned for:

26-24-113. Failure of domestic mutual insurer to qualify.

If the proposed domestic insurer fails to complete its organization and to secure its ~~original~~ certificate of authority within one (1) year from the date of its certificate of incorporation, its corporate powers cease, and the commissioner shall return or cause to be returned to the persons entitled thereto all advance deposits or payments of premiums held in trust under W.S. 26-24-112.

26-29-210. Organization.

(e) The commissioner may make an examination and require further information as he deems advisable. Upon presentation of satisfactory evidence that the society has complied with all the provisions of law, the commissioner shall issue to the society a certificate of authority to that effect and that the society is authorized to transact business pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The certificate of authority shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of the society at the date of the certificate. The commissioner shall cause a record of the certificate of authority to be made. ~~A certified copy of the record may be given in evidence with like effect as the original certificate of authority.~~

26-35-201. Scope of article.

This article applies to all property and casualty insurance as defined in W.S. 26-5-104 and 26-5-106, except this article does not apply to binders and other temporary contracts for temporary insurance. ~~provided for under W.S. 26-15-119 or personal lines auto policies.~~

Section 2. W.S. 26-3-113(c), 26-18-103(a)(ix) and (b) and 26-19-107(a)(xvii) and (h) are repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 5, 2025.

Chapter 115

TRUST CODE REVISIONS

Original Senate File No. 97

AN ACT relating to the uniform trust code; clarifying the definition of "qualified trustee"; specifying who is required to receive notice for judicial proceedings related to trusts; specifying that no rule of perpetuities applies to noncharitable purpose trusts; specifying when a trustee can reimburse a person for certain tax costs attributable to the trust; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 4-10-103(a)(xxxv)(intro), (B)(intro) and (C), 4-10-109 by creating a new subsection (e), 4-10-410(a)(iv) and 4-10-816(a)(xxxi), (xxxii) and by creating a new paragraph (xxxiii) and (b) are amended to read:

4-10-103. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxxv) "Qualified trustee", as used in article 5 of this act, means:

(B) A person authorized by the law of this state to act as a trustee or a regulated financial institution ~~which~~ that conducts one (1) or more of the following activities within this state:

(C) Neither the settlor, either directly or indirectly through an entity, unless discretionary distributions by the entity require the consent or approval of one (1) or more disinterested persons who are not a related or subordinate party with respect to the settlor within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 672(c), nor any other natural person who is a nonresident of this state, nor an entity that is not authorized by the law of this state to act as a trustee or is not a regulated financial institution, may serve as a qualified trustee.

4-10-109. Methods and waiver of notice.

(e) For any judicial action or proceeding concerning a trust under this act, notice shall only be required to be provided to interested persons as defined in W.S. 4-10-201(d).

4-10-410. Noncharitable trust without ascertainable beneficiary.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in W.S. 4-10-409 or by another statute, the following rules apply:

(iv) No common law rule limiting the duration of noncharitable purpose trusts is in force in this state, and no common law rule of perpetuities that is otherwise in force in this state shall apply to noncharitable purpose trusts.

4-10-816. Specific powers of trustee.

(a) Without limiting the authority conferred by W.S. 4-10-815, a trustee may:

(xxxi) Exercise elections with respect to federal, state and local taxes; ~~and~~

(xxxii) Decide each trust taxable year whether principal distributions made from a trust to a beneficiary include net realized capital gains and losses in section 643(a) of the Internal Revenue Code distributable net income; ~~.~~ and

(xxxiii) Except as otherwise provided under this paragraph or under the terms of a trust, if all or any portion of the trust is treated as being owned by a person under 26 U.S.C. § 671 or any similar federal, state or other tax law, the trustee may, in the trustee's sole discretion, reimburse or pay on behalf of the person being treated as the owner any amount of the person's personal federal, state or other income tax liability that is attributable to the inclusion

of the trust's income, capital gains, deductions or credits in the calculation of the person's taxable income. This paragraph shall not apply to a trustee who is the settlor or a person who is a related or subordinate party to the settlor within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. § 672(c). Neither the power authorized under this paragraph or the exercise of the power under this paragraph shall cause the settlor to be treated as a beneficiary of the trust, the trust property to be includable in the estate of the settlor or otherwise entitle a creditor of the settlor to compel, attach or otherwise encumber a payment authorized under this paragraph. The provisions of this paragraph apply to all trusts governed by the laws of this state unless an independent trustee of the trust irrevocably elects otherwise in writing.

(b) The ~~power~~ powers provided in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (a)(xxviii) and (xxxiii) of this section shall not be exercised in any manner that would prevent qualification for a federal estate or gift tax marital deduction, federal estate or gift tax charitable deduction, or other federal income, estate, gift or generation-skipping transfer tax benefit claimed for the trust from which the distribution in further trust is made. If the trustee making a distribution in further trust under paragraph (a)(xxviii) of this section is a beneficiary of the trust from which the distribution in further trust is made, the distribution in further trust may not change the trustee's interest as a beneficiary in the trust. A trustee shall not be liable for exercising the ~~power~~ powers permitted under ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (a)(xxviii) or (xxxiii) of this section if the power is exercised in good faith.

Section 2. This act shall apply to all trusts created or that become subject to the uniform trust code on or after July 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 5, 2025.

Chapter 116

SURVIVING PARENTS OF GOLD STAR VETERANS-EXEMPTIONS

Original Senate File No. 102

AN ACT relating to taxation and revenue; providing tax exemptions for surviving parents of veterans as specified; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-13-105(a)(v), (c)(ii), (v), (h)(intro), (i) and (ii) is amended to read:

39-13-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following persons who are bona fide Wyoming residents for at least three (3) years at the time of claiming the exemption are entitled to receive the tax exemption provided by W.S. 39-11-105(a)(xxiv):

(v) A surviving spouse, during widowhood or widower hood, of any person qualifying under this subsection or who died while serving honorably during the war, conflict or period described in this section or the surviving parents if there is no surviving spouse. Surviving parents who are divorced and living separately may both qualify separately for the exemption. The tax exemption shall be applied to property the title to which is held by the surviving spouse or surviving parents or to property which is the subject of a trust created by or for the benefit of the surviving spouse or surviving parents;

(c) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, in order to receive the exemption provided by this section the claimant shall file a sworn claim on or before the fourth Monday in May with the county assessor of the county in which the property against which the exemption is sought is located indicating:

(ii) That during the lifetime of the claimant, ~~or~~ the claimant's spouse or the claimant's parents, the claimant, ~~or~~ the claimant's spouse ~~is~~ or the claimant's parents are listed as an owner of the property, that the property is the subject of a trust created by or for the benefit of the claimant, ~~or~~ the claimant's spouse or the claimant's parents, or the claimant, ~~or~~ the claimant's spouse ~~is~~ or the claimant's parents are listed as a purchaser on a valid and effective contract for deed for the property and evidence of the contract for deed has been recorded with the county clerk;

(v) That the exemption shall be claimed by the veteran or qualifying surviving spouse or qualifying surviving parents in not more than one (1) county in this state unless the surviving parents are divorced and living in different counties.

(h) A surviving spouse, during widowhood or widower hood, or the surviving parents if there is no surviving spouse, ~~is qualified~~ shall qualify for the tax exemption under W.S. 39-11-105(a)(xxiv) and ~~is entitled to~~ may apply for ~~it~~ the exemption under the same procedure specified in this section for veterans if:

(i) At the time of the spouse's death, both the veteran and the veteran's spouse or parents were residents of Wyoming;

(ii) The veteran's spouse ~~has~~ or parents have been ~~a resident~~ residents of Wyoming for at least three (3) years at the time the spouse ~~claims~~ or parents claim the exemption; and

Section 2. The department of revenue shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 5, 2025.

Chapter 117

VIRTUAL CREDIT CARDS AND NETWORK LEASING-DENTAL SERVICES

Original Senate File No. 158

AN ACT relating to the insurance code; specifying requirements for third party access to dental network contracts; providing requirements for the use of virtual credit card payments and other methods of payments for dental services; providing contractual requirements; providing definitions; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 26-22-506 is created to read:

26-22-506. Third party access to network contracts; dental care service plans; waiver prohibited; definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Contracting entity" means any person that enters into a contract with a dental care provider for the delivery of dental care services;

(ii) "Covered person" means a policyholder, subscriber, enrollee or other person participating in a dental care service plan that provides for dental care services;

(iii) "Dental care provider" means any person licensed to practice dentistry in Wyoming and who provides dental care services pursuant to a dental care service plan;

(iv) "Dental care service plan" means a policy, contract, plan, certificate or agreement that provides for third party payment or prepayment of dental care services and that is delivered or issued for delivery by or through a dental carrier on a standalone basis;

(v) "Dental care services" means diagnostic, preventative, maintenance and therapeutic dental care. "Dental care services" shall not include services that are billed as medical expenses under a health benefit plan;

(vi) "Dental carrier" means a person subject to the insurance laws and regulations of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, including an insurance company offering dental care service plans or any other person that provides a dental care service plan;

(vii) "Dentist agent" means a person that contracts with a dental care provider to establish an agency relationship for purposes of processing bills for services provided by the dental care provider under the terms and conditions of a contract between the dentist agent and a dental care provider. A contract between a dentist agent and a dental care provider may permit the dentist agent to submit bills, request reconsideration and receive reimbursement;

(viii) "Network contract" means a contract between a contracting entity and a dental care provider that specifies the rights and responsibilities of the contracting entity and provides for the delivery and payment of dental care services to a covered person;

(ix) "Third party" means a person, not including a covered person, who enters into a contract with a contracting entity to access the dental care services or contractual discounts of a network contract. "Third party" shall not include an employer or other group for whom the dental carrier or contracting entity provides administrative services;

(x) "Virtual credit card payment" means an electronic funds transfer where a dental care service plan, or a contracted vendor, issues a single-use series of numbers associated with the payment of dental care services performed by a dental care provider and chargeable up to a predetermined dollar amount, where the dental care provider is responsible for processing the payment by a credit card terminal or internal port. "Virtual credit card payment" includes only electronic or virtual credit card payments where no physical card is used and the single use electronic credit card expires upon payment processing.

(b) A contracting entity may grant a third party access to a network contract, or to a dental care provider's dental care service prices or contractual discounts provided pursuant to a network contract, if all of the following requirements are met:

(i) At the time the network contract is entered into, renewed or material modifications relevant to granting access to a third party are made, the dental carrier allows any dental care provider that is part of the dental carrier's provider network to choose to not participate in third-party access to the dental care provider's service prices and discounted rates;

(ii) The contracting entity allows the dental care provider to enter into a contract directly with the third party;

(iii) The network contract specifically states that the contracting entity may enter into an agreement with a third party to allow the third party to obtain the contracting entity's rights and responsibilities under the network contract

as if the third party were the contracting entity. If the contracting entity is a dental carrier, the network contract shall specifically state that the dental care provider may choose not to participate in third-party access to the network contract and that the dental care provider chose to participate in third-party access at the time the network contract was entered into or renewed;

(iv) The third party accessing the network contract agrees to comply with all of the network contract's terms and conditions;

(v) The contracting entity identifies to the dental care provider, in writing, all third parties participating in the network contract as of the date the network contract is entered into or renewed;

(vi) The contracting entity provides a list of all third parties participating in the network contract on the contracting entity's website. The contracting entity shall update and provide an updated list of third parties on its website not less than every ninety (90) days;

(vii) The contracting entity notifies a dental care provider under the network contract at least thirty (30) days prior to a new third party leasing or purchasing the network contract;

(viii) The contracting entity requires a third party to identify, for all remittance advice or explanations of payments under which a discount applies, the source of the discount. This paragraph shall not apply to an electronic transaction mandated by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191;

(ix) A third party's right to a dental care provider's discounted rate is terminated as of the termination date of the network contract;

(x) In the adjudication of any claim under the network contract, the contracting entity makes available to the dental care provider a copy of the network contract not later than thirty (30) days after a request for the network contract is received.

(c) A contracting entity shall not cancel or terminate a contractual relationship with, or refuse to contract with, a dental care provider on the grounds that the dental care provider refuses to allow access by a third party to the dental care services and discounted rates of the dental care provider.

(d) This section shall not apply if access to a provider network contract is granted to a dental carrier or an entity operating in accordance with the same brand licensee program as the contracting entity or to an entity that is an affiliate of the contracting entity. A list of the contracting entity's affiliates shall be made available to a provider on the contracting entity's website.

(e) No dental care provider shall be bound by, or required to perform, dental care services under a network contract for which access has been granted to a third party in violation of this section.

(f) A dental care service plan shall not require payments to be made to dental care providers solely by virtual credit card payments.

(g) A dental care service plan, when initiating payments to a dental care provider through a virtual credit card payment or when changing to virtual credit card payments if the dental care provider consents, shall do all of the following:

(i) Notify the dental care provider of any fees associated with each payment method available from the dental care service plan;

(ii) Inform the dental care provider of the available options for methods of payment and provide clear instructions to the dental care provider for the selection of an alternative payment method that does not impose fees.

(h) If a dental care provider opts out of a method of payment that is offered by a dental care service plan, that decision remains in effect unless the dental care provider opts back into the prior method of payment or a new contract is executed.

(j) A dental care service plan that transmits payments to a dental care provider in accordance with the standards of 45 C.F.R. §§ 162.1601 and 162.1602 shall not charge a fee solely for the transmission of the payment to the dental care provider unless the dental care provider has consented to payment of the fee. When transmitting a national automated clearinghouse payment, a dentist agent may charge a reasonable fee related to bank transmittal, transaction management, data management, portal services and other value added services associated with the transmission of the payment.

(k) The requirements of this section shall not be waived unless knowingly and voluntarily waived by the party bound by the contract.

Section 2. This act applies to contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2025 and nothing in this act is construed to impair any existing contracts entered into before July 1, 2025.

Section 3. The department of insurance shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 5, 2025.

Chapter 118

SUPPLEMENTAL K-12 SCHOOL FACILITIES APPROPRIATIONS-2

Original House Bill No. 259

AN ACT relating to school building and facility projects; providing for appropriations for the remainder of the fiscal biennium commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026; specifying conditions for expenditures; reappropriating funds; requiring a study and reporting; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) This section shall consist of funds appropriated for K-12 school building and facility needs.

(b) As used in this section a "priority" identified by an Arabic numeral means the project ranking as submitted by the school facilities commission within its budget recommendations provided under W.S. 21-15-119.

(c) Each amount appropriated from the public school foundation program account for a school facility project under subsection (g) of this section shall remain in effect from the effective date of the appropriation until that project is completed, unless otherwise provided by law. Upon completion of a project specified in subsection (g) of this section, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from the appropriation for the project shall revert to the public school foundation program account.

(d) An estimated schedule for deploying projects funded by this act, as adopted by the school facilities commission and as contained within the 2025-2026 biennial budget, inclusive of the supplemental budget request, submitted by the commission under W.S. 21-15-119, and further refined by the final, corrected budget submitted by the governor's office, shall be used by the state construction department to the extent practicable to guide expenditure of appropriated funds, subject to restrictions contained in W.S. 21-15-119(c). The estimated schedule shall be based upon information, processes, events and expenditures and shall not be binding upon the state construction department or the school facilities commission.

(e) Amounts appropriated under subsection (g) of this section or included in the budget requests submitted by the school facilities commission or the governor's office shall not be construed to be an entitlement or guaranteed amount and shall be expended by the school facilities commission to ensure adequate, efficient and the most cost effective school buildings and facilities in accordance with W.S. 21-15-114(a)(vii) and 21-15-117(b) that are contained in school district facility plans as required by W.S. 21-15-116.

(f) In addition to accounting and reporting requirements imposed under W.S. 28-11-301(c)(iv), the state construction department shall report monthly on the deployment of amounts to fund projects under this section in accordance

with the deployment schedule, information on project progression and, if applicable, the rationale for any deviation from the estimated schedule. The reports shall be submitted by the department to the select committee on school facilities, the joint appropriations committee and the governor.

(g) The following amounts are appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the school facilities commission for the following purposes:

(i) For the following component level major maintenance projects, twenty-nine million eight hundred thirty-two thousand seven hundred sixteen dollars ($29,832,716.00):

Priority	School District	Project
2-1	Sublette #1	High School
2-2	Converse #1	High School
2-3	Sublette #9	Elementary School
2-4	Campbell #1	Elementary School
2-5	Platte #1	High School
2-6	Sheridan #2	High School
2-7	Uinta #1	Middle School
2-8	Fremont #14	High School
2-9	Hot Springs #1	Elementary School
2-10	Johnson #1	K-12 School
2-11	Converse #1	Elementary School
2-12	Big Horn #3	Elementary School
2-13	Converse #2	Intermediate School
2-14	Uinta #6	Intermediate School
2-15	Goshen #1	High School
2-16	Platte #1	Elementary School
2-17	Sheridan #2	Elementary School

(ii) For the following school facility projects in Campbell county school district #1:

(A) For construction and demolition of a transportation facility ancillary building, fourteen million four hundred seventy-three thousand two hundred twenty-four dollars ($14,473,224.00). Any disposition or demolition of buildings or facilities necessary for the completion of the transportation facility ancillary building under this subparagraph shall be subject to commission approval and be included in the district's facility plan to ensure the disposition or demolition is in the financial interest of the state and is in the public interest as required under W.S. 21-15-123(f)(vi);

(B) For design, construction, site preparation and demolition for a high school building and facility, in addition to funds previously appropriated for design pursuant to 2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 313(j)

(iii), twenty million dollars ($20,000,000.00). The amounts appropriated under this subparagraph shall remain in effect from the effective date of this act until the high school building and facility is complete. Upon completion of the high school building and facility, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the public school foundation program account as provided under subsection (c) of this section;

(C) Effective March 15, 2026, for construction and demolition of a high school building and facility, in addition to funds appropriated under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, one hundred thirty million eight hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred twenty-eight dollars ($130,884,528.00). The amounts appropriated under this subparagraph shall remain in effect from March 15, 2026, until the high school building and facility project is complete. Upon completion of the high school building and facility project, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert to the public school foundation program account as provided under subsection (c) of this section. Any disposition or demolition of buildings or facilities necessary for the completion of the high school building and facility pursuant this subparagraph and subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be subject to commission approval and be included in the district's facility plan to ensure the disposition or demolition is in the financial interest of the state and is in the public interest as required under W.S. 21-15-123(f)(vi).

(iii) For unanticipated costs associated with the projects funded under this subsection, eleven million seven hundred eleven thousand four hundred twenty-eight dollars ($11,711,428.00).

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the unexpended, obligated monies appropriated from the school capital construction account to the school facilities commission under 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, Section 313(j)(xiii), up to thirteen million four hundred thousand dollars ($13,400,000.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall not revert upon completion of the projects pursuant to 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 94, Section 313(d), and are hereby reappropriated to the school facilities commission to supplement previous appropriations for inflationary costs associated with projects approved by the commission and funded by the legislature. The original scope and design of the projects for which these funds are expended shall not be modified as a result of the expenditure of the funds reappropriated under this subsection. This reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. The commission shall report the expenditure of funds reappropriated under this subsection in the manner required under subsection (f) of this section.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the school facilities division of the state construction department and the school facilities commission shall study whether the state construction department should direct expenditures

for all major building and facility repair and replacement under W.S. 21-15-109, including authorizing and supervising the major maintenance projects for all K-12 public school facilities across Wyoming. As part of this study, the school facilities division of the state construction department shall analyze the potential impacts on the agency and school districts that received funding for construction for any building and facility projects for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2026. Not later than October 1, 2025, and each October 1 thereafter until October 1, 2031, the school facilities division of the state construction department and the school facilities commission shall report to the joint appropriations committee and the select committee on school facilities any findings and recommendations as a result of this study and shall include any proposed statutory amendments necessary to operationalize direct expenditures by the state construction department for major building and facility repair and replacement for all K-12 public school facilities.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become a law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 119

PUBLIC UTILITIES-WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND LIABILITY LIMITS

Original House Bill No. 192

AN ACT relating to public utilities; requiring public utilities to prepare and submit wildfire mitigation plans; specifying procedures for the submission and review of wildfire mitigation plans; specifying how costs associated with wildfire mitigation plans may be recovered; specifying limits for liability and damages for public utilities related to wildfires; requiring rulemaking; specifying applicability; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. 37-3-401 through 37-3-405 are created to read:

ARTICLE 4
WILDFIRE MITIGATION

37-3-401. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Economic loss" means pecuniary loss, including losses resulting from medical expenses, business interruption, loss of business, property damage loss, replacement services loss, loss due to death and burial costs to the extent recovery for the loss is allowed under the laws of Wyoming;

(ii) "Electric utility" means any person, including cooperative electric utilities that perform any of the functions specified in W.S. 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), that is authorized to engage in business in Wyoming and that is primarily engaged in the generation, transmission or sale of electric energy. "Electric utility" shall not include any electric utility owned or operated by a city or town;

(iii) "Wildfire" means an unplanned, unwanted fire burning within Wyoming that may impact, damage or cause harm to natural resources, agricultural resources, homes and property or that threatens lives and safety.

37-3-402. Wildfire mitigation plans; preemption; commission authority; applicability.

(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed to limit the commission's authority to regulate utilities or promulgate rules under other provisions of this title.

(b) Wildfire mitigation plans approved by the commission shall preempt any part of a local land use plan or ordinance that would impede or preclude an electric utility from implementing the wildfire mitigation plan.

37-3-403. Electric utilities; wildfire mitigation plans; contents.

(a) Each electric utility shall prepare a wildfire mitigation plan that shall include, at a minimum:

(i) A description of the electric utility's service territory and the areas within the service territory or rights-of-way that may be subject to a heightened risk of wildfire;

(ii) A description of the procedures, standards and schedules that the electric utility will use to inspect and operate its transmission and distribution infrastructure, if any;

(iii) A description of the procedures and standards that the electric utility will use to perform vegetation management;

(iv) A description of proposed modifications, replacements and upgrades to facilities and preventative programs that the electric utility will implement to reduce the risk of its electric facilities initiating a wildfire;

(v) A description of how the electric utility's wildfire mitigation strategies and policies have changed in the immediately preceding five (5) years;

(vi) A description of how the electric utility will coordinate with other electric utilities regarding any shared facilities;

(vii) A description of procedures and considerations for de-energizing power lines and disabling reclosers to mitigate potential fires, including:

(A) The ability of the electric utility to reasonably access the proposed power line to be de-energized;

(B) Balancing the risk of wildfire with the need for the continued supply of electricity to a community;

(C) Any potential impact that de-energizing lines may have on the resilience of the remainder of the electric utility's transmission and distribution facilities, if any;

(D) The need to provide notice to customers and the public before or as soon as practicable after de-energization;

(E) Any need to communicate and coordinate with any other electric utilities that may be impacted by a de-energization and any plans to accomplish communications, including communications with transmission operators, reliability coordinators and cooperative member systems;

(F) Anticipated potential impacts to public safety.

(viii) A description of the procedures the electric utility intends to use to restore its electrical system in the event of a wildfire;

(ix) For electric utilities whose rates are regulated by the commission, a description of the estimated incremental costs and potential associated rate impacts for the implementation of the wildfire mitigation plan, including system improvements and upgrades;

(x) A description of community outreach and public awareness efforts before and during the wildfire season, particularly in areas impacted by wildfires or de-energizations;

(xi) A description of potential participation with emergency coordinators, if applicable;

(xii) Input from the Wyoming state forestry division of the office of state lands and investments, an association representing Wyoming rural firefighters, counties and any other appropriate federal, state or local fire entity.

(b) Not later than five (5) business days after a fire mitigation plan is submitted to the public service commission for approval under W.S. 37-3-404(a), the electric utility shall provide direct notice that a wildfire mitigation plan has been filed with the public service commission to all conservation districts, municipalities and counties in the electric utility's Wyoming service territories.

37-3-404. Wildfire mitigation plans; commission approval.

(a) An electric utility shall apply to the commission for approval of a wildfire mitigation plan.

(b) Upon receiving an application for approval of a wildfire mitigation plan, the commission shall, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt, unless the commission deems it is necessary to continue the implementation of the wildfire mitigation plan for a longer period of time and the commission has entered an order confirming the continuance and stating the facts making the

continuance necessary, approve the plan if the plan is reasonable, in the public interest and appropriately balances the costs of implementing the plan with the risks of a potential wildfire. For electric utilities whose rates are regulated by the commission, approval of a wildfire mitigation plan shall not automatically confer to the electric utility the right to recover the costs associated with the wildfire mitigation plan. An electric utility whose rates are regulated by the commission may seek, and the commission may authorize, cost recovery for the costs associated with implementing a wildfire mitigation plan.

(c) Each electric utility shall submit subsequent or updated plans to the commission not later than every fifth year after the electric utility last submitted a plan to the commission or as ordered by the commission. The commission shall review and approve subsequent plans in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Not later than June 1 in the year following any year in which the commission approves a wildfire mitigation plan under this section, an electric utility shall file an annual report with the commission detailing the electric utility's compliance with the approved wildfire mitigation plan and shall request an order of the commission finding that the electric utility has substantially complied with the plan during the preceding year.

37-3-405. Wildfire mitigation plans; recovery of costs.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, there shall be a presumption in any civil action that the approved wildfire mitigation plan is a reasonable and prudent preparation for, and mitigation of, wildfire risk.

(b) An electric utility and a landowner with an alleged wildfire related claim shall negotiate in good faith before any landowner files a civil action against the electric utility. During negotiations, an electric utility shall respond to a landowner not later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the landowner's submission of itemized damages.

(c) A plaintiff may recover economic loss from an electric utility as a result of a wildfire only if the plaintiff shows one (1) or more of the following by a preponderance of the evidence:

(i) The electric utility failed to substantially comply with an approved wildfire mitigation plan, and that failure was the actual and proximate cause of the damages to the plaintiff. For purposes of this paragraph, an electric utility shall be deemed to have substantially complied with the wildfire mitigation plan if the electric utility attempted in good faith to comply with the plan but was denied or unreasonably delayed access to a right-of-way after the electric utility requested access to the right-of-way to perform vegetation management or fire mitigation work in accordance with the plan and the denial or delay was a proximate cause of the damages to the plaintiff. A denial or delay shall not be deemed a proximate cause of the damages unless the electric utility made

reasonable efforts to enforce their easement access rights within a reasonable time;

(ii) The electric utility acted with gross negligence, malice or criminal intent, and the electric utility's action was the actual and proximate cause of the damages to the plaintiff.

(d) The following shall apply in any civil action filed under subsection (c) of this section that any plaintiff brings against an electric utility for damages caused by wildfire:

(i) An action against an electric utility for damages caused by a wildfire shall be brought not later than four (4) years after the date of the ignition of the wildfire;

(ii) A plaintiff may recover economic losses;

(iii) No plaintiff shall recover noneconomic damages unless the plaintiff's claim is based on the injury or death of any person in a wildfire;

(iv) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any defenses that an electric utility may be entitled to raise in a civil action for damages caused by wildfire.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to any action against an electric utility for:

(i) Any act or omission taken by the electric utility that is not addressed or covered in the electric utility's wildfire mitigation plan;

(ii) Any act or omission taken by the electric utility that causes damages or losses not caused or created by a wildfire.

Section 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impair, alter or preempt any terms or agreements in grants of easements or the terms in any other agreements between electric utilities and third parties for the shared use of facilities.

Section 3. The public service commission may promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 120

CHILD CUSTODY-SEX OFFENSE CONVICTION PRESUMPTION

Original House Bill No. 83

AN ACT relating to domestic relations; specifying a rebuttable presumption that no sex offender shall have unsupervised visitation with a child; requiring consideration of sex-related convictions when considering the best interests of a child in custody determinations upon divorce; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 20-2-201(a) by creating a new paragraph (x) and by renumbering (x) as (xi) and 20-2-202 by creating a new subsection (b) are amended to read:

20-2-201. Disposition and maintenance of children in decree or order; access to records.

(a) In granting a divorce, separation or annulment of a marriage or upon the establishment of paternity pursuant to W.S. 14-2-401 through 14-2-907, the court may make by decree or order any disposition of the children that appears most expedient and in the best interests of the children. In determining the best interests of the child, the court shall consider, but is not limited to, the following factors:

(x) Whether either parent has a conviction for which the parent must register as a sex offender under W.S. 7-19-301 through 7-19-310;

~~(x)~~(xi) Any other factors the court deems necessary and relevant.

20-2-202. Visitation.

(b) When considering an order for visitation, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that it is not in the best interests of a child to grant unsupervised visitation to a parent who is required to register as a sex offender under W.S. 7-19-301 through 7-19-310.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 121

PROHIBITING FOREIGN FUNDING OF BALLOT MEASURES

Original House Bill No. 337

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring groups, political action committees and organizations that are influencing a statewide initiative or referendum to file statements related to funding from prohibited

sources; prohibiting a foreign national from controlling or influencing the decision making of a group, political action committee or organization influencing a statewide initiative or referendum; providing a cause of action; specifying penalties; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-24-202 and 22-25-116 are created to read:

22-24-202. Prohibition of foreign funding influencing statewide ballot measures.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Foreign national" means as defined in 52 U.S.C. § 30121(b);

(ii) "Prohibited source" means contributions from or expenditures by a foreign national;

(iii) "Directly or indirectly" means acting either alone or jointly with, through or on behalf of any other committee, organization, person or entity.

(b) No foreign national shall direct, control or otherwise directly or indirectly participate in the decision making of any group that is required to file with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-24-201(a).

(c) Each group of persons that is required to file with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-24-201(a) shall file an accompanying certification regarding funding from prohibited sources as provided in this paragraph. The certification shall include the following statements:

(i) That no expenditure of the group was knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, funded by a prohibited source;

(ii) That the group shall not knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, receive, solicit or accept contributions or expenditures from a prohibited source in any manner;

(iii) That the group will keep records of contributions and expenditures for a period of not less than five (5) years to enable the enforcement of this section.

(d) For each contribution to a group of persons that is required to file with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-24-201(a), before accepting the contribution the group shall obtain affirmation from the donor that the donor is not a foreign national and that the donor has not knowingly accepted, whether directly or indirectly, more than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) in aggregate from prohibited sources in the immediately preceding four (4) year period.

(e) The secretary of state may bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to twice the amount of any prohibited contribution or expenditure. The secretary of state may obtain injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent further violations of this section.

22-25-116. Prohibition of foreign funding influencing statewide ballot measures.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Directly or indirectly" means acting either alone or jointly with, through or on behalf of any committee, organization, person or entity;

(ii) "Foreign national" means as defined in 52 U.S.C. § 30121(b);

(iii) "Prohibited source" means contributions from or expenditures by a foreign national.

(b) No foreign national shall direct, control or otherwise directly or indirectly participate in the decision making of any political action committee or organization supporting or opposing any statewide initiative or referendum petition drive. No foreign national shall solicit, directly or indirectly, the making of a donation, contribution or expenditure by another person to influence a ballot initiative.

(c) Each political action committee or organization supporting or opposing any statewide initiative or referendum that is required to file reports with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-25-107(a)(vii) shall file an accompanying certification regarding funding from prohibited sources as provided in this paragraph and each itemized statement of contributions and expenditures required by W.S. 22-25-106(b) or (h). The certification shall include the following statements:

(i) That no expenditure of the political action committee or organization was knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, funded by a prohibited source;

(ii) That the political action committee or organization shall not knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, receive, solicit or accept contributions or expenditures from a prohibited source in any manner;

(iii) That the political action committee or organization will keep records of contributions and expenditures for a period of not less than five (5) years to enable the enforcement of this section.

(d) For each contribution to a political action committee or organization supporting or opposing any statewide initiative or referendum petition that is required to file reports with the secretary of state under W.S. 22-25-107(a)(vii), before accepting the contribution the group shall obtain affirmation from the donor that the donor is not a foreign national and that the donor has not knowingly, whether directly or indirectly, accepted more than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00) in aggregate from prohibited sources in the immediately preceding four (4) year period.

(e) The secretary of state may bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty of up to twice the amount of any prohibited contribution or expenditure. The secretary

of state may obtain injunctive relief from a court of competent jurisdiction to prevent further violations of this section.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 122

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

Original House Bill No. 207

AN ACT relating to religious freedom; creating the Religious Freedom Restoration Act; providing definitions; limiting specified governmental actions that burden religious freedom; authorizing claims and defenses against governmental action that burden religious freedom; providing exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-25-101 through 9-25-104 are created to read:

CHAPTER 25
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

ARTICLE 1
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT

9-25-101. Religious Freedom Restoration Act; short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wyoming Religious Freedom Restoration Act."

9-25-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(i) "Burden" means any action that, either directly or indirectly, constrains, inhibits, curtails or denies the exercise of religion including, but not limited to:

(A) Withholding of benefits;

(B) Assessing criminal, civil or administrative penalties;

(C) Exclusion from governmental programs; or

(D) Denial of access to governmental facilities.

(ii) "Compelling governmental interest" means a governmental interest of the highest order that cannot otherwise be achieved without burdening the exercise of religion;

(iii) "Exercise of religion" means the practice or observance of religion, including an act or refusal to act, that is substantially motivated by a sincerely held religious belief, whether or not compelled by or central to a system of

religious belief;

(iv) "Person" means any natural person, association, partnership, corporation, religious institution or other legal entity;

(v) "State action" means the implementation or application of any law, including but not limited to state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and policies, whether statutory or otherwise, or action by the state or a political subdivision, local government, municipality, instrumentality or public official authorized by law in the state of Wyoming;

(vi) "This act" means W.S. 9-25-101 through 9-25-104.

9-25-103. Limitation on state action; exception.

(a) State action shall not substantially burden a person's right to the exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless it is demonstrated that applying the burden to that person's exercise of religion in that particular instance is:

(i) Essential to further a compelling governmental interest; and

(ii) The least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

(b) This act shall apply to all state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and policies, and their implementation, whether statutory or otherwise and whether adopted before, on or after the effective date of this act.

9-25-104. Claims.

A person whose exercise of religion has been substantially burdened or is likely to be substantially burdened in violation of this act may assert the violation or impending violation as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding, regardless of whether the state or one (1) of its political subdivisions is a party to the proceeding. The person asserting the claim or defense may obtain appropriate relief, including injunctive relief and declaratory relief.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 123

IMMUNITY FOR DRUG OVERDOSE REPORTING

Original Senate File No. 74

AN ACT relating to controlled substances; providing immunity from prosecution of specified offenses under the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act of 1971 to persons who report or experience an emergency drug overdose event as specified; providing applicability; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-7-1064 is created to read:

35-7-1064. Drug overdose; limited immunity from prosecution.

(a) A person who, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for himself or another person is immune from criminal prosecution for an offense listed in subsection (c) of this section if:

(i) The person reasonably believes he or another person is experiencing a drug overdose event;

(ii) The person provides a description of the actual location of the drug overdose event;

(iii) The person remains at the scene of the drug overdose event until a responding law enforcement officer or emergency medical service provider arrives or the person remains at the medical care facility where the person experiencing the drug overdose event is located until a responding law enforcement officer arrives;

(iv) The person cooperates with a responding law enforcement officer, emergency medical service provider or medical care provider, including by providing information about the person experiencing the drug overdose event and the type of substance that may have caused the drug overdose event; and

(v) The offense listed in subsection (c) of this section arises from the same course of events as the drug overdose event.

(b) The immunity from prosecution under subsection (a) of this section shall extend to the person experiencing the drug overdose event if all the conditions specified in subsection (a) of this section are satisfied.

(c) The immunity from prosecution under subsection (a) of this section shall apply to the following offenses:

(i) Possession of a controlled substance under W.S. 35-7-1031(c);

(ii) Use of a controlled substance under W.S. 35-7-1039.

(d) A person experiencing a drug overdose event shall only be eligible to receive immunity from prosecution under this section not more than two (2) times in a twelve (12) month period. The limitations under this subsection shall not apply to the person who seeks medical assistance for himself or another person in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. A person experiencing a drug overdose event shall be eligible to receive immunity for a second time in a twelve (12) month period under this subsection only upon the person completing, after the second qualifying drug overdose event, a drug treatment program approved by the applicable district attorney. The district attorney shall approve a drug treatment program consistent with the results of a substance abuse assessment administered at the expense of the person who experienced the drug overdose event.

(e) As used in this section:

(i) "Drug overdose event" means a condition, including extreme physical illness, a decreased level of consciousness or respiratory depression that a reasonable person would believe requires medical assistance to address and correct resulting from the consumption or use of a controlled substance or another substance combined with a controlled substance;

(ii) "Good faith" does not include seeking medical assistance or immunity under this section as a result of using a controlled substance during the course of a law enforcement agency's execution of a search warrant, arrest warrant or other lawful search or arrest.

(f) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to:

(i) Prohibit the criminal prosecution of a person for an offense other than the offenses specified in subsection (c) of this section;

(ii) Limit the authority of a law enforcement officer to obtain or use evidence obtained from a report, recording or other statement provided by a person seeking medical assistance for himself or another person under this section to investigate and prosecute an offense other than the offenses listed in subsection (c) of this section.

Section 2. W.S. 35-7-1002(a)(xxviii), 35-7-1031(c)(intro) and 35-7-1039 are amended to read:

35-7-1002. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxviii) "This act" means W.S. 35-7-1001 through ~~35-7-1063~~ 35-7-1064.

35-7-1031. Unlawful manufacture or delivery; counterfeit substance; unlawful possession.

(c) Except as provided in W.S. 35-7-1064, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess a controlled substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this act. With the exception of any drug that has received final approval from the United States food and drug administration, including dronabinol as listed in W.S. 35-7-1018(h), and notwithstanding any other provision of this act, no practitioner shall dispense or prescribe marihuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or synthetic equivalents of marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol. No prescription or practitioner's order for marihuana, tetrahydrocannabinol, or synthetic equivalents of marihuana or tetrahydrocannabinol shall be valid, unless the prescription is for a drug that has received final approval from the United States food and drug administration, including dronabinol. Any person who violates this subsection:

35-7-1039. Person using or under influence of controlled substance.

Except as provided in W.S. 35-7-1064, any person who knowingly or intentionally uses or is under the influence of a controlled substance listed in Schedules I, II or III except when administered or prescribed by or under the direction of a licensed practitioner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six (6) months or a fine not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or by both.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 124

CHILD WITNESSES-COURTROOM PROCEDURES

Original Senate File No. 100

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; specifying and amending procedures for children to testify in specified criminal cases outside the presence of the defendant and the jury; specifying accommodations that may be provided to children testifying in specified criminal cases; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-11-409 is created to read:

7-11-409. Testimony from child witnesses; accommodations.

(a) In any case in which the defendant is charged with incest as defined in W.S. 6-4-402(a) or sexual assault as defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 and 6-2-314 through 6-2-317 and a child less than eighteen (18) years of age is the victim, the court may allow the child to testify remotely, outside the presence of the defendant or the jury, in accordance with all of the following:

(i) Before permitting the child to testify remotely under this subsection, the court shall hold a hearing and shall find that the child testifying in the courtroom would cause the child to suffer more than de minimis emotional distress and that remote testimony by the child is necessary to protect the welfare of the child;

(ii) The court may exclude the defendant from being physically present in the same room as the child during the child's testimony if the court finds that the presence of the defendant in the same room as the child is substantially likely to cause substantial emotional distress to the child and that the emotional distress is substantially likely to impair the ability of the child to communicate;

(iii) If the defendant is excluded under paragraph (ii) of this subsection, the child shall testify by way of a two (2) way closed circuit television or other appropriate secure technology. The testimony of the child shall be televised live

in the courtroom, and simultaneously the room in which the child is testifying shall have a monitor that displays a view of the courtroom and that displays the defendant;

(iv) The defendant may waive the right to have the defendant's image televised in the room in which the child is testifying;

(v) If the defendant is excluded from the room in which the child is testifying, the court:

(A) Shall provide for instantaneous, real-time communication between the defendant and the defendant's attorney;

(B) Shall grant reasonable court recesses during the testimony for consultation between the defendant and the defendant's attorney;

(C) May communicate by audio system with attorneys outside of the courtroom.

(vi) If, on the motion of the district attorney and outside the presence of the jury, the court specifically finds that the child will suffer substantial emotional distress that will impair the child's ability to communicate due to the presence of the jury, the court may exclude the jury from the room in which the child is testifying. The testimony of the child shall be televised at the same time to the courtroom by closed circuit television or other real-time audio and video technology.

(b) In any case in which the defendant is charged with incest as defined in W.S. 6-4-402(a), sexual assault as defined in W.S. 6-2-302 through 6-2-304 and 6-2-314 through 6-2-317, human trafficking as defined in W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-703 or a violent felony as defined by W.S. 6-1-104(a)(xii) and a child less than eighteen (18) years of age is the victim, the court may, on its own motion or upon a motion by a party, provide reasonable accommodations to the child, including but not limited to the following:

(i) To be addressed, asked questions and read the oath or affirmation to testify truthfully in an age-appropriate manner;

(ii) To be free of nuisance or harassing tactics in the proceeding;

(iii) To have a person who would contribute to the well-being of the child present, clearly visible and in close proximity, if the person is not and will not be a witness in the proceeding;

(iv) To have sufficient breaks in the proceedings to allow for the comfort of the child;

(v) To have a certified therapeutic dog, an item used to provide psychological comfort, or both, present in the room with the child.

Section 2. W.S. 7-11-408(h) and by creating a new subsection (j) is amended to read:

7-11-408. Videotape depositions.

(h) If the prosecutor elects to utilize a videotaped deposition pursuant to this section, the child will not or is unable to provide live testimony in accordance with W.S. 7-11-409 and the videotape has been taken and is admissible, the child may not testify in court without the consent of the defendant.

(j) The court may provide for the child to testify under the conditions specified in W.S. 7-11-409 in lieu of a videotaped deposition under this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect the accommodations available under W.S. 7-11-409(b) for the child.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 125

HATHAWAY SCHOLARSHIP-AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 36

AN ACT relating to the Hathaway scholarship program; modifying definitions; modifying the standards for satisfactory academic progress; amending minimum enrollment hours for Hathaway scholarship eligibility; modifying scholarship awards; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-16-1301(a)(iv) and (xiv), 21-16-1304(a)(i) by creating a new subparagraph (C), (ii) by creating a new subparagraph (C), (iii) by creating a new subparagraph (C) and (c)(i) and 21-16-1305(a)(i) by creating a new subparagraph (C) are amended to read:

21-16-1301. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(iv) "Certificate" means a credential other than a degree as defined in paragraph (vi) of this subsection. A "certificate" is ~~either~~ an associate of applied science degree or ~~indicates~~ satisfactory completion of training in ~~an academic year~~ a program of study offered by a Wyoming community college that results in a license, permit, certificate or other government or industry recognized qualification for working in a trade or occupation and may require on-the-job training and credit hours to complete the program;

(xiv) "Satisfactory academic progress" means, except as further specified in this paragraph, completing at least six (6) semester hours per semester if enrolled for less than twelve (12) semester hours and completing at least twelve (12) semester hours per semester if enrolled for twelve (12) or more semester hours, and meeting such other criteria as established by the eligible institution

to ensure the student earns his degree or certificate in a timely manner. The student's hours of enrollment for purposes of this paragraph shall be the same number of hours of enrollment used to determine the state's obligation to reimburse the eligible institution for the student's scholarship under this article. Satisfactory academic progress shall be determined annually following the spring semester, but a student's scholarship may be reinstated pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1304(f)(i) or 21-16-1305(d)(i) following any semester or summer school session. For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and less than six (6) credit hours per semester to receive a certificate, "satisfactory academic progress" means completing all semester hours the student is enrolled in each semester, meeting the hourly on-the-job training requirements and meeting other criteria as established by the Wyoming community college to ensure the student earns the certificate in a timely manner;

21-16-1304. Hathaway opportunity, performance and honor scholarships.

(a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a scholarship to pursue a degree or certificate as follows:

(i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.50 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of forty-three (43) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway opportunity scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

(ii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of fifty-six (56) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway performance scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

(iii) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 and a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of seventy-nine

(79) on an examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance, a Hathaway honor scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

(c) To remain eligible for the scholarship under this section, the student shall:

(i) Except as provided in W.S. 21-16-1303(f) and subsection (h) of this section, make satisfactory academic progress toward a certificate or degree. If a student fails to make satisfactory academic progress or maintain the cumulative grade point average required for continuation in the program as provided in this subsection, the student shall become ineligible for the scholarship in subsequent semesters unless granted an exception for cause by the department or except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section. The department may delegate to any eligible institution the department's authority to grant an exception for cause, but shall only do so in accordance with department rules establishing procedures and criteria for granting an exception and any eligible institution acting pursuant to such delegation shall grant exceptions only in accordance with those rules;

21-16-1305. Hathaway provisional opportunity scholarships.

(a) Any student who meets the criteria under W.S. 21-16-1303 is eligible to receive a Hathaway provisional opportunity scholarship to pursue a certificate or degree as follows:

(i) With a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.50 and either a score equal to or greater than the 2015-2016 national percentile rank of thirty (30) on a college entrance examination administered throughout the United States and relied upon by institutions of higher education to determine acceptance of students for attendance or a qualifying cumulative score on a career-technical aptitude test as determined by the department, a scholarship for:

(C) For students enrolled in a program at a Wyoming community college that requires on-the-job training and credit hours to receive a certificate that are enrolled in less than six (6) hours per semester, the amount provided under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph times a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of hours for which the student is enrolled and the denominator is twelve (12).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 126

CHEMICAL ABORTIONS-ULTRASOUND REQUIREMENT

Original House Bill No. 64

AN ACT relating to abortions; requiring ultrasounds before the procurement of chemical abortions; providing verification requirements; providing definitions; providing penalties; specifying applicability; providing for the conflict of laws; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 35-6-201 and 35-6-202 are created to read:

ARTICLE 2
REGULATION OF ABORTIONS

35-6-201. Chemical abortions; ultrasound requirement; definitions; penalties.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Abortion" means the act of using or prescribing any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substance, device or means with the intent to terminate the pregnancy of a woman, including the elimination of one (1) or more unborn babies in a multifetal pregnancy, with knowledge that the termination by those means will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of the unborn baby. "Abortion" shall not include any use, prescription or means specified in this paragraph if the use, prescription or means are done with the intent to:

(A) Save the life or preserve the health of the unborn baby;

(B) Remove a dead unborn baby caused by spontaneous abortion or intrauterine fetal demise;

(C) Treat a woman for an ectopic pregnancy; or

(D) Treat a woman for cancer or another disease that requires medical treatment which treatment may be fatal or harmful to the unborn baby.

(ii) "Chemical abortion" means the use of any medication, drug, substance or combination thereof that is prescribed or administered for the purpose of terminating a pregnancy once the pregnancy can be confirmed through conventional medical testing;

(iii) "Health care provider" means a person licensed, certified or authorized in a health care profession under title 33 of the Wyoming statutes;

(iv) "Pregnancy" or "pregnant" means the human female reproductive condition of having a living unborn baby or human being within a human female's body throughout the entire embryonic and fetal stages of the unborn baby or human being from fertilization, when a fertilized egg has implanted in the wall of the uterus, to full gestation and childbirth.

(b) Not less than forty-eight (48) hours before a pregnant woman procures the drugs or substances for a chemical abortion or before a health care provider dispenses the drugs or substances necessary for a chemical abortion, whichever is earlier, the pregnant woman shall receive an ultrasound in order to provide the pregnant woman the opportunity to view the active ultrasound of the unborn baby and view the fetal heart motion or hear the heartbeat of the unborn baby if the heartbeat is audible.

(c) The ultrasound required under subsection (b) of this section shall be of a quality consistent with standard medical practice in the community.

(d) Upon providing an ultrasound under this section, the provider of the ultrasound shall provide the pregnant woman with a document that specifies:

(i) The date, time and place of the ultrasound;

(ii) The health care provider who ordered or requested the ultrasound;

(iii) The health care provider who performed the ultrasound;

(iv) Confirmation of intrauterine pregnancy and the gestational age of the unborn baby.

(e) Before a health care provider dispenses the drugs or substances necessary for a chemical abortion to a pregnant woman, the health care provider shall verify that the ultrasound required by this section occurred.

(f) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine not to exceed nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00), or both. Nothing in this section shall be construed to subject a pregnant woman to any criminal penalty under this subsection.

35-6-202. Ultrasound requirement; conflict of laws; applicability.

If any provision of this article conflicts with the Life is a Human Right Act or W.S. 35-6-139, the provisions of the Life is a Human Right Act and W.S. 35-6-139 shall control over this article to the extent that the Life is a Human Right Act and W.S. 35-6-139 are enforceable.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 127

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZATIONS-AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 94

AN ACT relating to education; removing a limitation on the number of charter schools that the Wyoming charter school authorizing board may authorize; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-3-302.2 by creating a new subsection (k) is amended to read:

21-3-302.2. Wyoming charter school authorizing board; number of charter schools that may be authorized.

(k) Beginning on July 1, 2025 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Wyoming charter school authorizing board may authorize any number of charter schools in accordance with the requirements of this article.

Section 2. 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 179, Section 4(b) is amended to read:

Section 4.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, not more than ~~three (3)~~ four (4) charter schools shall be authorized to operate by an entity other than a school district board, prior to ~~July 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2025. The three (3) charter schools authorized by the state loan and investment board shall count towards the ~~three (3)~~ four (4) schools authorized to operate under this subsection. In the event a charter school previously authorized by the state loan and investment board closes for any reason, the Wyoming charter school authorizing board may approve a new charter school.

Section 3. 2023 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 179, Section 4(c) is repealed.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 128

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES-LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Original Senate File No. 127

AN ACT relating to administrative procedure; requiring the completion of economic analyses for major administrative rules; amending the process for legislative review and notice of rules; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; requiring a study and a report; providing an appropriation; authorizing additional positions; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 28-9-109 is created to read:

28-9-109. Agency rules; analysis and review.

(a) The legislative service office shall review each major rule submitted under this act and report the review in accordance with this section.

(b) For each major rule submitted under this act, the legislative service office shall:

(i) Not later than fifteen (15) days after the major rule was submitted under W.S. 28-9-103(b), provide the major rule to each member of the legislature;

(ii) Not later than the time specified in subsection (e) of this section, complete a regulatory impact analysis in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

(c) Each regulatory impact analysis of a major rule shall include:

(i) A statement of need for the major rule, provided by the agency promulgating the major rule;

(ii) The statutory authority for the promulgation of the major rule;

(iii) An examination of alternatives to the enactment of the major rule;

(iv) An evaluation of the costs and benefits for the major rule, including:

(A) Estimated primary or direct benefits accruing as a result of the major rule;

(B) Estimated cost savings or financial benefits to the state and its residents and businesses;

(C) Estimated compliance costs for regulated entities subject to the major rule;

(D) Estimated secondary or indirect costs associated with the major rule;

(E) Estimated effect on state revenue;

(F) Estimated effect on state expenditures, including estimated administrative expenses;

(G) Estimated opportunity costs. For purposes of this subparagraph, the cost of compliance in terms of any resulting removal of private capital from the market shall be included in the analysis;

(H) The sources consulted to complete the analysis;

(J) Key assumptions made and sources of uncertainty with the analysis;

(K) Any other information the legislative service office determines would be beneficial for legislative consideration of the major rule.

(d) Upon completing a regulatory impact analysis, the legislative service office shall provide the analysis to each member of the legislature and shall make the analysis available to the public.

(e) The legislative service office shall complete each regulatory analysis not later than fifty (50) days after the major rule was submitted for review under W.S. 28-9-103(b).

(f) To the extent resources are available, the council may direct the legislative service office to perform a regulatory impact analysis for any existing major rule.

(g) The legislative service office may request any information, expertise or assistance from an agency promulgating a major rule. Upon receiving a request under this subsection, the agency shall provide all information and assistance necessary for the legislative service office to complete the regulatory impact analysis required under this section.

(h) "Major rule" means a rule, including an emergency rule, designated by management council under W.S. 28-9-109 that will result in or is likely to result in one (1) or more of the following:

(i) An annual impact on the economy of Wyoming that will result in direct or indirect costs of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000.00);

(ii) Significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity or innovation in the state, including significant adverse effects on individual industries or regions within Wyoming.

Section 2. W.S. 28-9-101(a)(iv), 28-9-103(d) and by creating a new subsection (e), 28-9-104(a)(intro) and 28-9-107 by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

28-9-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iv) "This act" means W.S. 28-9-101 through ~~28-9-108~~ 28-9-109.

28-9-103. Submission of rules for review; notice to legislators.

(d) Upon receipt of an agency's notice to adopt new rules pursuant to W.S. 16-3-103(a)(i), the legislative service office shall give notice to the primary sponsor of the legislation, to members of the interim or standing committee which sponsored or acted upon the legislation authorizing the new rules and to ~~any~~ every other legislator. ~~requesting notification.~~ The notice given by the legislative service office shall state a copy of the rules will be sent if requested. Notice under this subsection is not required for persons not currently serving in the legislature.

(e) Upon receipt of an agency's notice to adopt rules under W.S. 16-3-103(a)(i), the legislative service office shall give notice to each legislator.

28-9-104. Review procedure; time for review; criteria for review.

(a) The legislative service office shall review rules submitted under W.S. 28-9-103(b) and report its findings to the council. The legislative service office shall review new rules and include therein any comments from the primary sponsor of the legislation, the chairman of the interim or standing committee which sponsored or acted upon the legislation authorizing the new rules and any other legislator submitting comments, and shall report their findings to the council. The legislative service office shall review all major rules in accordance with W.S. 28-9-109. The report required under this subsection shall be submitted to the council:

28-9-107. Legislative orders; action required; implementation and enforcement of rules.

(d) If the council, management audit committee, a joint interim committee or any legislator determines that it is appropriate after reviewing the results of the analysis completed under W.S. 28-9-109, the council, a joint interim committee or any legislator may introduce legislation in the next succeeding legislative session following the completion of the analysis to obtain a legislative order to prohibit the implementation or enforcement of the major rule.

Section 3. This act shall apply to all rules for which notice is given under W.S. 16-3-103(a)(i) on and after July 1, 2026.

Section 4. During the 2025 interim, the management audit committee of the Wyoming legislature shall study this act and its relation to existing statutory provisions concerning the legislative role in the administrative rule review process. The management audit committee shall receive all assistance requested from the legislative service office and executive branch agencies while conducting the study required by this section. Not later than December 1, 2025, the management audit committee shall report to the management council on the conclusion of the study required by this section. The report shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the appropriate legislative role in overseeing administrative rules and the regulatory impact thereof, the legislative staff required to assist the legislature in completing this role, which legislative body should oversee this role when the legislature is not in session and any statutory changes necessary to effectuate the findings in the report. The management audit committee or management council may sponsor legislation during the 2026 budget session to effectuate the findings of the report. Funding for legislative staff necessary to effectuate the findings of the report required by this section may be included in the 2025 legislative appropriations bill.

Section 5.

(a) There is appropriated four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purposes of hiring not more than two (2) full time equivalent employees to perform the functions

specified in this act. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, this appropriation shall remain in effect and shall not lapse or revert at the end of the fiscal biennium except upon further legislative action.

(b) The legislative service office may take any action necessary to implement this act before July 1, 2026, including the hiring of positions to implement this act.

Section 6.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

(b) Sections 3 through 6 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Chapter 129

WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 152

AN ACT relating to state lands; amending the duties of the state forester; providing appropriations; providing for the transfer of funds; authorizing borrowing; authorizing grants; repealing prior borrowing authorizations; [**~~authorizing loans; reverting funds; repealing prior appropriations;~~**] and providing for effective dates. **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2025.]**

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

Section 1. W.S. 36-2-108(a), (b)(viii) and by creating new paragraphs (ix) through (xi) is amended to read:

36-2-108. Appointment of state forester; qualifications; duties.

(a) The state board of land commissioners shall appoint a state forester who shall be the administrative head of the Wyoming state forestry division of the office of state lands and investments. ~~He~~ The state forester shall serve at the pleasure of the board. ~~He~~ The state forester shall have a bachelor's degree in forestry with not less than four (4) years experience in professional forestry work. The state forester shall, under the general supervision of the board, have direction of all forest interest and all matters pertaining to forestry within the jurisdiction of the state of Wyoming.~~; and may, with approval of the board, appoint such assistants and employees as are necessary in executing the duties of his office.~~

(b) The state forester shall:

(viii) Cooperate with federal agencies and all political subdivisions of the state to fulfill the intent of this section;~~.~~

(ix) Adopt rules as necessary to fulfill the duties described in this article;

(x) Appoint assistants and employees as are necessary in executing the duties of the division;

(xi) Maintain wildland and forestry fire control programs including, but not limited to:

(A) Fire management, coordination and reimbursement for all lands owned and managed by the state of Wyoming and its agencies;

(B) Fire management assistance within the state of Wyoming;

(C) Pre-position suppression equipment, personnel and other resources during periods of high wildfire risk;

(D) Support for local fire jurisdiction training programs;

(E) Establishing standards and regulations for privately contracted private wildland fire resources operating in Wyoming. As used in this subparagraph, "privately contracted private fire resources" includes services retained by insurers for prevention and suppression activities on insured properties.

Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated from the general fund for the purpose of restoring funds expended by the state of Wyoming to suppress wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2024 the following amounts for the following programs or purposes:

(i) One million dollars ($1,000,000.00) for the special contingency division of the office of the governor, unit 0601;

(ii) One million two hundred sixty-three thousand nine hundred sixty-six dollars ($1,263,966.00) for the disaster contingency unit within the homeland security division of the office of the governor, unit 1106;

(iii) Twenty million dollars ($20,000,000.00) to the emergency fire suppression account within the office of state lands and investments.

(b) There is appropriated from the general fund up to twenty million dollars ($20,000,000.00), or as much thereof as is necessary, to be deposited by the state auditor in the legislative stabilization reserve account for repayment of funds borrowed on or before June 30, 2025 from the legislative stabilization reserve account under 2024 Wyoming session laws, chapter 118, section 301(b).

(c) Funds appropriated in this section shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, funds appropriated in this section shall not lapse at the end of any fiscal period. Any unexpended, unobligated funds at the end of any fiscal

period shall remain in the account to which the funds were appropriated and be expended for the purposes specified by this section, except as otherwise provided by further legislative authorization.

Section 3. For the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, the governor is authorized to borrow from the legislative stabilization reserve account up to thirty million dollars ($30,000,000.00) as necessary to meet funding requirements to fight wildfires in the event the reserves in the office of state lands and investments' forestry division have been exhausted. The governor shall report to the joint appropriations committee, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives immediately upon exercise of this authority.

[~~**Section 4.**~~

~~**(a) The state loan and investment board is authorized to make loans under this section from the legislative stabilization reserve account for the purpose of mitigation and restoration projects needed as a result of wildfire and specified disasters that occur within the state of Wyoming. The aggregate sum of all loans made under this section shall not exceed one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000.00). No new loans under this section shall be made after June 30, 2027.**~~

~~**(b) The office of state lands and investments, under the direction of the state loan and investment board, shall establish and administer loans under this section to qualified persons, including political subdivisions, for any of the following purposes:**~~

~~**(i) Restoring grass, hay and vegetation destroyed by wildfire or other natural disasters on state and private lands;**~~

~~**(ii) Preventing the establishment of nonnative invasive terrestrial vegetation on private or state lands affected by wildfire or other natural disasters;**~~

~~**(iii) Replacing private fences destroyed or partially destroyed by wildfire or other natural disasters;**~~

~~**(iv) Replacing and restoring the habitat and the resources provided by that habitat destroyed by wildfire or other natural disasters on state and private land;**~~

~~**(v) Repairing or replacing irrigation facilities destroyed by wildfire or other natural disasters on state and private land;**~~

~~**(vi) Repairing or replacing private structures destroyed by wildfire or other natural disasters;**~~

~~**(vii) Providing funding for any private cost share required of federal or state funding that would otherwise qualify under this section;**~~

~~(viii) Providing monetary assistance to farmers and ranchers whose real property or assets are damaged by catastrophic events. As used in this paragraph, "catastrophic event" means a fire, earthquake, breached dam or other natural or man-made event to a farming or ranching operation or to state land that causes monetary damage of at least one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.00).~~

~~(c) All loan applications under this section shall be provided to the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust fund board for a recommendation to the state loan and investment board. All loans shall be subject to final approval by the state loan and investment board.~~

~~(d) The loan program established and administered by the office of state lands and investments under this section shall be subject to all of the following:~~

~~(i) All applicants for loans shall reasonably demonstrate that they have applied for insurance payments for which they are eligible and all reasonably identifiable and applicable federal and state funding or were not eligible for other reasonably identifiable and applicable federal or state funding;~~

~~(ii) Loans shall be secured by collateral from each applicant, which may include land, structures, equipment and livestock. Collateral required under this paragraph may be accepted in a subordinate lien position;~~

~~(iii) The office shall develop the application forms, requirements and conditions needed to ensure timely repayment of loans;~~

~~(iv) The office shall impose any other necessary loan terms;~~

~~(v) The maximum term of loans shall not exceed twenty (20) years;~~

~~(vi) The interest rate on all loans shall be two percent (2%).~~

~~(e) Interest payments received from loans under this section shall be deposited to the general fund, except that up to one-half (1/2) of all interest payments may be retained by the office of state lands and investments and are continuously appropriated for administration of the loan program. All principal payments shall be deposited to the legislative stabilization reserve account.~~

~~(f) The office of state lands and investments shall maintain any records and accounts of revenues and expenditures in relation to loans under this section as required by the director of the state department of audit. Not later than October 15 of each year in which the loan program is operational, the office shall report to the joint appropriations committee and the joint agriculture, state and public lands and water resources interim committee on the purposes and amount of loans approved under this section.~~

~~Section 5. 2022 Wyoming session laws, chapter 51, as amended by 2023 Wyoming session laws, chapter 94, and 2024 Wyoming session laws, chapter~~

~~**118, section 321(f) is amended to read:**~~

~~**[ENERGY MATCHING FUNDS]**~~

~~**Section 321.**~~

~~**(f) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207.;**~~

~~**(i) An amount such that the sum of the reverted funds under this subsection combined with any deappropriated funds under the repeal of 2024 Wyoming session laws, chapter 118, section 323, equals one hundred fifty-two million two hundred twenty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-four dollars ($152,229,564.00), or as much thereof as is available, shall revert to the budget reserve account on or before April 1, 2025; and**~~

~~**(ii) A**~~**ny unexpended, unobligated funds from the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section remaining after the reversion of funds in paragraph (i) of this subsection shall not revert until June 30, 2027.**~~]~~

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Section 6. There is appropriated two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($2,750,000.00) from the general fund to the office of state lands and investments and there is authorized one (1) full-time employee position and four (4) part-time employee positions for contract and direct fire response. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be doubled and included in the office of state lands and investments' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 7. There is appropriated forty-nine million four hundred seventy-nine thousand five hundred sixty-four dollars ($49,479,564.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account. These funds are continuously appropriated from the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account to the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account board to provide grants to Wyoming conservation districts, weed and pest districts and the game and fish commission for purposes of restoring grass, hay and other vegetation destroyed by wildfires on private and state lands, preventing the establishment of nonnative, invasive terrestrial vegetation on private and state lands affected by wildfires and replacing and restoring habitats on private and state lands destroyed by wildfires. This appropriation shall be expended only for the purposes specified in this footnote. This appropriation shall not be subject to the requirements of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Funding Act. It is the intent of the legislature that this

appropriation not be included in the standard budget of the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

[~~**Section 8.**~~

~~**(a) The appropriations in section 2(a) of this act shall be reduced in accordance with the following:**~~

~~**(i) The appropriation in section 2(a)(i) of this act shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 for the special contingency division of the office of the governor, unit 0601, for the purposes specified in section 2(a) of this act;**~~

~~**(ii) The appropriation in section 2(a)(ii) of this act shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 for the disaster contingency unit within the homeland security division of the office of the governor, unit 1106, for the purposes specified in section 2(a) of this act;**~~

~~**(iii) The appropriation in section 2(a)(iii) of this act shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 to the emergency fire suppression account within the office of state lands and investments for the purposes specified in section 2(a) of this act.**~~

~~**(b) The appropriation in section 2(b) of this act shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 to the legislative stabilization reserve account for the repayment of funds borrowed on or before June 30, 2025 from the account under 2024 Wyoming session laws, chapter 118, section 301(b).**~~

~~**(c) The borrowing authorization provided in section 3 of this act shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) of borrowing authorization provided in section 301(b) of 2025 Senate File 0001 or section 301(b) of 2025 House Bill 0001.**~~]

[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2025.]

Section 9.

[~~**(a)**~~] 2024 Wyoming session laws, chapter 118, section 301(b) is repealed. **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2025.]**

[~~**(b) 2024 Wyoming session laws, chapter 118, section 323 is repealed.**~~] **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2025.]**

Section 10.

[~~**(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section,**~~] this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2025.]**

[~~**(b) Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9(b) of this act shall not be effective if either 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 are enacted into law.**~~] **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2025.]**

Approved March 11, 2025.

Chapter 130

WYOMING WEDNESDAY

Original House Bill No. 246

AN ACT relating to legal time and holidays; designating Wyoming Wednesday as a state recognized commemorative day to be observed as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 8-4-118 is created to read:

8-4-118. Wyoming Wednesday.

(a) In celebration of the state of Wyoming and in an effort to bring unity to the state's communities, the second Wednesday of every month shall be known as "Wyoming Wednesday – Brown and Gold Day". Wyoming citizens may wear brown and gold in recognition of Wyoming Wednesday.

(b) The governor, not later than July 10, 2025, and not more than once each year thereafter in advance of a Wyoming Wednesday, shall issue a proclamation requesting proper observance of "Wyoming Wednesday – Brown and Gold Day" as outlined in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) This section shall not affect commercial paper, the making or execution of written agreements or judicial proceedings, or authorize public schools, businesses or state and local government offices to close.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 131

PETROGLYPH, PICTOGRAPH AND HISTORIC INSCRIPTION PROTECTION

Original Senate File No. 91

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses and state lands; creating a misdemeanor offense for injury to petroglyphs, pictographs and historic inscriptions; providing penalties; providing for the surveying of petroglyphs and pictographs on state lands; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 36-1-116(a) and by creating a new subsection (e) is amended to read:

36-1-116. Protection of prehistoric ruins; penalty.

(a) Except as provided by ~~subsection~~ subsections (d) and (e) of this section, any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00) or more than one hundred dollars ($100.00), or imprisoned in the county jail not more than six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment, and shall forfeit to the state all articles and materials discovered by or through his efforts.

(e) Any person who breaks, breaks off, cracks, carves upon, writes, or otherwise marks upon or in any manner destroys, mutilates, injures, defaces, removes, displaces, mars or harms petroglyphs, pictographs or historic inscriptions without consent of the state board of land commissioners is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

Section 2. The department of state parks and cultural resources may survey, document and create models, internally or through a consultant, of all known petroglyphs and pictographs on state, school and institutional land in Wyoming. No survey conducted pursuant to this section shall access private lands without first receiving permission from the landowner.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 132

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ROADS ON STATE LANDS-EASEMENTS GRANTED

Original House Bill No. 219

AN ACT relating to state lands; providing a perpetual easement over state and school lands for county and municipal roads; specifying requirements for easements; specifying duties for the board of land commissioners and the office of state lands and investments; making conforming amendments; providing legislative findings; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 36-9-121 is created to read:

36-9-121. County and municipal roads on state lands; easements granted; duties.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "County road" means a road that is established pursuant to W.S. 24-3-101 through 24-3-127, identified pursuant to W.S. 24-3-201 through 24-3-206 or a road for which the county is responsible for improvements and maintenance as designated by resolution of a board of county commissioners;

(ii) "Municipal road" means a road that is established by a city or town and for which the city or town is responsible for improvements and maintenance.

(b) Subject to subsection (h) of this section, a perpetual easement for a right-of-way over and across any state or school lands is hereby granted for county roads and municipal roads that go over and across any state or school lands and that were established before January 1, 2025.

(c) No fee, charge, assessment or other cost shall be imposed on any county, city or user of a municipal road or county road for the perpetual easement granted under subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Not later than August 1, 2025, the director shall provide to the board a listing of all county and municipal roads that go on or across state lands or school lands and all documents necessary for establishing or securing the easements granted in subsection (b) of this section. The director may request any documentation from counties, cities and towns as necessary to secure the easements, provided that the board shall be responsible for all costs associated with the documentation required under this subsection.

(e) Not later than October 31, 2025:

(i) The board shall promulgate or amend rules as necessary to provide for the easements granted in subsection (b) of this section;

(ii) The director, in consultation with the board, shall provide a list of all county roads and municipal roads for which the easements were granted under subsection (b) of this section to all counties, cities and towns.

(f) Not later than April 1, 2030, each county, city and town that has a county road or municipal road for which an easement has been granted under subsection (b) of this section shall provide complete and proper documentation to the director and the board as necessary to secure the easement for the county or municipal road.

(g) Not later than ninety (90) days after receiving all necessary documentation to effectuate an easement under subsection (f) of this section, the board shall provide proper evidence of the easement granted under this section. The board shall be responsible for recording or filing with the county clerk all documents necessary to demonstrate the granting of the easement under this section.

(h) All county roads and municipal roads constructed or established on and after January 1, 2025 shall secure easements or rights-of-way for roads going on and across state or school lands in accordance with law and rules of the board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to grant an automatic easement for county roads and municipal roads constructed or established on and after January 1, 2025.

Section 2. W.S. 36-1-101(a)(viii) is amended to read:

36-1-101. Definitions.

(a) Unless the context indicates otherwise, as used in this act:

(viii) "This act" means W.S. 36-1-101 through 36-3-111, 36-5-101 through 36-7-510 and 36-9-101 through ~~36-9-120~~ 36-9-121.

Section 3. The board of land commissioners shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 133

VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH INSURANCE-REVISIONS

Original House Bill No. 136

AN ACT relating to compensation and benefits; excluding the Affordable Care Act from government sponsored health care programs that would disqualify a volunteer first responder from participating in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan; authorizing first responder departments to contribute to first responder group insurance premiums; requiring voluntary first responders to provide proof of their volunteer status on an annual basis; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-3-220(a)(ii), (b) and (c) is amended to read:

9-3-220. Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons participation in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan; requirements.

(a) Volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons may elect to participate in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan as defined by W.S. 9-3-203(a)(v) and implemented under W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-219. These volunteers are eligible to enroll in the group insurance plan within the first thirty-one (31) days of the enactment of this section or after initially volunteering for ninety (90) days. After the ninety (90) day period is over, the volunteer shall have thirty-one (31) days to enroll in the group insurance plan. Eligible volunteers who elect not to become enrolled within the time prescribed in this subsection may be enrolled at a later date upon conditions the department may impose. Continued participation in the program is limited to a volunteer who:

(ii) Is not eligible for health insurance coverage under a government sponsored health care program excluding the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, marketplace exchange; and

(b) Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons participating in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan shall ~~pay their group insurance~~ be responsible for submitting their monthly premiums ~~in their entirety and shall not benefit from~~ to the department. An employer, ~~contributions to cover a portion of the cost of their premiums. Volunteers shall submit their monthly premiums to the~~ fire department, emergency medical service department or search and rescue department may elect to contribute a portion of the cost of a volunteer's premium. The procedure for submittal of premiums shall be established by the department.

(c) Volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical technicians and volunteer search and rescue persons participating in the state employees' and officials' group insurance plan shall submit ~~monthly~~ annual verification of their continued volunteer status to the department. The verification shall be reviewed and signed by their supervisor.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 134

TEMPORARY WATER USE AGREEMENTS AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 43

AN ACT relating to water; extending the number of years for which temporary water rights may be granted; providing exceptions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 41-3-110(a) is amended to read:

41-3-110. Right to acquire temporary water rights; application; restrictions; fee.

(a) Any person shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift or lease the right to the use of water which may be embraced in any adjudicated or valid unadjudicated water right, or any portion thereof, for a period of not to exceed ~~two (2)~~ five (5) years, for ~~highway construction or repair, railroad roadbed construction or repair, drilling and producing operations, or other temporary purposes, on its own behalf or on behalf of its agents, employees or contractors: provided, that if the proposed use is to be for public highway construction or repair under a contract with the state department of transportation, only the state transportation commission shall have the authority to acquire the water; and the state transportation commission shall have the sole and continuing responsibility for the acquisition, including the payment of all fees, royalties and other consideration for the use of and access to water and the right to acquire the rights to use shall not be delegated to a construction contractor or other third party; and further provided, that any temporary transfer shall be allowed only if no other appropriator is injured thereby~~ temporary beneficial purposes. The state engineer shall not approve a temporary transfer if it injuriously affects the water rights of other appropriators. Prior to the expiration of a temporary transfer, and upon the applicant's request, the state engineer may, in his discretion, renew temporary transfers for successive periods, with no successive period to exceed five (5) years. The total length of any temporary transfer including any extensions for the same purpose and place of use as a previous temporary transfer granted under this subsection shall not exceed ten (10) years. After the expiration of any temporary transfer of any irrigation water right, the water right shall be used for its adjudicated or permitted purpose for a period of time equal to not less than fifty percent (50%) of the period for which the temporary transfer, including any extension, was exercised before becoming eligible for any further temporary use transfers.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 135

WYOMING TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT REVISIONS

Original Senate File No. 51

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming telecommunications act; extending the sunset date of the act; amending definitions; specifying the application of the act; specifying requirements for providing price schedules to the public service commission; providing a limitation on local governments entering an exclusive agreement for provision of broadband internet access service; amending the price benchmark and credit requirements for the universal service fund; repealing conflicting provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 37-15-101(b), 37-15-103(a)(iv)(E), by creating a new subparagraph (F), (viii), (ix), (xiv) and by creating new paragraphs (xviii) and (xix), 37-15-104(a)(intro), by creating a new subsection (b) and by amending and renumbering (b) as (c), 37-15-105(c), 37-15-202(a)(intro), (d)(intro) and (i), 37-15-203(f)(iv), 37-15-204(a), 37-15-404(c), (e)(i), (v), (vi) and by creating a new paragraph (vii), 37-15-405, 37-15-406(b), 37-15-413(a)(intro), (i) through (iii), (b), (c)(intro), (d) and (e)(ii), 37-15-501(c), (d), (g) and (h) and 37-15-502(a)(intro), (i) and (iii) are amended to read:

37-15-101. Short title; sunset.

(b) This chapter is repealed effective ~~July 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2031.

37-15-103. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(iv) "Essential telecommunications service" means a customer's access to service that is necessary for the origination or termination, or both, of two-way, switched telecommunications for both residential and business service within a local exchange area. Essential telecommunications services are limited to:

(E) Switched access, which for the purposes of this chapter shall mean the switching and transport necessary to connect an interexchange telecommunications company with the local exchange central office for the purpose of originating or terminating, or both, the interexchange telecommunications company's switched telecommunications service~~;~~. and

(F) Local exchange service.

(viii) "Local exchange service" means ~~the provision of essential telecommunications~~ residential or business service within a local exchange area capable of providing:~~;~~

(A) Access to interexchange services provided by interexchange telecommunications companies;

(B) Single line flat-rate or single line measured residential or business voice service;

(C) Transmission service and facilities necessary for the connection between the end user's or customer's premises and local network switching facility including the necessary signaling service used by customers to access essential telecommunications services;

(D) Services necessary to connect 911 emergency services to the local network.

(ix) "Noncompetitive essential telecommunications services" means those essential telecommunications services at locations which have not been found by the legislature or the commission to be competitive in accordance with W.S. 37-15-202;

(xiv) "Universal service" means the general availability of ~~essential telecommunications~~ local exchange service at an affordable and reasonable price;

(xviii) "Broadband internet access service" means a mass-market retail service by wire or radio that provides the capability to transmit data to and receive data from all or substantially all internet endpoints, including any capabilities that are incidental to and enable the operation of the communications service. "Broadband internet access service" shall not include dial-up internet access service;

(xix) "Noncompetitive local exchange service" means local exchange service at locations which have not been found by the legislature or the commission to be competitive in accordance with W.S. 37-15-202.

37-15-104. Services regulated by this title.

(a) Except to the extent otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of this title shall only apply to noncompetitive essential telecommunications services. All telecommunications services shall be subject to contributions to the universal service fund required pursuant to W.S. 37-15-501, the requirements of W.S. 37-15-202(h), 37-15-401, 37-15-404, 37-15-412 and 37-15-413, the requirements of W.S. 37-15-105 for voice over internet protocol and IP enabled services and the assessment levied pursuant to W.S. 37-2-106 through 37-2-109.~~, telecommunications service does not include, and the provisions of this title do not apply to.~~

(b) The provisions of this title do not apply to telecommunications services using radio spectrum, cellular or other wireless technology except to the extent provided in paragraphs (i) through (iv) of this subsection:

(i) To the extent permitted in accordance with the requirements of federal law relating to the consideration and determination of an application for designation as a federal eligible telecommunications carrier;

(ii) Determinations of eligibility for and amounts of distribution of state universal service funds in accordance with W.S. 37-15-502;

(iii) Any required contributions to the universal service fund under W.S. 37-15-501;

(iv) Any required assessment levied under W.S. 37-2-106 through 37-2-109.

~~(b)~~(c) ~~In addition to subsection (a) of this section, telecommunications service does not include, and~~ The provisions of this title do not apply to:

(i) Telecommunications services provided by the department of enterprise technology to private health care providers under W.S. 9-2-2906(j);~~.~~ or

(ii) Private telecommunications networks. As used in this paragraph, "private telecommunications network" means a system for the provision of telecommunications service by a person for the sole and exclusive use of the person and not for resale either directly or indirectly.

37-15-105. VoIP and internet protocol enabled services.

(c) If a service provider voluntarily chooses to receive Wyoming universal service funds to support voice over internet protocol service that otherwise qualifies for support pursuant to W.S. 37-15-501 or 37-15-502, then that supported voice over internet protocol service shall be subject to all laws and rules governing the receipt of such funds, and the support provided to those services shall not exceed the support that would be provided to eligible noncompetitive ~~essential~~ local exchange services on a per-access-line basis.

37-15-202. Determination of competitive services.

(a) Upon petition by any telecommunications company or pursuant to the commission's own motion, the commission may, after notice and opportunity for hearing, find and conclude that a telecommunications service is subject to competition or that local exchange service is competitive in certain locations. Any service found to be effectively competitive pursuant to this section shall not be subject to regulation by the commission. Any location deemed to have effective competition for local exchange service shall be ineligible for universal service fund support except that a telecommunications carrier may continue to receive universal service support for noncompetitive locations pursuant to W.S. 37-15-501 and that support shall account for price and cost adjustments necessary because of the competitive classification of formerly supported locations. The commission shall consider only the following factors in determining whether a telecommunications service is subject to effective competition:

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section the commission shall, in an area defined by an applicant, find ~~retail telecommunications~~ local exchange services ~~other than switched access~~ are competitive provided:

(i) At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the class of customers in the area have access to at least one (1) landline carrier unaffiliated with the applicant providing local ~~voice~~ exchange service. The local ~~voice~~ exchange service may be

provided in combination with other services. If a company does not differentiate between residential and business classes of service in its application, the requirement shall be that at least sixty percent (60%), considering residential and business customers as one (1) class of customers, have access to at least one (1) landline carrier unaffiliated with the applicant;

37-15-203. Price regulation of noncompetitive essential services.

(f) A local exchange company may seek approval to increase the price of noncompetitive essential telecommunications services, including switched access charges, based on:

(iv) Increases in the cost of providing essential telecommunications services. The increases shall be judged on the overall federal gross domestic product price index published by the United States department of commerce, bureau of economic analysis unless the applicant demonstrates that specific cost increases are disproportionably affecting the cost of providing their noncompetitive essential telecommunications services.

37-15-204. Price schedules.

(a) A local exchange company shall post on its website and file ~~with the commission, in such form and detail as~~ in electronic format to the commission ~~may require,~~ price schedules showing all noncompetitive essential telecommunications services terms, conditions and prices currently in effect and charged to customers by the company in this state. All prices for new noncompetitive essential telecommunications services, and any increase in prices for noncompetitive essential telecommunications services as authorized by the commission pursuant to W.S. 37-15-203, shall be filed with the commission for approval thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date. The company shall also provide notice to each impacted customer electronically or in print using the same manner the customer receives bills from the company. No price increase for a noncompetitive essential telecommunications service shall be effective unless the customer has been given notice by the provider at least one (1) full billing cycle prior to the proposed increase and the increase has been approved by the commission as required by W.S. 37-15-203. No price or price change is effective until filed in accordance with this section. For purposes of this subsection, the rules, regulations, policies, practices and other requirements relating to services shall be posted on a local exchange company's website and filed with the commission in ~~such form and detail as~~ a simplified format which is not required to comply with the tariff formatting standards that were previously adopted by the commission. ~~may require~~ A local exchange company shall not be required to file or maintain paper copies of its price schedule with the commission. Rules, regulations, policies, practices and other requirements relating to noncompetitive essential telecommunications services shall be subject to the same requirements under this chapter as the prices of noncompetitive essential telecommunications services.

37-15-404. Protection of telecommunications consumers.

(c) A telecommunications company providing a noncompetitive essential telecommunications service shall not discontinue providing the service without the commission's approval.

(e) The commission may adopt rules and regulations to provide for:

(i) The interconnection of telecommunications companies' networks at nondiscriminatory and reasonable rates, terms and conditions, including interconnection under 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252;

(v) Telephone number portability to the full extent technically feasible; and

(vi) The resale and sharing of services and functions at reasonable and nondiscriminatory rates;. and

(vii) Rates, terms and conditions of wholesale service.

37-15-405. Complaint against prices.

Any person, and the commission on its own motion, may complain to the commission concerning the reasonableness of the price of any noncompetitive essential telecommunications service or any violation of W.S. 37-15-404. Any notice and hearing of any complaint shall be in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and this chapter. The commission shall only set aside any price it finds after notice and hearing to be unreasonable or unreasonably discriminatory. If the commission sets aside a price as unreasonable or unreasonably discriminatory, the telecommunications company shall have sixty (60) days to file a new price which is reasonable. The company shall refund any charges found to be unreasonable as ordered by the commission. Rates or prices for noncompetitive essential telecommunications services in effect as of July 1, 2006, are deemed to be fair and reasonable.

37-15-406. Quality of service.

(b) Any customer, and the commission on its own motion, may complain concerning the quality of service provided by a telecommunications company for noncompetitive essential telecommunications service. A complaint shall be noticed and heard as provided for in the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. The commission, after notice and hearing, may direct the telecommunications company to take whatever remedial action is technically feasible and economically reasonable to provide reasonably adequate service. The commission shall authorize a telecommunications provider to recover the cost of compliance as reasonably determined by any commission order under this section.

37-15-413. Limitation on authority of political subdivision to enter exclusive agreement for provision of telecommunications service or broadband internet access service.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) through (d) of this section, before the governing body of any city or town or other political subdivision of this state shall provide for the construction, maintenance or operation of any telecommunications service or broadband internet access service by entering into an exclusive franchise, partnership, joint venture, contract, resale agreement or any other exclusive agreement with any party regarding telecommunications service or broadband internet access service, the city, town or other political subdivision shall:

(i) Determine, after notice and opportunity for a public hearing, that no private provider of telecommunications services or broadband internet access services, as applicable, is currently providing substantially the same or similar service anywhere within the boundaries of the city, town or political subdivision;

(ii) Have submitted a written request to all private providers of telecommunications services or broadband internet access services within the boundaries of the city, town or political subdivision for provision of the same quality and grade of telecommunications service or broadband internet access service within the same time frame and at the same consumer prices proposed under the exclusive contract;

(iii) Determine, after notice and opportunity for a public hearing that the private telecommunications service or broadband internet access service providers have not agreed within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the request submitted pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection to provide the same quality and grade of service within the same time frame and at the same consumer prices as proposed under the exclusive contract, or if the provider has agreed, that the provider has not commenced providing or constructing facilities to provide the service in the manner agreed upon; and

(b) The governing body of a city or town or other political subdivision shall allow the nondiscriminatory, nonexclusive and competitively neutral use of its rights-of-way including its poles, conduits, ducts or similar support structures by any telecommunications company or broadband internet access company and nothing in this section shall be construed to the contrary.

(c) Nothing in this section shall restrict the governing body of a city or town, or other political subdivision, from providing a telecommunications service, a broadband internet access service or a related facility:

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the governing body of a city or town or other political subdivision, from providing a telecommunications service or broadband internet access service to a party within the geographic area in which the city, town or political subdivision operates as a telecommunications utility. Any city, town or political subdivision providing a telecommunications service under this subsection shall:

(i) Provide the telecommunications service or broadband internet access service on a nondiscriminatory, nonexclusive and competitively neutral basis; and

(ii) Provide the telecommunications service or broadband internet access service at a price which covers cost, including imputed costs that the city, town or political subdivision would incur if it were a for-profit telecommunications company.

(e) Any person may complain to the commission, and the commission may on its own motion initiate an investigation, concerning any alleged violation of this section by a city, town or political subdivision, subject to the following:

(ii) If the city, town or political subdivision does not cure the anticompetitive behavior within ninety (90) days, the commission shall commence a contested case hearing on the complaint, governed by the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 et seq. If, following the hearing, the commission finds that the city, town or political subdivision has violated this section, the commission shall prohibit the city, town or political subdivision from providing any telecommunications service or broadband internet access service until the violation of this section is remedied.

37-15-501. Universal service fund created; contributions; administration.

(c) The commission shall administer the monies in the universal service fund to assist only those customers of telecommunications companies located in areas of this state with relatively high rates for noncompetitive ~~essential~~ local exchange services. Services deemed competitive under W.S. 37-15-202(a), (c) or (d) shall not be eligible for universal service fund support under this article. The commission, after notice and opportunity for hearing, shall determine a reasonable amount and a fair method of distributing monies. The commission may authorize a credit to customer bills, in the amount specified by the commission, to reflect distributions received by the local exchange company from the universal service fund, provided that the credit is given only to one (1) line for each customer or household. The commission shall ensure that the method shall promote the emergence of competition in providing local exchange service.

(d) In accordance with the method of distribution determined by the commission, a telecommunications company shall, unless it elects to receive Wyoming universal service funds pursuant to the method set forth in subsection (g) of this section, receive funds under this section to the extent that its noncompetitive ~~essential~~ local exchange service prices, after consideration of any contributions from the federal universal service fund, exceed the price benchmark established in subsection (h) of this section.

(g) A telecommunications company that undertakes the requirements set forth in this subsection may make a one-time, irrevocable before July 1, 2023, election in writing to the commission to receive Wyoming universal service

funds pursuant to this subsection rather than pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. In order to receive funds pursuant to this subsection, the company shall provide ~~essential~~ noncompetitive local exchange service, or its functional equivalent, upon reasonable request throughout the local exchange area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined by the federal communications commission on January 1, 2015, at a price not exceeding the price benchmark established in subsection (h) of this section. A telecommunications company which elects to receive Wyoming universal service funds pursuant to this subsection shall receive funds to the extent that its loop costs, as reflected in the company's most recent annual filing of unseparated loop costs filed with the Universal Service Administration Company, exceed the company's most recent annual federal universal service funds receipts and annual local revenues. In calculating annual local revenues the commission shall utilize the imputed price benchmark established in subsection (h) of this section. If an otherwise qualified company elects to receive Wyoming universal service funds pursuant to this subsection, but does not file an annual unseparated loop cost report with the Universal Service Administration Company, it shall file the equivalent information with the commission.

(h) The price benchmark shall be ~~thirty dollars ($30.00)~~ thirty-five dollars ($35.00) unless otherwise adjusted by the commission pursuant to this subsection. The commission shall review the price benchmark one (1) time every four (4) years and, after review, shall adjust the benchmark as necessary to assure that it approximates one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the weighted statewide average ~~essential~~ local exchange service price. The commission may change the price benchmark at any time if, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, the commission determines that the price benchmark does not approximate one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the weighted statewide average ~~essential~~ local exchange service price and that the price benchmark should be adjusted by ten percent (10%) or more.

37-15-502. Universal service fund eligibility and distribution to carriers.

(a) Telecommunications companies which use cellular, radio spectrum or other wireless technology to provide ~~supported~~ essential services to customers who are otherwise eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to W.S. 37-15-501, may establish eligibility to receive universal service fund distributions in an amount to be determined by the commission, provided that:

(i) The telecommunications company will offer and advertise all services supported by the universal service fund ~~supported services~~ throughout the entire local exchange area;

(iii) The telecommunications company's bill to the customer reflects a credit for the amount of distribution the company receives from the state universal service fund for providing services supported by the universal service fund ~~supported services~~ to that customer; and

Section 2. W.S. 37-15-103(a)(iv)(A) through (D) and (xvi) and 37-15-104(a)(i) through (xiii) are repealed.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 136

RECREATION SAFETY-AGRITOURISM

Original Senate File No. 108

AN ACT relating to recreation safety; adding agritourism as a recreation activity for purposes of the Recreation Safety Act; providing and amending definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-1-122(a)(iii), by creating a new paragraph (vi) and by renumbering (vi) as (vii) is amended to read:

1-1-122. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(iii) "Sport or recreational opportunity" means commonly understood sporting activities including but not limited to baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball, swimming, hockey, wrestling, cheerleading, rodeo, dude ranching, nordic or alpine skiing and other alpine sports, snowboarding, mountain climbing, outdoor education programs, river floating, hunting, fishing, backcountry trips, horseback riding and any other equine activity, snowmobiling, agritourism and similar recreational opportunities and includes the use of private lands for vehicle parking and land access related to the sport or recreational opportunity. "Sport or recreational opportunity" does not include skiing in a ski area as defined by the Ski Safety Act;

(vi) "Agritourism" means activities on a farm, ranch or other agricultural enterprise that allow for the observation of, or participation in, the production, harvesting, husbandry or processing of agricultural products or livestock or of the natural, historical or cultural resources associated with agricultural enterprise for educational, recreational or entertainment purposes including, but not limited to, tours, hands-on experiences and hospitality services.

~~(vi)~~(vii) "This act" means W.S. 1-1-121 through 1-1-123.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 137

CARBON DIOXIDE-ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY STIMULUS

Original Senate File No. 17

AN ACT relating to the administration of the government; providing an enhanced oil recovery stimulus for the use of carbon dioxide in enhanced oil recovery; specifying conditions and requirements for the stimulus; providing for the administration of the stimulus; creating an account; requiring reports; requiring transfers of funds; authorizing rulemaking; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-25-101 through 9-25-104 are created to read:

CHAPTER 25
CARBON DIOXIDE AND ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY STIMULUS

9-25-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Authority" means the Wyoming energy authority;

(ii) "Carbon capture, utilization and storage technology" means technology that has the principal purpose of capturing, reusing, storing, sequestering or using carbon dioxide emissions to prevent carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere;

(iii) "Carbon dioxide provider" means a person that captures generated, emitted or produced carbon dioxide;

(iv) "Enhanced oil and gas recovery" means all existing and future technologies or methods to recover oil and gas beyond traditional primary and secondary methods, including technology to optimize development and recovery of oil and gas resources;

(v) "Stimulus" means the enhanced oil recovery stimulus created by this chapter.

9-25-102. Enhanced oil recovery stimulus; requirements; qualifications.

(a) Any carbon dioxide provider may apply for and receive an enhanced oil recovery stimulus in accordance with all of the following:

(i) The carbon dioxide provider seeking the stimulus shall complete an application for the stimulus on a form and in intervals prescribed by the authority. A carbon dioxide provider may request from the authority a preapplication determination of eligibility for the stimulus under this chapter;

(ii) To qualify for the stimulus:

(A) The carbon dioxide shall be captured by the carbon dioxide provider through the use of carbon capture, utilization and storage technology;

(B) The carbon dioxide provider shall sell, deliver or provide the

captured carbon dioxide for use in enhanced oil and gas recovery projects in Wyoming; and

(C) The crude oil or natural gas produced from enhanced oil and gas recovery shall be produced using carbon dioxide specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph.

(iii) The captured carbon dioxide provided by the carbon dioxide provider and used in the enhanced oil and gas recovery production of the crude oil or natural gas shall be from a carbon dioxide source originating within the state of Wyoming;

(iv) The carbon capture, utilization and storage technology and the captured carbon dioxide specified in paragraph (iii) of this subsection that is used in the enhanced oil and gas recovery production of the crude oil or natural gas shall qualify for the federal tax credit available for carbon oxide sequestration under 26 U.S.C. 45Q, as amended as of January 1, 2023 and subject to subsection (c) of this section;

(v) The carbon dioxide provider shall qualify for and receive the federal tax credit under 26 U.S.C. 45Q before receiving the stimulus authorized under this chapter;

(vi) To ensure that the enhanced oil and gas recovery production and the use of a carbon dioxide provider's captured carbon dioxide satisfies the conditions specified in this subsection, the authority may consult with any federal or state agency necessary before approving the stimulus authorized under this chapter.

(b) Subject to available funding, the stimulus that is available to a carbon dioxide provider shall, subject to subsection (d) of this section, be equal to ten dollars ($10.00) for every one (1) ton of carbon dioxide that:

(i) The carbon dioxide provider sells or delivers for use in enhanced oil and gas recovery; and

(ii) Is stored through the enhanced oil and gas recovery production that meets the requirements of this section.

(c) The stimulus shall be available to a carbon dioxide provider until the date that the carbon dioxide provider no longer qualifies for the federal tax credit under 26 U.S.C. 45Q. The authority shall adjust the amount of the stimulus in proportion to any change in the difference between the amount of the credit available under 26 U.S.C. 45Q for a qualified enhanced oil or natural gas recovery project and the amount of the credit available under 26 U.S.C. 45Q for secure geological storage that is not used for enhanced oil or natural gas recovery. The stimulus shall not be available during any time that the amount of the credit available under 26 U.S.C. 45Q for secure geological storage that is not used for enhanced oil or natural gas recovery exceeds the amount of the

credit available under 26 U.S.C. 45Q for a qualified enhanced oil or natural gas recovery project by not more than fifteen dollars ($15.00) or if the credit available under 26 U.S.C. 45Q for secure geological storage that is not used for enhanced oil or natural gas recovery is equal to or less than the amount of the credit available under 26 U.S.C. 45Q for a qualified enhanced oil or natural gas recovery project.

(d) The stimulus shall be paid from funds in the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account created in W.S. 9-25-104, subject to available funds within the account. The stimulus shall not be paid from any other source except upon express approval by legislative act. In the event of insufficient funds in the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account established in W.S. 9-25-104 for any one (1) fiscal year, stimulus payments shall be prorated.

9-25-103. Enhanced oil recovery stimulus; administration; reporting.

(a) The authority shall administer the stimulus and shall ensure that each carbon dioxide provider applying to receive a stimulus meets all qualifications under this chapter before receiving a stimulus. The authority shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the stimulus program.

(b) Upon determining each carbon dioxide provider's eligibility to receive a stimulus, the authority shall report the eligibility to the governor and the state auditor. Upon receiving a report from the authority, the state auditor shall disburse funds from the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account established in W.S. 9-25-104 to the carbon dioxide provider in an amount equal to the stimulus to which the provider is entitled under this chapter.

(c) Not later than November 1 of each year, the authority shall report to the joint revenue interim committee and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee on the amount of stimulus funds paid from the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account for the immediately preceding fiscal year and any associated revenue impacts from the stimulus payments.

9-25-104. Enhanced oil recovery stimulus account; administration; fund transfers; severance tax reporting.

(a) There is created the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account. Funds in the account shall be invested by the state treasurer in accordance with law. All earnings earned on funds within the account shall be deposited in the account. Subject to subsection (b) of this section, funds within the account are continuously appropriated to the governor to be expended only for providing stimulus payments to carbon dioxide providers in accordance with this chapter.

(b) If there is no expenditure of any funds from the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account before July 1, 2034, then all funds in the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account shall revert to the legislative stabilization reserve account on July 1, 2034.

(c) Not later than August 1, 2025 and each August 1 thereafter, the department of revenue shall report to the governor, the state auditor, the authority, the joint appropriations committee and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee on the amount of severance taxes remitted to the department under W.S. 39-14-204(a)(iv), plus one-half (1/2) of the amount of severance tax remitted under W.S. 39-14-204(a)(iii), as a result of crude oil and natural gas produced using enhanced oil and gas recovery techniques and using captured carbon dioxide for which a stimulus is provided under this chapter. The authority shall report the amount of the stimulus provided under this chapter, including any adjustments made to the amount of the stimulus under W.S. 9-25-102(c).

(d) Not later than September 1, 2025 and each September 1 thereafter, the state auditor shall transfer the amount of funds remitted to and reported by the department of revenue under subsection (c) of this section for the immediately preceding fiscal year from the general fund to the accounts specified in this subsection, in accordance with the following:

(i) The state auditor shall adjust the amount transferred under this subsection based on any adjustments made to the amount of the stimulus under W.S. 9-25-102(c);

(ii) Funds shall be first transferred to the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account, provided that any transfer under this paragraph shall not exceed the amount necessary to bring the balance of the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account to a balance of ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00) until all transfers required under paragraph (iii) of this subsection are completed;

(iii) After transfers are made under paragraph (ii) under this subsection, any remaining funds shall be transferred to the legislative stabilization reserve account. No transfers shall be made under this paragraph after a total of ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00) is transferred to the legislative stabilization reserve account under this paragraph.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the enhanced oil recovery stimulus account established by W.S. 9-25-104, as created by section 1 of this act, ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00). This appropriation shall be expended only for purposes of providing stimulus payments for the enhanced oil recovery stimulus established in W.S. 9-25-101 through 9-25-104, as created by section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, this appropriation shall not revert except as otherwise provided in W.S. 9-25-104(b), as created by section 1 of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 12, 2025.

Chapter 138

GROUND FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS-GUARDIANSHIP

Original Senate File No. 22

AN ACT relating to children; providing that a guardianship with a relative and a finding of unfitness may be a ground for the termination of parental rights as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 14-2-309(a) by creating a new paragraph (x) is amended to read:

14-2-309. Grounds for termination of parent-child relationship; clear and convincing evidence.

(a) The parent-child legal relationship may be terminated if any one (1) or more of the following facts is established by clear and convincing evidence:

(x) The child has been appointed a guardian who is a relative of the child, the child has been under the guardian's care for at least twenty-four (24) consecutive months and a showing that the parent is unfit to have custody and control of the child. As used in this paragraph, "relative" means as defined by W.S. 3-2-301(a)(iii).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 139

AGE VERIFICATION FOR WEBSITES WITH HARMFUL MATERIAL

Original House Bill No. 43

AN ACT relating to child protection; requiring age verification for visiting websites with material harmful to minors; specifying requirements and exceptions for age verification; specifying remedies, liability and damages; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 14-3-501 through 14-3-504 are created to read:

ARTICLE 5
AGE VERIFICATION FOR WEBSITES WITH OBSCENE MATERIAL

14-3-501. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Access software provider" means a provider of software, including client or server software, or enabling tools that do any one (1) or more of the

following:

(A) Filter, screen, allow or disallow content;

(B) Pick, choose, analyze or digest content;

(C) Transmit, receive, display, forward, cache, search, subset, organize, reorganize or translate content.

(ii) "Child pornography" means as defined by W.S. 6-4-303(a)(ii);

(iii) "Covered platform" means an entity that operates a website that, in the regular course of business, creates, hosts or makes available content that is material harmful to minors that is provided by the entity, a user or other information content provider for purposes of making a profit. "Covered platform" includes an entity described in this paragraph regardless of whether the entity:

(A) Earns a profit on the activities described in this paragraph; or

(B) Creates, hosts, or makes available content that is material harmful to minors as the sole source of income or principal business of the entity.

(iv) "Interactive computer service" means any information service, system or access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server, including specifically a service or system that provides access to the internet and systems operated or services offered by libraries or educational institutions;

(v) "Information content provider" means any person that is responsible, in whole or in part, for the creation or development of information provided through the internet or any other interactive computer service;

(vi) "Material harmful to minors" means any picture, image, graphic image file, film, videotape or other visual depiction that is obscene or is child pornography;

(vii) "Minor" means a person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years;

(viii) "Obscene" means as defined by W.S. 6-4-301(a)(iii);

(ix) "Reasonable age verification measures" include:

(A) A Wyoming driver's license as defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(xxv);

(B) A Wyoming identification card issued under W.S. 31-8-101;

(C) A valid United States passport;

(D) A United States military card;

(E) A tribal identification card;

(F) A driver's license or identification card issued by any state or outlying possession of the United States;

(G) A credit card, except for cards that do not require the person in ownership of the credit card account to be eighteen (18) years of age or older;

(H) A debit card, except for cards that do not require the person in ownership of the debit card account to be eighteen (18) years of age or older;

(J) Any other means or method that reliably and accurately can determine whether a user of a covered platform is a minor.

14-3-502. Covered platforms with material harmful to minors; age verification; exceptions.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in W.S. 14-3-504, any covered platform shall perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of all persons accessing or attempting to access the material and shall prevent access by minors to the material.

(b) Any covered platform or third party that performs the required age verification shall not retain any identifying information of the person after access has been granted to the material.

14-3-503. Covered platforms; age verification; liability; limitations.

(a) Any parent or guardian of a minor who is aggrieved by a violation of W.S. 14-3-502 shall have a cause of action on the minor's behalf against the covered platform that violated W.S. 14-3-502.

(b) Any person may bring a civil action against a covered platform for knowingly retaining identifying information of the person after access to the material harmful to minors has been granted to the person in violation of W.S. 14-3-502.

(c) Any covered platform that violates W.S. 14-3-502 shall be liable to a person for damages, including those defined in this section, court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

(d) A covered platform that is found to have knowingly retained identifying information of a person in violation of W.S. 14-3-502(b) after access to the covered platform has been granted to the person shall be liable to the person for damages for retaining the identifying information, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

(e) A plaintiff who brings a successful cause of action under subsection (a) of this section shall, in addition to the damages specified in subsection (c) of this section, receive damages in an amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) for each instance that the covered platform failed to perform reasonable age verification methods to restrict a minor's access to material harmful to minors. For purposes of this subsection, each failure to perform age verification shall constitute a separate violation.

(f) A person may bring an action under this section regardless of whether

another court has declared any provision of this article unconstitutional unless that court decision is binding on the court in which the action is brought.

(g) No covered platform or information content provider shall be entitled to assert that the outcome of any previous litigation involving other parties, wherever that litigation may have occurred, is a bar to any cause of action authorized by this section.

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(i) Violations of W.S. 14-3-502 shall be enforced exclusively through the civil actions provided in this section;

(ii) No direct or indirect enforcement of this article shall be taken or threatened by the state or any other political subdivision of the state against any person in any manner whatsoever except as provided in this section.

(j) Except as provided in subsection (k) of this section, any waiver, purported waiver or estoppel of a person's right to bring an action as provided under this section shall be void as unlawful and against public policy. No court or arbitrator shall enforce or give effect to a waiver or estoppel, notwithstanding any choice-of-law provision or other provision in any contract or other agreement.

(k) The prohibition in subsection (j) of this section shall not apply to contractual waivers to the extent that the application of the prohibition in subsection (j) of this section would impair a contract or contract obligation in violation of the constitutions of the United States or Wyoming.

14-3-504. Covered platforms; age verification; applicability and exceptions.

(a) This article shall apply only to minors who:

(i) Are permanent residents of Wyoming;

(ii) Have resided in Wyoming for more than one (1) year; or

(iii) Have been sojourning or present in Wyoming for not less than thirty-one (31) consecutive days.

(b) This article shall not:

(i) Apply to any internet service provider, any affiliate or subsidiary of an internet service provider, any general purpose search engine or cloud service provider;

(ii) Subject a covered platform to any cause of action or liability to the extent the covered platform is protected from liability or causes of action under federal law;

(iii) Excuse any person from any other legal duties arising from compliance with this article or relieve any person from any other available legal remedies;

(iv) Apply in cases to the extent the article would violate the commerce

clause of the United States Constitution.

(c) Any contract, agreement or other arrangement made or entered in violation of this article shall be contrary to law and public policy and shall be void and unenforceable.

Section 2. Nothing in this act shall be construed to impair or alter any contract, obligation or other agreement entered into before the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 140

SCHOOL FINANCE-MODEL RECALIBRATION-2

Original House Bill No. 316

AN ACT relating to school finance; creating the select committee on school finance recalibration; providing for a study to recalibrate the education resource block grant model; authorizing the use of consultants; providing funding for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model; providing funding for school district entitlement payments and special education payments; requiring a report; appropriating funds; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) There is created the select committee on school finance recalibration consisting of the following members:

(i) Six (6) members of the senate appointed by the president to include one (1) member from the senate minority political party;

(ii) Six (6) members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker to include one (1) member from the house minority political party.

(b) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each select one (1) co-chairman of the select committee. The legislative service office shall staff the select committee.

(c) The select committee shall undertake a study to recalibrate the education resource block grant model as required by W.S. 21-13-309(t) to determine if modifications are necessary to ensure the model remains cost-based in light of changing conditions, including modifications to law and potential responses to court directives. The select committee shall study virtual education funding models in other states and offer suggestions on a funding formula for Wyoming virtual schools that is both equitable and predictable. The select committee may work with professional consultant experts for model recalibration. The

legislative service office, subject to the approval of management council, may retain professional consulting experts for the purposes of this act.

(d) The select committee shall report its recommendations and any associated legislation to the legislature. The select committee may introduce legislation as provided in W.S. 28-8-104(e).

(e) Appointments to the select committee shall be made under this section not later than March 31, 2025. The select committee shall remain in existence until February 9, 2026. Any vacancy occurring on the select committee shall be filled without delay by the president of the senate or the speaker of the house, as appropriate.

(f) The department of education, other state agencies, school districts and the school data advisory committee established under W.S. 21-2-203(d) shall collect and provide information requested by the select committee or professional consultant experts working with the select committee.

Section 2. Nine hundred twenty thousand dollars ($920,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to fund the model recalibration study in accordance with section 1 of this act and for the purposes of providing salary, including salary for the chairmen under W.S. 28-5-101(e)(i), mileage and per diem to members of the select committee on school finance recalibration and for other expenses of the select committee authorized by law or policy of the legislature. Funds appropriated under this section expended to conduct the recalibration of the education resource block grant model shall be in accordance with a contractual agreement entered into between the management council and professional consultants. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

Section 3.

(a) There is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance fifty-two million three hundred thousand dollars ($52,300,000.00) for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model in accordance with this section. If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the appropriation in this subsection shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the department of education-school finance for an external cost adjustment to the education resource block grant model in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

(b) In accordance with W.S. 21-13-309(o), the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section provides funding for an external cost adjustment to the

education resource block grant model, effective beginning with school year 2025-2026, computed as follows:

(i) Eight and one-half percent (8.5%) for the "professional labor" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(vi)];

(ii) Eight and one-half percent (8.5%) for the "nonprofessional labor" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(v)];

(iii) One and sixty-seven thousandths percent (1.067%) for the "educational materials" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(iii)];

(iv) Negative six and two hundred eighty-five thousandths percent (-6.285%) for the "energy" category of model components inclusive of those components defined by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 99, Section 3 [Attachment "A"(a)(iv)].

(c) The appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. The appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section be doubled and be included in the department of education-school finance's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 4.

(a) There is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance sixty-nine million two hundred thousand dollars ($69,200,000.00) for Wyoming school district entitlement payments made in accordance with W.S. 21-13-313(c) and special education reimbursement payments made in accordance with W.S. 21-13-321(b). This appropriation shall be allocated by the department of education-school finance for school district entitlement payments, unit 4101, and special education payments, unit 4102, consistent with the requests from the state superintendent of public instruction made to the joint appropriations committee in letters dated December 6, 2024 and January 16, 2025.

(b) If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the department of education-school finance for district entitlement payments and special education payments in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

(c) The appropriation in this section shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriation in this section be doubled and included in the standard budget of the department of education-school finance for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 5.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, there is appropriated from the public school foundation program account to the department of education-school finance eighty-four million four hundred thousand dollars ($84,400,000.00) for Wyoming school district entitlement payments made in accordance with W.S. 21-13-313(c). This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

(b) This section shall only be effective if 2025 Senate File 0069, 2025 Senate File 0153 or 2025 House Bill 0169 is enacted into law.

Section 6. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 141

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Original House Bill No. 280

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; reclassifying specified criminal offenses to require more frequent sex offender registry verification and prevent petitions to be relieved from sex offender registration; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-19-302(h) and (j) is amended to read:

7-19-302. Registration of offenders; procedure; verification; fees.

(h) For an offender convicted of a violation of W.S. 6-2-304(a)(iii) if the victim was at least fourteen (14) years of age, ~~W.S. 6-2-314(a)(ii) and (iii), 6-2-315(a)(i) and (iii), W.S. 6-2-315(a)(iv) if the victim was thirteen (13) through fifteen (15) years of age,~~ W.S. 6-2-317(a)(i) and (ii) or 6-2-318, W.S.

6-2-706, W.S. 6-4-102 if the person solicited was a minor, W.S. 6-4-103 if the person enticed or compelled was a minor, W.S. 6-4-302(a)(i) if the offense involves the use of a minor in a sexual performance or W.S. 6-4-303(b)(i) through (iii), 18 U.S.C. § 2251, an offense in another jurisdiction containing the same or similar elements, or arising out of the same or similar facts or circumstances as a criminal offense specified in this subsection, an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses specified in this subsection, or any offense enumerated in subsection (g) of this section if the offender was previously convicted of any offense enumerated in subsection (g) of this section, the division shall verify the accuracy of the offender's registered address, and the offender shall report, in person, his current address to the sheriff in the county in which the offender resides, every six (6) months after the date of the initial release or commencement of parole. If the offender's appearance has changed substantially, and in any case at least annually, the sheriff shall photograph the offender. Confirmation of the in-person verification required by this subsection, and any new photographs of the offender, shall be transmitted by the sheriff to the division within three (3) working days. Any person under this subsection who has not established a residence or is transient, and who is reporting to the sheriff as required under subsection (e) of this section, shall be deemed in compliance with the address verification requirements of this section.

(j) For an offender convicted of a violation of W.S. 6-2-201 if the victim was a minor, W.S. 6-2-302 or 6-2-303, W.S. 6-2-304(a)(iii) if the victim was under fourteen (14) years of age, W.S. ~~6-2-314(a)(i), W.S. 6-2-314(a)(ii) and (iii) if the victim was less than thirteen (13) years of age~~ 6-2-314, W.S. ~~6-2-315(a)(ii), W.S. 6-2-315(a)(iii) and (iv) if the victim was less than thirteen (13) years of age~~ 6-2-315, W.S. 6-2-316(a)(ii) and (iii), 6-2-702 or 6-2-703, 6-4-402, 18 U.S.C. § 2245, or an offense in another jurisdiction containing the same or similar elements, or arising out of the same or similar facts or circumstances as a criminal offense specified in this subsection, an attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses specified in this subsection, any offense enumerated in subsection (h) of this section if the offender was previously convicted of any offense enumerated in subsection (g) of this section or any offense enumerated in subsection (g) or (h) of this section if the offender was previously convicted of any offense enumerated in subsection (h) of this section, the division shall verify the accuracy of the offender's registered address, and the offender shall report, in person, his current address to the sheriff in the county in which the offender resides every three (3) months after the date of the initial release or commencement of parole. If the offender's appearance has changed substantially, and in any case at least annually, the sheriff shall photograph the offender. Confirmation of the in-person verification required by this subsection, and any new photographs of the offender, shall be transmitted by the sheriff to the division within three (3)

working days. Any person under this subsection who has not established a residence or is transient, and who is reporting to the sheriff as required under subsection (e) of this section, shall be deemed in compliance with the address verification requirements of this section.

Section 2. This act shall only apply to offenders who are convicted on and after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 142

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR MINORS-PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION

Original Senate File No. 10

AN ACT relating to children; authorizing parents and guardians to enter into binding settlements on behalf of their minor children as specified; specifying limits on parental or guardian settlement authority; amending the value of property that may be delivered on a child's behalf; authorizing the entry of binding settlements on a minor child's behalf as specified; making conforming amendments; providing a cause of action; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 3-3-108(a)(intro) and (b) and 14-2-202 are amended to read:

3-3-108. Payment or delivery of property in lieu of conservatorship.

(a) Any person under a duty to pay or deliver money or personal property to a minor for whom no conservator has been appointed may pay not more than ~~five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) per annum or may deliver property of a value not more than ~~five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) to:

(b) The payment or the delivery provided in ~~W.S. 3-3-108~~ this section shall not be made if the person has actual knowledge that a conservator has been appointed or proceedings for appointment of a conservator of the estate of the minor are pending.

14-2-202. Payment or delivery to parent of minor's estate not exceeding $25,000; duty of parent; settlement agreements on behalf of minors.

(a) Money or other property not exceeding ~~three thousand dollars ($3,000.00)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) in value belonging to a minor having no guardian of his estate may be paid or delivered to a parent entitled to the custody of the minor to hold for the minor, upon written assurance verified by the oath of the parent that the total estate of the minor does not exceed ~~three thousand dollars ($3,000.00)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00)

in value. The written receipt of the parent shall be an acquittance of the person making the payment or delivery of money or other property.

(b) It is the duty of the parent to apply the funds received under subsection (a) of this section to the use and benefit of the minor.

(c) A parent, guardian or conservator of a minor may enter into a settlement or compromise on behalf of the minor with a person against whom the minor has a claim without first seeking court approval and without first establishing a guardianship or conservatorship for the minor if:

(i) A guardian or conservator has not been previously appointed for the minor to represent the minor;

(ii) The minor is not emancipated under W.S. 14-1-201 through 14-1-206;

(iii) The total amount of the settlement or compromise to be paid to the minor is not greater than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00);

(iv) The moneys paid under the settlement agreement or compromise are paid:

(A) To the parent, guardian or conservator of the minor; or

(B) Into a trust or other account held for the benefit of the minor.

(v) The parent, guardian or conservator of the minor attests in an affidavit that the person has made a reasonable inquiry into the minor's claim and that:

(A) The total amount of the minor's claim is not greater than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00), excluding fees, costs and all other expenses incident to the claim; and

(B) To the best of the parent's, guardian's or conservator's knowledge:

(I) The minor will be fully compensated by the settlement or compromise; or

(II) It is unlikely that the minor will be able to obtain additional amounts from the party entering into the settlement agreement or compromise with the minor.

(vi) The parent, guardian or conservator of the minor will apply the funds received to the use and benefit of the minor.

(d) A settlement or compromise entered into in compliance with subsection (c) of this section shall, upon signature of the parent, guardian or conservator entering into the agreement on the minor's behalf, be binding on the minor without the need for further court approval or review and shall have the same force and effect as if the minor were a competent adult entering into the settlement or compromise.

(e) A minor shall have a cause of action against a parent, guardian or conservator who fails to manage or apply all funds received for the sole benefit

of the minor, who fails to make a reasonable inquiry into the minor's claim, who falsely states that the minor's claim is not greater than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) to settle the claim under this section or who otherwise fails to comply with the requirements of this section in settling a claim on behalf of the minor.

Section 2. This act shall only apply to settlements or compromises entered into for minors on and after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 143

ALTERNATIVE TEACHING CERTIFICATE

Original Senate File No. 86

AN ACT relating to the certification of teachers; modifying the duties of the professional teaching standards board; creating an alternative teacher certificate for K-12 teachers; establishing requirements for alternative certification; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-2-802(a)(ii) by creating a new subparagraph (D) is amended to read:

21-2-802. Powers and duties; teacher certification; suspension and revocation; certification fees; disposition of collected fees; required data submissions to department of education.

(a) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations:

(ii) In addition to paragraph (a)(i) of this section, the board shall by rule and regulation provide for:

(D) Alternative certification of teachers that requires a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and successful completion of an accredited or non-accredited alternative certification program or pathway approved by the board that at a minimum requires passage of a subject area examination, pedagogy examination, United States Constitution examination and Wyoming Constitution examination. Issuance of this alternative certification shall be limited to the subject areas and grade levels successfully completed by the applicant. If the applicant is enrolled in or has completed an alternative certification program or pathway the applicant may apply for employment with a school district.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 144

FAIRNESS IN SPORTS-INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Original Senate File No. 44

AN ACT relating to education; requiring students at the University of Wyoming and Wyoming community colleges to compete in intercollegiate athletic competitions based on their biological sex; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-25-301 is created to read:

ARTICLE 3
PARTICIPATION IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

21-25-301. Intercollegiate athletic competitions based on biological sex.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Athletic competition" means any intercollegiate athletic display between teams or persons, including a contest, exhibition, performance or sport;

(ii) "Educational institution" means the University of Wyoming and each Wyoming community college;

(iii) "Female" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes eggs for fertilization;

(iv) "Individual sport" means an athletic activity where participants compete as individuals for a time, score or result, regardless of whether their individual time, score or result contributes to an overall team score;

(v) "Male" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes sperm for fertilization.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no educational institution shall allow:

(i) A student to compete in an athletic competition sponsored or

authorized by the educational institution that is designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex;

(ii) A male student to compete in an athletic competition that is mixed-sex in a position that is designated by rule or procedure for female students;

(iii) Participation in any athletic competition designated for students of the female sex with or against a team that the educational institution knows has on the team a student of the male sex;

(iv) Except as provided by subsection (c) of this section, in the case of an individual sport, students of the female sex to directly compete against a student that the educational institution knows is a student of the male sex if the educational institution determines that the competition would be unsafe or unfair to the students of the female sex.

(c) An educational institution may allow a female student to compete in an athletic competition that is designated for male students if a corresponding athletic competition designated for female students is not offered or available.

(d) For purposes of this section, a statement of a student's sex on the student's official birth certificate is considered to have correctly stated the student's sex only if the statement was entered at or near the time of the student's birth or modified to correct a clerical error in the student's sex.

(e) No educational institution shall retaliate against a person for reporting a violation of this section. An educational institution may discipline a student or employee of the institution for making a false report of a violation of this section.

(f) A person shall have a private civil cause of action against an educational institution for any violation of this section. An action filed pursuant to this section shall be subject to W.S. 1-39-113 and 1-39-114. The liability of an educational institution for any violation of this section shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars ($50,000.00).

(g) A person may seek declaratory and injunctive relief against an educational institution for any violation of this section. The court may order injunctive or other equitable relief. The court may award the prevailing party reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

(h) The University of Wyoming and the Wyoming community college commission shall promulgate rules to implement this section. Rules adopted under this subsection shall ensure compliance with state and federal law regarding the confidentiality of student medical information.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 145

K-12 SCHOOL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS

Original Senate File No. 34

AN ACT relating to K-12 public school finance; increasing the allowable square footage utilized to calculate routine and major maintenance for school districts; increasing the percentage utilized to calculate major maintenance payments to school districts; providing appropriations; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 21-13-309(m)(v)(G)(II) and 21-15-109(c)(iii)(C), (vi) and (vii)(intro) are amended to read:

21-13-309. Determination of amount to be included in foundation program for each district.

(m) In determining the amount to be included in the foundation program for each district, the state superintendent shall:

(v) Based upon ADM computations and identified school configurations within each district pursuant to paragraph (iv) of this subsection, compute the foundation program amount for each district as prescribed by the education resource block grant model adopted by the Wyoming legislature as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xiv), as contained within the spreadsheets and accompanying reports referenced under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(xvii). The following criteria shall be used by the state superintendent in the administration of the education resource block grant model:

(G) Amounts within the block grant model for maintenance and operations shall be based upon actual gross square footage of school buildings and facilities subject to the following:

(II) Actual gross square footage of education space shall be the gross square footage prescribed by statewide building adequacy standards promulgated pursuant to W.S. 21-15-115. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, education space capacity in excess of one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the standard space level shall not be included in actual gross square footage computations under this subdivision. For school year 2025-2026, education space capacity in excess of one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the standard space level shall not be included in actual gross square footage computations under this subdivision;

21-15-109. Major building and facility repair and replacement payments; computation; square footage allowance; use of payment funds; accounting and reporting requirements.

(c) To compute the major building and facility repair and replacement payment for each district, the department shall:

(iii) Except as otherwise provided by this paragraph, adjust the total

amount of gross square footage determined for educational buildings under subparagraph (c)(ii)(C) of this section by excluding from computations under this section the square footage for those educational buildings closed and not operational as provided for under paragraph (c)(iv) of this section and any amount including the gross square footage of portable buildings, which exceeds capacity levels specified by this paragraph which are above the statewide minimum gross square footage criteria as prescribed by the statewide building and facility adequacy standards promulgated under W.S. 21-15-115(a). For the purpose of adjusting the gross square footage of educational buildings under this paragraph, the gross square footage of buildings used for the provision of certified child care, developmental preschool and cooperative education programs pursuant to subparagraph (c)(i)(A) of this section shall not be excluded. For purposes of this section, per student gross square footage criteria prescribed by the statewide building adequacy standards shall be based upon an average daily membership (ADM) computed as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(i) for the prior school year. For purposes of computations under this section, the allowable capacity in educational building gross square footage for each district including portable buildings but excluding buildings used for the provision of certified child care, developmental preschool and cooperative education programs pursuant to subparagraph (c)(i)(A) of this section, shall be as follows:

(C) ~~For school year 2009-2010 and each school year thereafter~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph, for each school year, up to one hundred fifteen percent (115%) of the prescribed per student gross square footage criteria. For school year 2025-2026, up to one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the prescribed per student gross square footage criteria.

(vi) Multiply the amount computed under paragraph (c)(v) of this section for the adjusted square footage of the district's educational buildings times two and one-half percent (2.5%) for school year ~~2001-2002, three percent (3%) for school year 2002-2003, and by two percent (2%) for school year 2003-2004~~ 2025-2026 and each school year thereafter;

(vii) Multiply the sum of the amounts obtained under paragraph (c)(v) of this section for the building categories identified under subparagraphs (c)(ii)(A) and (D) of this section times two and one-half percent (2.5%) for school year ~~2001-2002, three percent (3%) for school year 2002-2003, and by two percent (2%) for school year 2003-2004~~ 2025-2026 and each school year thereafter, adjusted as follows:

Section 2. There is appropriated thirty-eight million one hundred thousand dollars ($38,100,000.00) from the public school foundation program account to the state construction department for major maintenance payments to school districts made necessary by the amendments enacted in section 1 of this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending

June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

Section 3.

(a) There is appropriated from the public school foundation program account twenty million dollars ($20,000,000.00) to the school facilities commission for demolition, site preparation and construction necessary for the completion of a high school building and facility project in Campbell county school district #1. Any disposition or demolition of buildings or facilities shall be subject to commission approval and be included in the district's facility plan to ensure the disposition or demolition is in the financial interest of the state and is in the public interest as required under W.S. 21-15-123(f)(vi). The amounts appropriated under this subsection shall remain in effect from the effective date of this act until the high school building and facility project in Campbell county school district #1 is complete. Upon completion of the high school building and facility project in Campbell county school district #1, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from the appropriation for the project shall revert to the public school foundation program account.

(b) If 2025 House Bill 0259 is enacted into law, the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the school facilities commission for the project specified in subsection (a) of this section in 2025 House Bill 0259.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 13, 2025.

Chapter 146

WHAT IS A WOMAN ACT

Original House Bill No. 32

AN ACT relating to common law, statutes and rules of construction; specifying definitions and standards for the application of a person's biological sex in law, rules or regulations; providing for the law to distinguish between accommodations for males and females; requiring the collection of vital statistics and other data to identify persons as male or female at birth; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 8-1-110 is created to read:

8-1-110. References to males and females; separate accommodations for males and females; data reporting requirements.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to the application of a person's biological sex under any law or rule and regulation in this state, the following definitions and standards shall apply:

(i) A person's "sex" means the person's biological sex, either male or female, at birth;

(ii) "Female" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes eggs for fertilization;

(iii) "Male" means a person who has, had, will have or would have had, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports and utilizes sperm for fertilization;

(iv) The terms "woman" and "girl" refer to human females, and the terms "man" and "boy" refer to human males;

(v) "Mother" means a parent of the female sex;

(vi) "Father" means a parent of the male sex;

(vii) With respect to biological sex, the term "equal" does not mean "same" or "identical";

(viii) With respect to biological sex, separate accommodations are not inherently unequal; and

(ix) A person born with a medically recognized condition of a disorder or difference in sex development shall not be denied legal protections and accommodations afforded under applicable law.

(b) The legislature finds that laws, rules and regulations that distinguish between the sexes are subject to intermediate constitutional scrutiny. Intermediate constitutional scrutiny forbids unfair discrimination against similarly situated male and female persons but allows the law to distinguish between the sexes where such distinctions are substantially related to important governmental objectives.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, laws, rules and regulations that recognize or enforce distinctions between the sexes with respect to athletics, prisons or other detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, locker rooms, restrooms and other areas where safety or privacy are implicated and that result in separate accommodations between the sexes are substantially related to the important governmental objectives of protecting the health, safety and privacy of persons in such circumstances.

(d) Any school district, or public school thereof, and any state agency, department, office or other political subdivision that collects vital statistics for the purpose of complying with anti-discrimination laws or for the purpose of gathering accurate public health, crime, economic or other data shall, when identification by sex is used, identify each person who is part of the collected data set as either male or female consistent with the person's sex at birth.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Became law without signature March 14, 2025.

Chapter 147

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-ORDER OF APPLICATION

Original House Bill No. 279

AN ACT relating to property taxation; specifying that if multiple property tax exemptions apply to the same property the exemptions shall be applied in the manner determined by the department of revenue; specifying requirements for the order of application of exemptions; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-11-105 by creating a new subsection (c) is amended to read:

39-11-105. Exemptions.

(c) For any property where more than one (1) exemption applies under subsection (a) of this section, the exemptions shall be applied in a manner determined by the department of revenue in accordance with the following:

(i) If the exemption is to a portion of the assessed value of the property, the exemptions shall be applied in sequence so that subsequent exemptions are applied to the assessed value as it is modified by the application of the preceding exemption;

(ii) Exemptions based on a percentage of property value shall be applied in the order of the smallest percentage to the largest percentage;

(iii) Exemptions not based on a percentage of property value shall be applied after any exemptions that are based on a percentage of property value.

Section 2.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, there is appropriated ten million five hundred thousand dollars ($10,500,000.00) from the general fund to the department of revenue for purposes of the property tax refund program under

W.S. 39-13-109(c)(v). This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2026.

(b) If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) appropriated to the department of revenue for the property tax refund program under W.S. 39-13-109(c)(v) in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 17, 2025.

Chapter 148

PERFORMANCE COMPENSATION-INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE AMENDMENT

Original Senate File No. 38

AN ACT relating to the administration of the government; amending the calculation of investment performance for purposes of performance compensation for investment staff; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-1-409(e)(vi)(C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D) and 9-3-406(a)(vi)(C) and by creating a new subparagraph (D) are amended to read:

9-1-409. State treasurer; duties generally; demand accounts; state revenues paid to treasurer.

(e) The state treasurer may implement and administer a performance compensation plan in accordance with this subsection. The plan shall:

(vi) Provide that payments for investment performance for any one (1) investment period shall be as follows:

(C) For payments earned in fiscal year 2022 ~~and each~~ through fiscal year ~~thereafter~~ 2025 - the arithmetic average of the annual investment performance beginning that fiscal year and the two (2) immediately preceding fiscal years;~~.~~

(D) For payments earned in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter – the geometric average of the annual investment performance beginning that

fiscal year and the two (2) immediately preceding fiscal years.

9-3-406. Retirement board; employment and compensation of director, consulting actuary and assistants; director designated secretary; compensation of members; quorum; seal.

(a) The board shall employ a director and a consulting actuary and other professional and clerical assistants necessary for the administration of the retirement system and the Wyoming deferred compensation program established under W.S. 9-3-501 through 9-3-508. The compensation of employees shall be fixed by the board, subject to confirmation and approval by the human resources division and together with all other necessary expenses of the board shall be paid by vouchers drawn on the state treasurer of Wyoming. The director shall also serve, without additional compensation, as secretary of the board. The board shall have the authority to obtain the financial and criminal background history of an employee or employment applicant of the Wyoming retirement system in accordance with W.S. 7-19-106 and 7-19-201. In fixing compensation of employees the board may implement and administer a performance compensation plan in accordance with this subsection. The plan shall:

(vi) Provide that payments for investment performance for any one (1) investment period shall be as follows:

(C) For payments earned in fiscal year 2022 ~~and each~~ through fiscal year ~~thereafter~~ 2025 - the arithmetic average of the annual investment performance beginning that fiscal year and the two (2) immediately preceding fiscal years;~~.~~

(D) For payments earned in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter – the geometric average of the annual investment performance beginning that fiscal year and the two (2) immediately preceding fiscal years.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 17, 2025.

Chapter 149

INVESTMENT MODERNIZATION-STATE NONPERMANENT FUNDS

Original Senate File No. 70

AN ACT relating to public funds; amending specified statutory funds to remove their inviolate status in order to enhance their investment potential; establishing spending policies for specified statutory funds; providing for the investment of specified statutory funds; redirecting the deposit of investment earnings into the corpuses of specified statutory funds; removing specified statutory funds from the pool A investment account; making conforming amendments; repealing inconsistent and obsolete statutory provisions; providing for the treatment of prior deposits; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-2302(b), 9-2-2303(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv), 9-2-2304, 9-2-2306(a)(v), 9-2-2307(a), (b)(intro) and by creating a new subsection (c), 9-15-103(a), (b) and (d), 9-15-104(e) and 9-15-105(a) are amended to read:

9-2-2302. Legislative declaration.

(b) It is the purpose of this article to promote, preserve and enhance Wyoming's unique cultural heritage by creating a Wyoming cultural trust fund administered by a trust fund board to coordinate public and private donations and manage the distribution of ~~the investment earnings~~ monies from the Wyoming cultural trust fund.

9-2-2303. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(iv) "Income account" means the Wyoming cultural trust fund income account created by W.S. 9-2-2304(a).

9-2-2304. Wyoming cultural trust fund established; income account established; investment by state treasurer.

(a) The Wyoming cultural trust fund is created. The Wyoming cultural trust fund shall consist of those funds designated to the fund by law and all monies collected from federal grants and other contributions, grants, gifts, bequests and donations to the cultural trust fund. The Wyoming cultural trust fund income account is also hereby created. The income account shall consist of those funds credited to the income account pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2307(c) and all other monies collected from federal grants and other contributions, grants, gifts, bequests and donations specifically designated to the income account.

(b) The monies deposited into the Wyoming cultural ~~resources~~ trust fund and income account established pursuant to this section ~~are inviolate and constitute a permanent or perpetual trust fund. The monies~~ shall be transmitted to the state treasurer for credit to the trust fund ~~and shall be invested by the state treasurer as authorized by law and in a manner to obtain the highest net return possible consistent with the preservation of the corpus~~ or income account as required by this article. Any earnings from investment ~~of the corpus~~ of the trust fund and income account shall be credited by the state treasurer ~~into a separate account~~ to the trust fund and distributed in accordance with ~~W.S. 9-2-2307~~ this article. The state treasurer, or his designee, who shall be registered under the Investment Advisor's Act of 1940, as amended, if required to be registered by the terms of that act, as amended, may invest the unobligated, unencumbered balance of the trust fund in equities, including stocks of corporations. Investments under this subsection shall be in accordance with W.S. 9-4-715(a) and (c) through (e) and 9-4-716. In adopting investment policy statements for the Wyoming cultural trust fund, the state loan and investment board, in consultation with the investment funds committee, shall seek to preserve

the balance of the trust fund in a manner that strives for the highest possible risk-adjusted total net return consistent with an appropriate level of safety and liquidity.

9-2-2306. Wyoming cultural trust fund board; duties and responsibilities.

(a) The board shall:

(v) Review and monitor the expenditure of monies from the ~~trust fund~~ income account to grantees; and

9-2-2307. Disbursement of grants.

(a) Subject to approval of applications from nonprofit and governmental cultural, historical and arts organizations, the board may award grants from the income account to promote, preserve and enhance the unique cultural heritage of Wyoming and its people.

(b) The board shall have the discretion in determining the amount of money under each grant, except that ~~no grant shall be~~ the total amount of grants awarded ~~until.~~ in any one (1) fiscal year shall not exceed the spending policy amount specified in subsection (c) of this section plus additional sums as allowed under paragraph (c)(ii) of this section.

(c) The amount of monies available for making grants under this article in any one (1) fiscal year shall be an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the five (5) year average market value of the Wyoming cultural trust fund, calculated from the first day of the fiscal year. This amount shall constitute the spending policy for the trust fund and shall, subject to legislative appropriation, be annually credited from the trust fund to the income account for expenditure on grants. This subsection shall be subject to the following:

(i) For purposes of calculating the spending policy under this subsection, the five (5) year average market value of the trust fund shall be calculated as follows:

(A) For fiscal year 2026, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the market value of the trust fund, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(B) For fiscal year 2027, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous two (2) year average market value of the trust fund, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(C) For fiscal year 2028, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous three (3) year average market value of the trust fund, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(D) For fiscal year 2029, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous four (4) year average market value of the trust fund, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(E) For fiscal year 2030 and each fiscal year thereafter, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous five (5) year average market value of the trust fund, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year.

(ii) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the expenditure of the following monies in the income account, which expenditures shall not be counted within the spending policy:

(A) Special appropriations, grants, transfers, bequests or donations to the income account unless the appropriation, grant, gift, transfer, bequest or donation provides otherwise;

(B) Unobligated and unencumbered monies in the income account that were credited to the income account in a prior fiscal year as part of that year's authorized spending policy;

(C) Previously obligated or encumbered monies in the income account.

9-15-103. Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account created; income account created; expenditures; purposes.

(a) A trust account is created to be known as the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account. The trust account shall consist of those funds designated to the account by law and all monies received from federal grants and other contributions, grants, gifts, transfers, bequests and donations to the trust account. The trust account is specifically empowered to accept grants, gifts, transfers, bequests and donations including those which are limited in their purposes by the grantor. Title to any interest in any real property conveyed to the trust account shall be held in the name of the state of Wyoming and shall be administered by the board of land commissioners. ~~Funds deposited within the trust account are intended to be inviolate and constitute a perpetual trust account which shall be invested by~~ The state treasurer, ~~as authorized by law and in a manner to obtain the highest net return possible consistent with preservation of the account corpus~~ or his designee, who shall be registered under the Investment Advisor's Act of 1940, as amended, if required to be registered by the terms of that act, as amended, may invest the unobligated, unencumbered balance of the trust account in equities, including stocks of corporations. Investments under this subsection shall be in accordance with W.S. 9-4-715(a) and (c) through (e) and 9-4-716. In adopting investment policy statements for the trust account, the state loan and investment board, in consultation with the investment funds committee, shall seek to preserve the balance of the account in a manner that strives for the highest possible risk-adjusted total net return consistent with an appropriate level of safety and liquidity. Earnings from the investment of the trust account shall be credited to the trust account.

(b) ~~The state treasurer shall credit to a~~ There is created the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account, ~~the earnings from investment of the trust account corpus.~~ The income account shall consist of funds in the

account on June 30, 2025, funds credited to the account pursuant to paragraph (d)(ii) of this section and all monies received from federal grants and other contributions, grants, gifts, transfers, bequests and donations designated to the income account, which the account is hereby specifically empowered to accept and which may be limited in their purposes by the grantor. The legislature may, from time to time, appropriate funds directly to the income account for distribution in accordance with the terms of this act. ~~Such specially appropriated funds~~ or as otherwise directed in the appropriation. Earnings from the investment of the income account shall be credited ~~directly by the state treasurer~~ to the trust account created by subsection (a) of this section. Funds in the income account ~~and~~ are available to the board for the award of grants: ~~as otherwise~~

(i) As permitted by this act;

(ii) As directed in a legislative appropriation; or

(iii) As directed by the grantor of the funds.

(d) The ~~board may expend funds from the~~ income account ~~for staffing and other administrative expenses authorized under this act. Additional~~ shall be subject to the following:

(i) Disbursements from the income account shall be for the following purposes:

~~(i)~~(A) Improvement and maintenance of existing terrestrial habitat necessary to maintain optimum wildlife populations;

~~(ii)~~(B) Preservation of open spaces by purchase or acquisition of development rights;

~~(iii)~~(C) Improvement and maintenance of existing aquatic habitat necessary to maintain optimum fish populations;

~~(iv)~~(D) Acquisition of terrestrial or aquatic habitat when existing habitat is determined critical, or is present in minimal amounts, and acquisition presents the necessary factor in attaining or preserving desired wildlife or fish population levels;

~~(v)~~(E) Conservation, maintenance, protection and development of wildlife resources, the environment and Wyoming's natural resource heritage;

~~(vi)~~(F) Participation in water enhancement projects to benefit aquatic habitat for fish populations and allow for other watershed enhancements that benefit wildlife;

~~(vii)~~(G) To address and mitigate impacts detrimental to wildlife habitat, the environment and the multiple use of renewable natural resources attributable to residential, mineral and industrial development;

~~(viii)~~(H) To mitigate conflicts and reduce potential for disease transmission between wildlife and domestic livestock.

(ii) The amount of monies available for expenditure from the income account in any one (1) fiscal year shall be an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the five (5) year average market value of the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account, calculated from the first day of the fiscal year. This amount shall constitute the spending policy for the trust account and, subject to legislative appropriation, shall be annually credited from the trust account to the income account for expenditure on grants. This paragraph shall be subject to the following:

(A) For purposes of calculating the spending policy under this paragraph, the five (5) year average market value of the trust account shall be calculated as follows:

(I) For fiscal year 2026, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the market value of the trust account, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(II) For fiscal year 2027, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous two (2) year average market value of the trust account, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(III) For fiscal year 2028, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous three (3) year average market value of the trust account, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(IV) For fiscal year 2029, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous four (4) year average market value of the trust account, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year;

(V) For fiscal year 2030 and each fiscal year thereafter, the five (5) year average market value shall be equal to the previous five (5) year average market value of the trust account, as calculated on the first day of the fiscal year.

(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to limit the board from expending the following monies, which expenditures shall not be counted within the spending policy:

(I) Funds that are specially appropriated or credited to the income account or trust account under subsection (a) or (b) of this section when the appropriation, contribution, grant, gift, transfer, bequest or donation so provides;

(II) Funds as necessary for the payment of staffing and other administrative expenses if authorized by law;

(III) Unobligated and unencumbered funds in the income account that were credited to the income account in a prior fiscal year as part of that year's authorized spending policy;

(IV) Previously obligated or encumbered monies in the income account.

(C) Any amounts that are subject to expenditure under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not be included in the calculation required to determine the spending policy amount under this paragraph.

9-15-104. Wildlife and natural resource trust account board established; terms; meetings; duties.

(e) The board shall receive and evaluate applications for grants from the income account; and shall forward applications for large projects to the select committee for review and recommendation. The board may approve grants for any small project. Subject to the spending policy established in W.S. 9-15-103(d)(ii), funds in the income account are continuously appropriated for small project grants approved by the board and for approved large projects as specified by subsection (k) of this section.

9-15-105. Grant applications; eligible entities.

(a) The board may only grant funds to nonprofit and governmental organizations. The board shall award grants to promote, preserve and enhance the wildlife, multiple use, natural resource and environmental heritage of Wyoming and its people. Subject to the spending policy limitations established in W.S. 9-15-103(d)(ii), the board shall have the discretion to determine the amount of each grant and any conditions attached to the grant. For the purposes of this act, a grant shall not be used for the acquisition of a fee title interest in real property or any interest in water rights to be held by the state of Wyoming. Grant funds may be used for acquisition of personal property related to the project receiving the grant.

Section 2. W.S. 9-2-2307(b)(i) and (ii), 9-4-715(p)(ii) and (iii) and 9-15-103(c) are repealed.

Section 3. The annual spending limits imposed on the Wyoming cultural trust fund income account and the Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account by the spending policies adopted in this act shall not apply to the expenditure of any monies deposited in either income account before July 1, 2025. All monies in either income account deposited before July 1, 2025 shall, after July 1, 2025, be subject to the same obligations that were applicable before July 1, 2025.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 17, 2025.

Chapter 150

SPECIAL PURPOSE DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 95

AN ACT relating to banks, banking and finance; providing for the conversion of special purpose depository institutions into public trust companies; amending capital startup requirements for special purpose depository institutions; amending deposit requirements; repealing requirements limiting depositors of special purpose depository institutions to legal entities and requirements of legal entities as specified; repealing a supervision fee for banks providing digital asset custodial services; providing for unexpended fees; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 13-5-523 is created to read:

13-5-523. Conversion from special purpose depository institutions.

(a) The commissioner, with approval of the board, may convert the charter of a special purpose depository institution chartered under W.S. 13-12-115 to a public trust company chartered under this article. A conversion shall occur as follows:

(i) A special purpose depository institution seeking to convert its charter to a public trust company shall file an application to convert that contains a comprehensive plan for conversion as required by this section and rules promulgated by the commissioner. The application shall include a certificate signed by the institution's president and a majority of the board of directors setting forth the action taken to support the proposed conversion in compliance with this section. The plan of conversion and a proposed organizational instrument that includes the information required by W.S. 13-5-501 shall be approved by the shareholders of the special purpose depository institution prior to submitting an application for conversion;

(ii) The application to convert shall include a comprehensive plan for conversion setting forth any necessary disposition of assets and liabilities in reasonable detail to effect the conversion, and any other plans required by the commissioner. The application shall be accompanied by a fee established by rule and regulation of the commissioner. The plan of conversion shall provide for the discharge or assumption of all known and unknown claims and liabilities of the special purpose depository institution. Additionally, the application for conversion shall include other evidence, certifications, affidavits, documents or information as the commissioner may require, including demonstration of how assets and liabilities will be disposed, the timetable for effecting disposition or transfer of the assets and liabilities and a proposal for addressing any claims that are asserted after conversion has been completed;

(iii) The commissioner shall examine the application for compliance with this section, W.S. 13-5-510 through 13-5-520 and applicable rules. The commissioner may conduct a special examination of the special purpose

depository institution, consistent with W.S. 13-12-119(c), for purposes of evaluating the application.

(b) Upon receipt of a complete application, the commissioner shall notify the board. The board, in its discretion, may allow the commissioner to proceed with approval of an application on an expedited basis without further oversight or approval by the board or, if deemed necessary by the board, the board may require a process consistent with W.S. 13-5-502 and 13-5-507. Where an expedited review is allowed by the board, the commissioner shall approve or deny a conversion application under this section within ninety (90) days of receipt of a complete application.

(c) The application shall not be approved under this section until the board or commissioner, as applicable, has ascertained to the board's or commissioner's satisfaction that the proposed public trust company satisfies all criteria under W.S. 13-5-507(a)(i) through (v), meets all applicable requirements of W.S. 13-5-510 through 13-5-520 and meets any applicable rules to operate in all respects as a public trust company.

(d) A public trust company that results from a conversion under this section shall be deemed to have been in existence for the same period of time as the special purpose depository institution from which it converted and shall surrender its certificate of authority under W.S. 13-12-116. Upon completion of the conversion the company shall not use the term "special purpose depository institution" or "bank" in its business name or in connection with its ongoing business.

(e) The commissioner shall adopt all rules necessary to implement this section.

Section 2. W.S. 13-12-102(b)(xiv), 13-12-104(a)(iii) and 13-12-110(b) are amended to read:

13-12-102. Applicability of other provisions.

(b) The following provisions of this title shall not apply to this chapter:

(xiv) W.S. 13-5-101 through 13-8-302, except as otherwise provided in W.S. 13-5-523.

13-12-104. Requirements relating to depositors; nature of business.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (d) of this section, no depositor shall maintain an account with a special purpose depository institution or otherwise receive any services from the institution unless the depositor meets the criteria of this subsection. A depositor shall:

(iii) Maintain deposits with the institution totaling not less than ~~five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)~~ one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). A depositor shall not be deemed in violation of this paragraph unless the total deposit amount is less than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) for five (5) or more

consecutive business days;

13-12-110. Required initial capital and surplus; additional capital.

(b) No special purpose depository institution shall commence business until the full amount of its authorized capital is subscribed and all capital stock is fully paid in. No special purpose depository institution may be chartered without a paid up surplus fund of not less than twenty percent (20%) of its legally authorized capital stock and undivided profits in an amount not less than three (3) years of estimated operating expenses in the amount disclosed pursuant to W.S. 13-12-111(b) or in another amount required by the commissioner.

Section 3. W.S. 13-12-104(a)(i), (ii), (iv), (c) and (d) and 34-29-104(n) are repealed.

Section 4. Fees collected pursuant to W.S. 34-29-104(n) prior to July 1, 2025 remaining in the financial institutions administration account on and after July 1, 2025 may be expended for any purpose authorized for that account and shall be reported as required by W.S. 13-1-603(e).

Section 5. The banking commissioner shall adopt all rules necessary to implement this act on or before July 1, 2025.

Section 6.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 5 and 6 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 17, 2025.

Chapter 151

STATE FUNDS-PROXY VOTING AND PECUNIARY INVESTMENTS

Original Senate File No. 191

AN ACT relating to state funds; requiring the state treasurer and the Wyoming retirement board to provide for proxy voting associated with the investment of state funds; specifying investment criteria to ensure investments are made only on pecuniary factors; providing definitions; authorizing contracts and the use of investment earnings; making conforming amendments; specifying applicability; authorizing full-time positions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-4-722 is created to read:

9-4-722. Investment of state funds; proxy voting requirements.

(a) As used in this section, "investment entity" means the state treasurer and

the Wyoming retirement board.

(b) The following shall apply to the investment of funds made by each investment entity:

(i) All investments shall be made through the exercise of judgment and care of a prudent investor in accordance with W.S. 9-3-408(b) and 9-4-715(d)(i);

(ii) Each investment entity shall solely act in the financial interest of beneficiaries when evaluating managers, vendors, asset allocations and investment potential in order to obtain the highest total return on a risk-adjusted basis while adhering to all applicable laws;

(iii) Fiduciary decisions made by each investment entity shall be based only on pecuniary factors. For purposes of this paragraph, "pecuniary factors":

(A) Are factors that have been prudently determined and are expected to have a positive effect on the risk-adjusted return of investments, based on appropriate investment horizons consistent with the objectives of the applicable funds and investment policies while adhering to compliance, statutory and regulatory guidance;

(B) Do not include the furtherance of environmental, social, governance, political or ideological interests.

(iv) Nonpecuniary factors are those that do not provide confidence in increased returns or lower risk and shall be deemed causes for concern by each investment entity. No investment entity shall act based on nonpecuniary factors, as doing so may result in lower returns, increased risk or less funding being available to the state of Wyoming;

(v) All vendors of each investment entity shall adhere to the laws of Wyoming and the United States. Each contract that an investment entity enters into with a vendor shall require the vendor to acknowledge the requirements of this paragraph;

(vi) Each investment entity shall respond in writing after final determination to an investment partner, manager or vendor that acts based on nonpecuniary factors because that may result in a potential detrimental outcome to the highest total return on a risk-adjusted basis or a loss to the state's revenue;

(vii) In addition to providing a response under paragraph (vi) of this subsection, each investment entity may take any of the following actions necessary to ensure that all fiduciary decisions are based on pecuniary factors:

(A) Requesting that the investment partner, manager or vendor change policies to ensure that investments are made based only on pecuniary factors;

(B) Voting of proxies to force change;

(C) Divesting or replacing investments, investment partners, managers or vendors with competitive alternatives.

(viii) Each investment partner, vendor and manager selected and utilized by each investment entity shall adhere to the standard of care of being a fiduciary, including the same obligations as investment entities under paragraph (ii) of this subsection, and comply with all requirements of the investment policy statements adopted by the board under W.S. 9-4-716.

(c) Each investment entity shall provide management oversight for the voting of proxies for all investments made by the investment entity. Proxy votes shall be made in a way that is consistent with the investment policy statements adopted by the board under W.S. 9-4-716 and in accordance with the pecuniary interests of Wyoming's investments and the state's financial interests.

(d) Each investment entity may hire a proxy manager to implement this section. The investment entity shall oversee the proxy manager selected under this subsection. Each proxy manager shall report to the investment entity not less than semiannually on the proxy manager's activities.

(e) Each external investment manager selected by an investment entity shall attest in writing not less than one (1) time each year that the manager has adhered to the requirements of this section.

(f) Each investment entity may use not more than one (1) basis point of assets under management from annual investment returns, with each invested fund's share calculated in proportion to the magnitude of each fund invested, for purposes of implementing the requirements of this section. Funds authorized under this subsection are continuously appropriated to the investment entity for use as authorized by this subsection.

(g) Subject to state and federal law, the state treasurer shall make available for public inspection and download from the state treasurer's official website information on all proxy votes regarding investments cast on behalf of the state. The information shall include, at minimum, the date of each vote, a description of the matter being voted on and an explanation of the vote taken. Information published on the official website under this subsection shall be maintained on the state treasurer's website for not less than five (5) years.

Section 2. W.S. 9-3-405(a)(v), 9-3-408(b), 9-3-436(a), 9-3-440(a)(intro) and (b), 9-4-714(a)(viii), 9-4-715(a)(intro) and (b) and 9-4-716(a) by creating new paragraphs (iii) and (iv) are amended to read:

9-3-405. Retirement board duties and powers.

(a) In addition to any other duties prescribed by law, the board shall:

(v) Serve as investment trustee of the funds of the system. In serving as investment trustee under this paragraph, the board shall comply with the requirements of W.S. 9-4-722;

9-3-408. Designated custodian of retirement account; disbursements; investment of account monies.

(b) The board, or its designee, which shall be registered under the Investment Advisor's Act of 1940 as amended, or any bank as defined in that act, upon written authority, shall invest monies in the retirement account, which investments shall not be considered disbursements for the purposes of W.S. 9-4-214 and subsection (a) of this section. In investing and managing monies in the retirement account and subject to the requirements of W.S. 9-4-722, the board, or its designee, shall exercise the judgment and care that a prudent investor would, in light of the purposes, terms, distribution requirements and all other circumstances surrounding the monies in the retirement account, including risk and return objectives established by the board which are reasonably suitable to the purpose of the Wyoming retirement system.

9-3-436. Establishment of trust.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, all assets of a retirement system are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of the members, retirees and beneficiaries of the system, including reasonable administrative expenses. The trustee has the exclusive authority, subject to this act, to invest and manage those assets, subject to the requirements of W.S. 9-4-722.

9-3-440. Duties of trustee in investing and managing assets of retirement system.

(a) In investing and managing assets of a retirement system pursuant to W.S. 9-3-439 and subject to W.S. 9-4-722, a trustee with authority to invest and manage assets:

(b) A trustee with authority to invest and manage assets of a retirement system shall adopt a statement of investment objectives and policies for each retirement program or appropriate grouping of programs, subject to the requirements of W.S. 9-4-722. The statement shall include the desired rate of return on assets overall, the desired rates of return and acceptable levels of risk for each asset class, asset-allocation goals, guidelines for the delegation of authority and information on the types of reports to be used to evaluate investment performance. At least annually, the trustee shall review the statement and change or reaffirm it.

9-4-714. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(viii) "This act" means W.S. 9-4-714 through ~~9-4-721~~ 9-4-722.

9-4-715. Permissible investments.

(a) The state treasurer, in consultation with the investment funds committee, shall employ a designated chief investment officer who shall have minimum qualifications including at least ten (10) years of experience managing

institutional investment portfolios of in excess of five hundred million dollars ($500,000,000.00), experience with hiring and managing internal and external investment managers and extensive experience in any two (2) or more of the following areas: domestic equity, fixed income securities, international equity or alternative investments. The designated chief investment officer shall provide the state treasurer with information and recommendations regarding the investment of state funds and additional information as requested by the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall vote the shares of investments of state funds or use proxy voting in accordance with W.S. 9-4-722. The state treasurer shall compile an annual report which shall include investment, income, individual and aggregate gains and losses by fund and the extent to which the state investment policy is being implemented. Subject to requirements of subsection (c) of this section, state funds may be invested in any investment:

(b) The state treasurer, or his designee, which shall be registered under the Investment ~~Advisor's~~ Advisers Act of 1940 as amended if required to be registered by the terms of that act as amended, may invest the permanent funds in equities, including stocks of corporations in accordance with subsections (a) through (e) of this section, ~~and~~ W.S. 9-4-716 and 9-4-722. The state treasurer shall report at least annually to the select committee on capital financing and investments, the joint appropriations committee and the investment funds committee on the analysis conducted pursuant to paragraph (d)(ii) of this section and W.S. 9-4-716(b)(ix) and (e).

9-4-716. State investment policy; investment consultant.

(a) The board, in consultation with the investment funds committee, shall adopt investment policy statements for state funds and shall review those policy statements at least annually. These policy statements shall be subject to the following:

(iii) The state treasurer shall vote the shares of investments of state funds or use proxy voting in accordance with W.S. 9-4-722;

(iv) Investment policy statements shall include the requirements for investments to be made based on only pecuniary factors in accordance with W.S. 9-4-722.

Section 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter, amend or impair any contract entered into before the effective date of this act.

Section 4.

(a) The state treasurer is authorized two (2) full-time positions within the investments division for purposes of this act and investing state funds.

(b) From special revenue authorized for expenditure under W.S. 9-4-722(f), as created by this act, up to six hundred fifty-two thousand nine hundred forty dollars ($652,940.00) is for the purposes of funding the positions created by

subsection (a) of this section for the period beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the legislature that the positions authorized in subsection (a) of this section be included in the standard budget for the state treasurer for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(c) If 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001 is enacted into law, the special revenue authorized for expenditure in subsection (b) of this section shall be reduced by one dollar ($1.00) for every one dollar ($1.00) in special revenue appropriated and one (1) full-time position for every one (1) full-time employee position authorized in the investment division of the state treasurer's office in 2025 Senate File 0001 or 2025 House Bill 0001, as enacted into law.

Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 17, 2025.

Chapter 152

MAINTENANCE OF VOTER LISTS

Original House Bill No. 318

AN ACT relating to elections; clarifying the duties of the secretary of state related to verification of voter registration data; specifying when notice of intent to cancel a registration may be provided; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-3-102(e)(i), by creating a new paragraph (vi) and by creating a new subsection (f) and 22-3-116 are amended to read:

22-3-102. Qualifications; temporary registration.

(e) The secretary of state is authorized to provide for the verification of certain voter registration data in accordance with the following:

(i) The secretary of state and the director of the department of transportation shall enter into an agreement to match voter registration data with information maintained by the department regarding driver's licenses, in order to verify the information provided on applications for voter registration, determine if any alien identification number or other evidence of non-United States citizenship is kept within corresponding driver's license records, determine if any voters listed in the Wyoming voter registration system have subsequently received a driver's license from another state as indicated by information received from other states, including but not limited to information received from the state-to-state verification service operated by the American association of motor vehicle administrators or verify any other information indicating a voter should be ineligible to vote at the request of the secretary of state;

(vi) The secretary of state may utilize the systematic alien verification for entitlements (SAVE) program operated by the United States citizenship and immigration services for purposes of verifying that voters listed in the Wyoming voter registration system are United States citizens.

(f) The department of transportation shall furnish monthly to the secretary of state a complete list of all persons who have indicated a noncitizen status in obtaining any document, or renewal thereof, issued pursuant to W.S. 31-7-115 and 31-8-102. The secretary of state may transmit the information from the list to appropriate county clerks. Information in these lists shall be kept confidential and available only for official use.

22-3-116. Notice of intent to cancel registration.

When the county clerk has information that a registration should be cancelled, he shall mail a notice of intent to cancel to the elector at his address on the registry list stating the reason for cancellation. When the secretary of state or county clerk receives information indicating that there is evidence that an elector may have moved to another state, the secretary of state and the county clerk may use any lawful means to investigate whether the registration should be cancelled, and based on this investigation, the county clerk may mail a notice of intent to cancel to the elector in accordance with this section. The notice shall state that cancellation shall occur within twenty (20) days unless the elector asks that his name remain on the registry list. A copy of the notice of cancellation shall be retained by the county clerk for three (3) years. A notice is not required if the clerk has received a receipt of notification that the elector has registered to vote in another jurisdiction or if the elector requested cancellation in writing.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 153

PROHIBITION ON PRIVATE FUNDS FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS

Original House Bill No. 228

AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting government officials and election officials from accepting private funds to conduct elections as specified; prohibiting any person from providing or offering private funds for purposes of conducting an election; providing exceptions; creating new misdemeanor offenses; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-2-123 is created to read:

22-2-123. Private funds in elections prohibited.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no agency or any state or county official responsible for conducting elections, including, but not limited to, a county clerk, shall solicit, accept, use or dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property or personal services from an individual or nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding any type of expenses related to election administration, including, but not limited to, voter education, voter outreach or voter registration programs. All costs and expenses relating to elections shall be paid with public funds. This subsection shall not apply to meals or food provided or donated in support of election training or education, or to meals or food provided on election day to poll workers and other election staff. This section shall not apply to elections that are conducted by a special district in accordance with W.S. 22-29-113.

(b) No individual or nongovernmental entity shall provide or offer to provide any donation in the form of money, grants, property or personal services in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:

(i) The acceptance and expenditure of federal funds for purposes of conducting elections as provided by law;

(ii) The use of private real property for purposes of use as a polling place as provided by this Election Code.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 154

RANKED CHOICE VOTING-PROHIBITION

Original House Bill No. 165

AN ACT relating to elections; clarifying that elections shall not be conducted by ranked choice voting; clarifying that ballots are required to specify only one (1) vote per office to be filled; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-2-117(a) and 22-6-120(a)(xii) are amended to read:

22-2-117. Vote required for election; ratification.

(a) Partisan and nonpartisan candidates who receive the largest number of votes for each office to be filled at the general election are elected. Nothing in this election code shall be deemed to authorize any election in Wyoming to be conducted through ranked choice voting. Any existing or future ordinance

enacted or adopted by a county, municipality or any other governmental entity that purports to authorize ranked choice voting in violation of this subsection is void. As used in this subsection, "ranked choice voting" means a voting method that allows voters to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and has ballots cast to be tabulated in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until the candidate or candidates with the most votes are declared winners, or any other system that allows a voter to vote for more than the number of candidates permitted to fill a particular office.

22-6-120. Format of general election ballot.

(a) The general election ballot shall be printed in substantial compliance with this format:

(xii) Adjacent to the description of any office shall be printed "Vote for one" or if the office is to be filled by more than one (1) candidate shall be printed "Vote For Not More Than", then the appropriate words and figures designating the proper number to be elected;

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 155

SANCTUARY CITIES, COUNTIES AND STATE-PROHIBITION

Original House Bill No. 133

AN ACT relating to administration of the government; prohibiting the implementation of immigration sanctuary policies by cities, towns, counties and the state; prohibiting the designation of sanctuary cities, towns, counties and the state; creating a new felony offense; providing penalties; providing definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-25-101 and 9-25-102 are created to read:

CHAPTER 25
PROHIBITION ON IMMIGRATION SANCTUARIES

9-25-101. Definitions.

(a) As used in this chapter:

(i) "Executive order" means a directive, order, policy or proclamation that manages the operation of the state government issued by the governor;

(ii) "Federal officials" or "federal law enforcement officers" means any person employed by the United States government or any agency or department thereof for the primary purpose of enforcing or regulating federal immigration laws and any peace officer as defined in W.S. 7-2-101(a)(iv) when the person

or peace officer is acting within the scope of employment to enforce federal immigration laws;

(iii) "Immigration status" means the legality or illegality of a person's presence in the United States as determined by federal law;

(iv) "Immigration status information" means any information that is not confidential or privileged by law including any statement, document, computer generated data, recording or photograph that is relevant to immigration status or the identity or location of a person who is reasonably believed to be illegally residing within the United States or involved in international terrorism or domestic terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331;

(v) "State or Local official or employee" means any elected or appointed official, supervisor or managerial employee or peace officer, contractor or agent acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the state or a city, town or county;

(vi) "Policy" means any regulation, rule, ordinance, policy or practice adopted by the governing body of a state agency or a city, town or county;

(vii) "Sanctuary city, town or county" or "sanctuary state" means a jurisdiction that limits or refuses to communicate or cooperate with federal officials or law enforcement officers regarding the reporting of immigration status information.

9-25-102. Prohibition on immigration sanctuary policies and designations.

(a) No governing body of a state agency or a city, town or county, whether acting through its governing body or by an initiative, referendum or other process, shall:

(i) Enact, adopt, implement or enforce any policy that prohibits or restricts state or local officials or employees from communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting immigration status information while the state or local official or employee is acting within the scope of the official's or employee's official duties;

(ii) Declare or designate the state or city, town or county as a sanctuary state or sanctuary city, town or county.

(b) No state or local official or employee shall be prohibited or restricted from communicating or cooperating with federal officials or law enforcement officers with regard to reporting immigration status information while the official or state employee is acting within the scope of the official's or employee's official duties.

(c) No executive order shall declare or designate the state of Wyoming as a sanctuary state.

(d) Any person lawfully residing and domiciled in this state shall have a private right of action to file for a writ of mandamus to compel any noncooperating state or local official or employee to comply with this chapter.

Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 156

CONSTITUTIONAL APPORTIONMENT OF LEGISLATORS

Original Senate File No. 174

AN ACT relating to state legislative districts; providing legislative findings; requiring management council to assign legislative apportionment to a committee of the legislature for study during the 2025 legislative interim as provided by this act; providing that legislation to apportion the legislature based on the requirements of this act may be introduced during the 2026 legislative budget session; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) The Legislature finds that:

(i) The people of Wyoming did "ordain and establish" the Wyoming Constitution (Wyoming Constitution, Preamble);

(ii) The Wyoming Legislature derives its powers from the Wyoming Constitution and its acts must be conformable to it:

> Legislatures…[are] Creatures of the Constitution; they owe their existence to the Constitution: they derive their powers from the Constitution: it is their commission; and, therefore, all their acts must be conformable to it, or else they will be void. Moore v. Harper, 600 U.S. 1 (2023) (internal citations omitted);

(iii) Article 20, Section 1 of the Wyoming Constitution provides that the Wyoming Constitution may be amended, and specifies in what manner;

(iv) The apportionment provisions of the Wyoming Constitution "are quite clear, explicit and mandatory…[and] leave no room for confusion or doubt as to what the legislature is to do about reapportionment and when it is to do it." (State ex rel. Whitehead v. Gage, 377 P.2d 299, 301 (Wyo. 1963));

(v) Article 3, Section 3 of the Wyoming Constitution provides in relevant part:

> Each county shall constitute a senatorial and representative district; the senate and house of representatives shall be composed of members elected by the legal voters of the

> counties respectively, every two (2) years. They shall be apportioned among the said counties as nearly as may be according to the number of their inhabitants. Each county shall have at least one senator and one representative; but at no time shall the number of members of the house of representatives be less than twice nor greater than three times the number of members of the senate…. (Wyo. Const. Art. 3 sec. 3)

(vi) Article 3, Section 48 of the Wyoming Constitution provides:

> At the first budget session of the legislature following the federal census, the legislature shall reapportion its membership based upon that census. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, any bill to apportion the legislature may be introduced in a budget session in the same manner as in a general session. (Wyo. Const. Art. 3 sec. 48)

(vii) Since 1992 the Wyoming Legislature, contrary to Wyoming's constitutional apportionment provisions, has allowed for the creation of legislative districts that do not follow county lines and legislative districts that do not have at least one (1) representative and one (1) senator per county;

(viii) Apportionment for the Wyoming Legislature must also conform with the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment under which the overriding objective is "that the vote of any citizen is approximately equal in weight to that of any other citizen in the State." (Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533, 579 (1964));

(ix) Conformance to both the federal and state constitutions may be best achieved with a legislature of manageable size;

(x) No inconsistency exists between the requirements of Wyoming Constitution Article 3, Sections 3 and 48 and those of the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the United States constitution and the Wyoming Legislature must fully comply with both constitutions in apportioning for legislative elections.

Section 2.

(a) The Legislature further finds that:

(i) The Legislature shall make a good faith effort to apportion itself as required by the 14th Amendment in conformance with the principle that the vote of any citizen is approximately equal in weight to that of any other citizen in the State; and

(ii) The Legislature shall make a good faith effort to apportion itself as required by Article 3, Section 3 and 48 of the Wyoming Constitution by providing for legislative districts that follow county lines and legislative districts that have at least one (1) representative and one (1) senator per county.

Section 3. The Management Council of the Wyoming Legislature shall assign a committee of the Legislature to study apportionment of the Legislature as provided by this act during the 2025 interim. The assigned committee shall conduct meetings in communities around Wyoming to take input on apportionment options from members of the public and other interested stakeholders. The committee shall report its findings to the Legislature not later than December 1, 2025. The committee or Management Council may introduce legislation to constitutionally apportion the Legislature for introduction in the 2026 budget session of the Wyoming Legislature.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 157

POLITICAL PARTY FORMATION-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 166

AN ACT relating to elections; amending the time for circulating and filing a petition to form a new political party; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-4-402(a) and (e) is amended to read:

22-4-402. Petition; form; validity.

(a) Any group of persons desiring to form a new political party within this state shall file a petition with the secretary of state not later than ~~June 1~~ May 1 in any general election year in which the party seeks to qualify for the general election ballot.

(e) The petition shall be circulated no earlier than ~~April 1~~ March 1 of the year preceding the general election.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 158

UNPAVED ROADS SPEED LIMITS-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 32

AN ACT relating to speed limits; authorizing local authorities to set maximum speed limits on unpaved roadways without first conducting a speed study or justifying the maximum speed limit; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 31-5-303(b) and by creating a new subsection (f) is amended to read:

31-5-303. Establishing maximum speed limits by local authorities.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, in compliance with rules promulgated by the department, local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may determine the proper maximum speed for all streets and highways within their respective corporate jurisdiction which maximum speed is reasonable and safe and which may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under this act. The rules promulgated by the department shall adopt standards consistent with national practices. The department shall not promulgate rules that require a speed study before a local authority establishes a maximum speed limit for unpaved roads in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.

(f) A local authority may decrease a maximum speed limit to not less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour for unpaved roadways under W.S. 31-5-301(b)(iv) without first conducting a speed study. A local authority may establish a temporary speed limit of less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour without conducting a speed study and for a period not exceeding one (1) year for purposes including, but not limited to, construction, maintenance, special events, emergency situations and changes in use. Before establishing a temporary speed limit of less than thirty-five (35) miles per hour, the local authority shall consult with the local authority's engineer or road and bridge superintendent and law enforcement with jurisdiction over the roadway.

Section 2. The department of transportation shall promulgate any rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 159

911 SERVICE REPORTING

Original Senate File No. 57

AN ACT relating to emergency telephone service; requiring reporting of 911 outages; clarifying provisions related to reporting of revenues and expenditures; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 16-9-112 is created to read:

16-9-112. 911 outage reporting.

Any service supplier who owns, operates or controls any communications equipment necessary for the operation of a 911 emergency reporting system shall, if the failure of the communications equipment disables, impairs or degrades the operation of a 911 emergency system to a degree that materially affects emergency communications through a 911 system, report interruptions of service as required by rules promulgated by the public service commission.

Section 2. W.S. 16-9-103(k) is amended to read:

16-9-103. Imposition of tax; liability of user for tax; collection; uncollected amounts; discontinuing service prohibited.

(k) Effective January 1, 2015, and every ~~fiscal~~ calendar year ~~through June 30, 2019~~ thereafter, the governing body primarily responsible for the expenditure of revenues collected pursuant to this act shall file with the Wyoming public service commission a statement of its gross receipts and expenditures authorized by this act for the prior ~~fiscal~~ calendar year. The Wyoming public service commission is authorized to promulgate rules in consultation with the governing bodies and the Wyoming public safety communications commission to develop a statement of revenues and expenditures that, to the maximum extent possible, is uniform across governing bodies.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 160

TREATMENT COURTS-AMENDMENTS-2

Original Senate File No. 160

AN ACT relating to courts; amending the Court Supervised Treatment Program Act to include mental health treatment; authorizing court supervised treatment programs to accept participants from any other jurisdiction in this state; amending the Public Defender Act to allow the public defender to participate as a team member in court supervised treatment programs and represent participants in those programs; changing the term "substance abuse" to "substance use"; amending definitions; creating definitions; making conforming amendments; authorizing rulemaking; repealing provisions; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 5-12-104(a)(ii), (iii), (v) through (viii), (xii), (xv) through (xvii), by creating new paragraphs (xviii) through (xx) and by renumbering (xviii) as (xxi), 5-12-105(a), (b)(iii), by creating a new paragraph (iv) and by renumbering (iv) as (v), 5-12-106(b), 5-12-109(b)(intro), (c), (d) and by creating a new subsection (e), 5-12-110(b)(intro), 5-12-111(a)(intro), 5-12-115(a)(iii), (v) and by creating a new paragraph (vii), 7-6-104(d) and by creating a new subsection (e), 7-13-1301(a)(v), 7-13-1302, 7-13-1303(a), 7-13-1708(c), 14-6-219(a), 14-6-402(a)(xxii), 14-6-419(a), 31-5-233(e), 31-5-234(e) and 35-7-1033(b)(i), (ii) and (iv) are amended to read:

5-12-104. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(ii) "Applicant" means ~~the~~ one (1) or more governing ~~body~~ bodies of a city, town or county, a tribal government of either the Northern Arapaho or Eastern Shoshone tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation or a nonprofit organization recognized under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3);

(iii) "Continuum of care" means a seamless and coordinated course of substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder education and treatment, mental health treatment or any combination thereof designed to meet the needs of ~~drug offenders as they move through the criminal justice system and beyond, maximizing self-sufficiency~~ participants;

(v) "Dual diagnosis" means a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder and a co-occurring mental health disorder;

(vi) "Participant" means a person with a mental illness or a dual diagnosis who committed or is alleged to have committed an offense, including those who have had law enforcement contact for such offenses with or without arrest, or a substance offender or any other person as provided in title 14 of the Wyoming statutes who has been referred to and accepted into a program;

(vii) "Participating judge" means the district, juvenile, circuit, chancery, municipal or tribal court judge or magistrate or retired district, circuit or chancery court judge acting as part of a program team;

(viii) "Program" ~~or "court supervised treatment program"~~ means ~~a~~ one (1) or more local court supervised treatment ~~program~~ or mental health programs that ~~complies~~ comply with rules and regulations adopted by the Wyoming supreme court;

(xii) "Referring judge" means the district, juvenile, circuit, municipal or tribal court judge or magistrate who refers a ~~substance offender or any other person as provided in title 14 of the Wyoming statutes~~ participant to a program;

(xv) "Substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment" means as defined in W.S. 7-13-1301(a)(v);

(xvi) "Substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder treatment" means treatment designed to provide education, ~~and~~ therapy and medication, as appropriate, directed toward ending a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder and preventing its return;

(xvii) "Substance offender" means a person arrested for, charged with or adjudicated for a substance related offense or an offense in which substance ~~abuse~~ use is determined from the evidence to have been a significant factor in the commission of the offense;

(xviii) "Mental health treatment" means medication, therapy and prescribed care designed to address disturbances in behavior, emotions, thoughts or judgment after an evaluation and mental health diagnosis or diagnostic impression has occurred;

(xix) For purposes of W.S. 5-12-101 through 5-12-118, "mental illness" means schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder or bipolar disorder, as diagnosed by a mental health professional;

(xx) "Substance use disorder" means as defined by W.S. 35-1-613(a)(viii);

~~(xviii)~~(xxi) "This act" means W.S. 5-12-101 through 5-12-118.

5-12-105. Purposes and goals.

(a) The legislature recognizes the critical need in this state for treatment programs to break the cycle of substance ~~abuse~~ use disorders, unmet mental health needs and the crimes committed as a result thereof. ~~Court supervised treatment~~ Programs shall be facilitated ~~for the purpose of providing sentencing options for the judicial system in cases stemming from substance abuse,~~ by combining judicial supervision, probation, substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment, mental health screening, substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder testing, monitoring, treatment~~, and~~ or aftercare for ~~substance offenders~~ participants.

(b) The goals of the programs funded under this act shall be:

(iii) To strive for ~~sobriety~~ recovery and mental wellness of participants; ~~and~~

(iv) To reduce the number of people with mental illness in jail, criminal court proceedings and the state hospital; and

~~(iv)~~(v) To monitor the services provided to participants.

5-12-106. Standards for attorneys and judges.

(b) ~~The~~ Referring ~~judge~~ judges in a particular case may be ~~the~~ a participating judge in that participant's treatment program, provided the participating judge shall not act upon any motion to revoke probation that may be filed in the original criminal or juvenile case, nor in sentencing or disposition.

5-12-109. Participation in programs; conditions; extended probation.

(b) Any district, juvenile, circuit, municipal or tribal court judge, or magistrate, may refer ~~substance offenders for participation in~~ a participant to a program. ~~The referring judge may act as a participating judge in a program as authorized by this act and by rules adopted by the supreme court. A substance offender who is a defendant in a criminal action or a respondent in a juvenile court action may be referred for participation in a program if:~~

(c) Referral and participation in a program ~~shall only be with the~~ and consent ~~of the referring judge and the participant, and acceptance of the participant by the program team~~ to participate shall be governed by the rules adopted by the supreme court and title 14 for juvenile participants. Consent shall also be in accordance with a written agreement between the participant and the program team. The agreement shall include the participant's consent to release of medical and other records relevant to his treatment history and assessment that meets the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2(b) or 42 C.F.R. part 2.31, as applicable. Prior to a participant's entry into a written agreement, the ~~participating judge~~ participant shall ~~inform the participant~~ be informed that he may be subject to a term of probation that exceeds the maximum term of imprisonment established for the particular offense charged, as provided in W.S. 5-9-134 and 5-12-116.

(d) Nothing in this act shall confer a right or an expectation of a right to participate in a program, nor does this act obligate a program team to accept any proposed participant. Neither the establishment of a program nor anything herein contained shall be construed as limiting the discretion of a prosecuting attorney in regard to the prosecution of any criminal or juvenile case. ~~Consent to participation in a program under subsection (c) of this section shall only be required from the referring judge and participant.~~

(e) A program may accept participants from any other jurisdiction in the state.

5-12-110. Incentives and sanctions; extended probation.

(b) The participating judge may impose reasonable sanctions under the written agreement, including but not limited to, expulsion from the program, incarceration for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if the participant is an adult participating in a program post-adjudication, or detention for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days if the participant is a juvenile participating in a program post-adjudication, if the participating judge finds that since the last staffing the participant:

5-12-111. Program team to be created; duties; program coordinator.

(a) Each applicant seeking to establish a program shall create a program team, consisting of the following members, all of whom shall be appointed by ~~the governing body of~~ the applicant, subject to the individual consent of each appointee:

5-12-115. Participant information and progress statistics.

(a) Participants may be required to provide access to the following information, the collection and maintenance of which by the program team shall be in a standardized format pursuant to rules and regulations of the supreme court:

(iii) Substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder history, including ~~substances of choice~~ medical records and prior treatment;

(v) Number and health of children born to ~~female~~ participants;

(vii) Mental illness history, including medical records and prior treatment.

7-6-104. Representation of needy persons.

(d) A needy person's right to a benefit under subsection (a), ~~or~~ (c) or (e) of this section is not affected by his having provided a similar benefit at his own expense, or by his having waived it, at an earlier stage.

(e) The public defender shall be authorized to serve on court supervised treatment program teams pursuant to W.S. 5-12-101 through 5-12-118 and may represent participants in court supervised treatment program proceedings, including sanction and expulsion proceedings.

7-13-1301. Definitions.

(a) As used in W.S. 7-13-1301 through 7-13-1304:

(v) "Substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment" means an evaluation conducted by a qualified person using practices and procedures approved by the department of health to determine whether a person has a need for alcohol or other drug treatment and the level of treatment services required to treat that person;

7-13-1302. Substance use disorder assessment required.

All persons convicted of a third misdemeanor under W.S. 31-5-233(e) or a felony shall receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment. The substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment shall be part of a presentence report if prepared. The cost of the substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment shall be assessed to and paid by the offender. A person who has undergone a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment pursuant to W.S. 31-5-233(e) may receive a second assessment under this section if the court finds that enough time has passed to make the first assessment inaccurate.

7-13-1303. Suspended sentence for qualified offenders.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, notwithstanding any other provision of law, qualified offenders may be placed on probation under W.S. 7-13-301, receive a suspended sentence under W.S. 7-13-302(a) or placed on probation under W.S. 35-7-1037. The sentence or probation order shall set forth the terms of a treatment program based upon the substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment and any other terms and conditions as the court may deem

appropriate under the circumstances, and require the offender to satisfactorily complete the treatment program. The court shall include in the sentence or probation order any provisions necessary to reasonably protect the health of the offender.

7-13-1708. Authority of court to order participation in program.

(c) Before ordering participation in the program, a court may require the person to undergo a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment. The cost of the substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment shall be paid by the offender.

14-6-219. Physical and mental examinations; involuntary commitment of incompetents; subsequent proceedings.

(a) Any time after the filing of a petition, on motion of the district attorney or the child's parents, guardian, custodian or attorney or on motion of the court, the court may order the child to be examined by a licensed and qualified physician, surgeon, psychiatrist or psychologist designated by the court to aid in determining the physical and mental condition of the child. The examination shall be conducted on an outpatient basis, but the court may commit the child to a suitable medical facility or institution for examination if deemed necessary. Commitment for examination shall not exceed fifteen (15) days. Any time after the filing of a petition, the court on its own motion or motion of the district attorney or the child's parents, guardian, custodian or attorney, may order the child's parents, guardians or other custodial members of the child's family to undergo a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment at the expense of the child's parents, guardians or other custodial members of the child's family and to fully comply with all findings and recommendations set forth in the assessment. Failure to comply may result in contempt proceedings as set forth in W.S. 14-6-242.

14-6-402. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xxii) "Substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment" means an evaluation conducted by a qualified person using practices and procedures approved by the department of health to determine whether a person has a need for alcohol or other drug treatment and the level of treatment services required to treat that person;

14-6-419. Physical and mental examinations.

(a) Any time after the filing of a petition, on motion of the district attorney or the child's parents, guardian, custodian or attorney or on motion of the court, the court may order the child to be examined by a licensed and qualified physician, surgeon, psychiatrist, psychologist or licensed mental health professional designated by the court to aid in determining the physical and mental condition of the child. The examination shall be conducted on an

outpatient basis, but the court may commit the child to a suitable medical facility or institution for examination if deemed necessary. Commitment for examination shall not exceed fifteen (15) days. Any time after the filing of a petition, the court on its own motion or on motion of the district attorney or the child's parents, guardian, custodian or attorney, may order the child's parents, guardians or other custodial members of the child's family to undergo a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment at the expense of the child's parents, guardians or other custodial members of the child's family and to fully comply with all findings and recommendations set forth in the assessment. Failure to comply may result in contempt proceedings as set forth in W.S. 14-6-438.

31-5-233. Driving or having control of vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substances; penalties.

(e) Except as otherwise provided, a person convicted of violating this section shall be ordered to or shall receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment conducted by a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder provider certified by the department of health pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2701(c) at or before sentencing. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a nonresident may receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment from a provider certified by that person's state of residence. The cost of the substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment shall be assessed to and paid by the offender. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsection (h) or (m) of this section, a person convicted of violating this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both. On a second offense resulting in a conviction within ten (10) years after a conviction for a violation of this section or other law prohibiting driving while under the influence, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than seven (7) days nor more than six (6) months, he shall be ordered to or shall receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment conducted by a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder provider certified by the department of health pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2701(c) before sentencing and shall not be eligible for probation or suspension of sentence or release on any other basis until he has served at least seven (7) days in jail. In addition, the person may be fined not less than two hundred dollars ($200.00) nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00). On a third offense resulting in a conviction within ten (10) years after a conviction for a violation of this section or other law prohibiting driving while under the influence, he shall be punished by imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, shall receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment pursuant to W.S. 7-13-1302 and shall not be eligible for probation or suspension of sentence or release on any other basis until he has served at least thirty (30) days in jail except that the court shall consider the substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment and may order the person to undergo outpatient alcohol or substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder treatment during any mandatory period of incarceration. The

minimum period of imprisonment for a third violation shall be mandatory, but the court, having considered the substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment and the availability of public and private resources, may suspend up to fifteen (15) days of the mandatory period of imprisonment if, subsequent to the date of the current violation, the offender completes an inpatient treatment program approved by the court. In addition, the person may be fined not less than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) nor more than three thousand dollars ($3,000.00). The judge may suspend part or all of the discretionary portion of an imprisonment sentence under this subsection and place the defendant on probation on condition that the defendant pursues and completes an alcohol education or treatment program as prescribed by the judge. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term of probation imposed by a judge under this section may exceed the maximum term of imprisonment established for the offense under this subsection provided the term of probation together with any extension thereof, shall not exceed three (3) years for up to and including a third conviction. On a fourth offense resulting in a conviction or subsequent conviction within ten (10) years for a violation of this section or other law prohibiting driving while under the influence, he shall be guilty of a felony and fined not more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00), punished by imprisonment for not more than seven (7) years, or both.

31-5-234. Unlawful operation of vehicle by youthful driver with detectable alcohol concentration; penalty.

(e) A person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00). A person convicted of violating this section a second time within one (1) year of the first conviction is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) month, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both. A person convicted of a third or subsequent conviction under this section within two (2) years shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both. The court may order the person to undergo a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment and complete any recommended treatment for any conviction under this section as a condition of probation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the term of probation imposed by a judge under this section may exceed the maximum term of imprisonment established for the offense under this subsection provided the term of probation together with any extension thereof, shall in no case exceed three (3) years.

35-7-1033. Unlawful acts; distribution; registration; possession; records; counterfeiting; punishment.

(b) Except fr a violation of subparagraph (a)(iii)(B) of this section and except as otherwise provided:

(i) A person who is convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or found guilty of violating paragraph (a)(iii) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both, and the person may be ordered to receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment conducted by a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder provider certified by the department of health pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2701(c) before sentencing;

(ii) A person convicted upon a plea of guilty or no contest or found guilty of a second offense of violating paragraph (a)(iii) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars ($1,000.00), or both, and the person shall be ordered to receive a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment conducted by a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder provider certified by the department of health pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2701(c) before sentencing;

(iv) In the event a substance ~~abuse~~ use disorder assessment ordered pursuant to this section is provided by an entity with whom the department of health contracts for treatment services, the costs of the assessment shall be paid by the offender subject to the payment policies adopted pursuant to W.S. 35-1-620; provided however, if the assessment is ordered as a result of a felony conviction under this section, the assessment shall be conducted and costs assessed pursuant to W.S. 7-13-1301, et seq.;

Section 2. W.S. 5-12-107(c)(ii) and 5-12-109(a) and (b)(i) through (iv) are repealed.

Section 3. The supreme court may promulgate additional rules necessary to implement this act. It is the intent of the legislature that the supreme court make any necessary requests to support court supervised treatment programs as provided by this act in its biennial budget request.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 161

STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS AND PROJECTS ACCOUNT-REPEAL

Original Senate File No. 169

AN ACT relating to public funds; [**~~repealing the strategic investments and projects account;~~**] providing for the transfer [**~~from and the reversion~~**] of funds from the strategic investments and projects account; making conforming amendments; [**~~repealing obsolete language; requiring reports;~~**] and providing for effective date[**s**]. **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

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

Section 1. W.S. [~~**9-4-220.1 and**~~] 9-4-719(b)(intro) and (q)(i) are amended to read: [**BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.**]

[~~**9-4-220.1. Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account; funds transferred to the account.**~~

~~**(a) There is created the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account, within the strategic investments and projects account created by W.S. 9-4-220. Funds in the account shall only be expended upon legislative appropriation. Through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2034, all funds within the account shall be invested in the pool A investment account by the state treasurer pursuant to W.S. 9-4-715(p). Thereafter, all funds within the account shall be invested as determined by the state treasurer. All investment earnings from the account shall be credited to the account. For purposes of accounting and investing only, the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account shall be treated as a separate account from the strategic investments and projects account.**~~

~~**(b) Beginning on June 30, 2021 2027 for fiscal year 2021 2027 and June 30 of each fiscal year thereafter as provided in this subsection, the state treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00), or as much thereof as is available, from any unobligated funds within the strategic investments and projects account general fund to the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account. The state treasurer shall cease transferring funds to the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account pursuant to this subsection on July 1, 2038.**~~]

[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]

9-4-719. Investment earnings; spending policy amounts; permanent funds.

(b) There is created the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account. All funds within the account shall be invested by the state treasurer as authorized under W.S. 9-4-715(a), (d), (e) and (r) and all investment earnings from the account shall be credited to the account. Except for funds specified by the legislature that guarantee the obligations of permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund investment earnings and funds to be transferred into the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund, funds deposited into the reserve account created by this subsection are intended to be inviolate and constitute a permanent or perpetual trust fund. Beginning July 1, 2021 for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter, to the extent funds are available, the state treasurer shall transfer unobligated funds from this account to the general fund on a quarterly, pro-rata basis as necessary to ensure that an amount equal to two and one-

half percent (2.5%) of the previous five (5) year average market value of the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund, calculated on the first day of the fiscal year, is available for expenditure during each fiscal year. As soon as possible after the end of each of the fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2017, after making any transfer required **[pursuant to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of]**[~~by~~] this subsection, revenues in this account in excess of two hundred forty-five percent (245%) of the spending policy amount in subsection (d) of this section shall be credited to the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund. For fiscal year **[2020]**[~~2026~~] and for each fiscal year thereafter: **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD, ORIGINALLY STRICKEN IN THE ENROLLED ACT, AND BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

(q) The earnings from the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund under W.S. 9-4-204(u)(iii) during each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, which are less than the spending policy established in subsection (d) of this section are appropriated from the general fund subject to subsection (s) of this section and the following:

(i) Any earnings in excess of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the previous five (5) year average market value of the trust fund, calculated from the first day of the fiscal year and less than or equal to the spending policy amount specified in subsection (d) of this section shall be credited to the **[~~legislative stabilization reserve account~~][~~;~~] ~~created by W.S. 9-4-219 and the~~ [strategic investments and projects account created by W.S. 9-4-220] ~~in equal amounts~~[;] [BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD, ORIGINALLY STRICKEN IN THE ENROLLED ACT, AND BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

[~~Section 2. W.S. 9-4-220 and 9-4-719(b)(i) are repealed.~~] [BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]

[~~Section 3. The strategic investments and projects account is repealed.~~] [BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]

[~~Section 4. On July 1, 2026, all funds in the strategic investments and projects account, except funds in the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account within the strategic investments and project account, shall be transferred by the state auditor to the general fund. Any unexpended funds that have been appropriated or obligated from the strategic investments and projects account before July 1, 2026 shall be paid from the general fund. Any funds that are directed to revert by law to the strategic investments and projects account shall revert to the general fund. All accrued revenues that would otherwise be deposited in the strategic~~

~~**investments and projects account shall be deposited in the general fund.**~~] **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

[~~**Section 5. Not later than October 31, 2026 and again not later than October 31, 2027, the state auditor shall report to the joint appropriations committee on the amounts transferred under section 4 of this act.**~~] **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

Section 6. On the effective date of this section, the state auditor shall transfer ten million dollars ($10,000,000.00), or as much thereof as is available, from the strategic investments and projects account to the department of state parks and cultural resources for the siting, construction, operation and maintenance of the Wyoming state shooting complex. These funds shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

Section 7. On the effective date of this section, the state auditor shall transfer [~~**nine million dollars ($9,000,000.00) from**~~] the Wyoming state penitentiary capital construction account within the strategic investments and project account to the department of corrections for purposes of [~~**integrating**~~] the department's security system. These funds shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

Section 8.

[~~**(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,**~~] **this act is effective** [~~**July 1, 2026.**~~] **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

[~~**(b) Sections 6 through 8 of this act are effective**~~] immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. **[BRACKETED LANGUAGE SHOWN IN BOLD AND AS STRICKEN WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 18, 2025.]**

Approved March 18, 2025.

Chapter 162

BOUNDARY SURVEY AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 171

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; amending requirements for conducting a boundary survey of cities and towns as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 15-1-413(a) is amended to read:

15-1-413. Survey of boundaries; when and how to be made; presumption once recorded.

(a) If the boundaries of any city or town are uncertain or incapable of ascertainment, ~~and upon the change in boundaries of any city or town pursuant to any annexation under this chapter,~~ the governing body, by ordinance, ~~shall~~ may provide for a survey thereof. ~~When~~ If the survey is made, the boundaries shall be marked by substantial monuments, and the person making the survey shall report to the governing body describing the boundaries by metes and bounds. The description as nearly as possible shall refer, if upon surveyed lands, to the corners or lines of the United States surveys. The person making the survey shall also file with the city or town clerk the field notes of his survey. The city or town clerk shall then file a copy of the report and a copy of the field notes certified by the mayor and clerk with the county clerk for the county in which the city or town is located.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 163

PROSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Original House Bill No. 62

AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending the crimes of prostitution and solicitation of prostitution to include acts of sexual contact; providing definitions; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 6-4-101 and 6-4-102 are amended to read:

6-4-101. Prostitution; definitions; penalties.

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Intimate parts" means as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(ii);

(ii) "Sexual contact" means touching, with the intention of sexual arousal, gratification or abuse, of another person's intimate parts by the actor, or of the actor's intimate parts by the other person.

(b) Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-710, a person who knowingly or intentionally performs or permits, or offers or agrees to perform or permit an act of sexual intrusion, as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vii), or an act of sexual contact, as defined by paragraph (a)(ii) of this section, for money or other property commits prostitution which is a misdemeanor punishable by

imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both.

6-4-102. Soliciting an act of prostitution; penalties.

Except as provided in W.S. 6-2-701 through 6-2-710, a person is guilty of soliciting an act of prostitution if, with the intent that an act of sexual intrusion as defined by W.S. 6-2-301(a)(vii) or an act of sexual contact as defined by W.S. 6-4-101(a)(ii) be committed, that person knowingly or intentionally pays, or offers or agrees to pay money or other property to another person under circumstances strongly corroborative of the intention that an act of prostitution be committed. Soliciting an act of prostitution is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00), or both.

Section 2. Not later than November 1, 2025 and November 1 of each year thereafter, the county sheriffs shall report to the joint judiciary interim committee on the number of convictions under W.S. 6-4-101 and 6-4-102 within their county and on any businesses providing therapeutic massage services that have closed as a result of convictions obtained or charges filed pursuant to this act.

Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 164

MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS-OFF-LABEL PURPOSES

Original House Bill No. 164

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; authorizing prescribers to prescribe medications for off-label indication as specified; authorizing pharmacists to dispense medications for off-label indication as specified; providing prescribers and pharmacists immunity from disciplinary action as specified; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 33-1-401 through 33-1-403 are created to read:

ARTICLE 4
PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING DRUGS FOR OFF-LABEL INDICATION

33-1-401. Definitions.

(a) As used in this article:

(i) "Disciplinary action" means any action taken by a health related licensing board against a licensee, including but not limited to revocation, limitation, suspension or denial of a license or any other disciplinary action taken by a health related licensing board against a licensee;

(ii) "Off-label indication" means drug treatments for conditions other than those stated in the labeling approved by the United States food and drug administration;

(iii) "Pharmacist" means any person licensed by the board of pharmacy under title 33, chapter 24 of the Wyoming statutes to practice pharmacy;

(iv) "Prescriber" means a physician or a physician assistant licensed under title 33, chapter 26 of the Wyoming statutes, a dentist licensed under title 33, chapter 15 of the Wyoming statutes, an optometrist licensed under title 33, chapter 23 of the Wyoming statutes or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under title 33, chapter 21 of the Wyoming statutes.

33-1-402. Prescribing drugs for off-label indication; exception.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, a prescriber may lawfully prescribe a United States food and drug administration approved prescription drug for off-label indication, and a pharmacist is authorized to dispense a prescribed drug for off-label indication within their scope of practice pursuant to a valid prescription order.

(b) This section shall not apply to prescriptions for substances that are:

(i) Listed as schedule I or schedule II controlled substances under federal law or the Wyoming Controlled Substances Act of 1971;

(ii) Intended to transition a minor's biological sex as determined by the sex organs, chromosomes and endogenous profiles of the minor or affirm the minor's perception of the minor's sex if that perception is inconsistent with the minor's biological sex;

(iii) Intended to induce an abortion.

33-1-403. Professional conduct.

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, a prescriber or pharmacist shall not face any adverse action from a health related licensing board, including disciplinary action, solely on the basis that a prescriber prescribed a United States food and drug administration approved prescription drug for off-label indication, or a pharmacist dispensed a prescription drug prescribed for off-label indication pursuant to a valid prescription order pursuant to this article.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, any recommendation, prescription, use or opinion of a prescriber or pharmacist related to medical treatment that is not regulated by a health related licensing board, the department of health, a professional association or the United States food and drug administration, shall not be considered unprofessional conduct.

Section 2. The Wyoming state board of medicine, the board of dental examiners, the Wyoming state board of examiners in optometry, the board of nursing and the state board of pharmacy shall adopt all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 165

REVISOR'S BILL

Original House Bill No. 137

AN ACT relating to the revision of statutes and other legislative enactments; correcting statutory references and language resulting from inadvertent errors and omissions in previously adopted legislation; amending obsolete references; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-39-103(a)(ix), 9-2-1013(d)(i), 9-2-2906(e)(v), 9-4-601(d)(iii), (v)(intro), (C), (vi), (k)(i), (m)(i), (n)(i) and (o)(i), 9-4-605(j), 11-25-304(d)(ii), 21-2-202(a)(xvii)(A), 21-4-501(d), 21-4-504, 21-7-601(m), 21-7-701(j), 21-12-105(d), 21-13-303(c), 21-13-312(a)(intro) and (i), 21-13-313(d) and (g), 21-13-316(a), 21-13-321(h), 21-13-336(a), 21-22-106(a)(intro), 35-21-102(a)(viii), 35-21-107(c), 39-13-109(c)(vi)(C) and 40-31-106(c)(iii) are amended to read:

1-39-103. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(ix) "This act" means W.S. 1-39-101 through ~~1-39-120~~ 1-39-123.

9-2-1013. State budget; distribution of copies to legislators; copies and reports of authorizations; interfund loans.

(d) In addition to the items contained in subsection (a) of this section and notwithstanding any other recommendations made by the governor, the state budget shall also include the governor's recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing two (2) years, or if a supplemental budget request, the remainder of the budget period, subject to the following:

(i) The state budget shall include the governor's recommendations for a total appropriation from the public school foundation program account and based upon recommendations of the select school facilities committee under W.S. 28-11-301, a total appropriation for school capital construction purposes for both fiscal years;

9-2-2906. Office of the state chief information officer and director; authority; duties of department.

(e) The department shall provide the following services:

(v) The department shall annually apply to the universal service administrative company under the federal communications commission for amounts available to the state under the schools and libraries program of the universal service fund. All federal funds received by the state from the schools and libraries program of the universal service fund shall be deposited into the public school foundation program account;

9-4-601. Distribution and use; funds, accounts, cities and towns benefited; exception for bonus payments.

(d) Except as provided in subsections (k), (m), (n) and (o) of this section, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of two hundred million dollars ($200,000,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(iii) Subject to paragraphs (v), (vi) and (viii) of this subsection, one-third (1/3) to the public school foundation program account;

(v) From the amounts which would otherwise be distributed to the public school foundation program account under paragraph (iii) of this subsection, amounts shall be deposited to the excellence in higher education endowment fund and the Hathaway student scholarship endowment fund created by W.S. 9-4-204(u)(vi) and (vii) in accordance with and subject to the requirements of this paragraph. The amounts specified in this paragraph shall be reduced as the state treasurer determines necessary to ensure that as of July 1 of each fiscal year, there is an unobligated, unencumbered balance of one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000.00) within the public school foundation program account. Distributions under this paragraph shall be as follows:

(C) After the amounts specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this paragraph are deposited to the appropriate fund, remaining funds shall be deposited pursuant to paragraph (vi) of this subsection and then to the public school foundation program account as provided in paragraph (iii) of this subsection.

(vi) From the amounts which would otherwise be distributed to the public school foundation program account under paragraph (iii) of this subsection and paragraphs (k)(i), (m)(i), (n)(i) and (o)(i) of this section, there is annually appropriated to the common school permanent fund reserve account the amount determined under W.S. 9-4-719(g). The appropriation shall be credited to the account as provided in W.S. 9-4-719(g);

(k) For the period beginning March 15, 2018 for fiscal years 2018, 2019 and 2020, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of five hundred million dollars ($500,000,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(i) For fiscal years 2018 and 2019, two-thirds (2/3) and for fiscal year 2020 one-half (1/2) to the public school foundation program account; and

(m) For fiscal year 2021, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of four hundred eighty-five million five hundred thousand dollars ($485,500,000.00) and for fiscal year 2022, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of five hundred million eight hundred thousand dollars ($500,800,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(i) One-half (1/2) to the public school foundation program account; and

(n) For fiscal year 2023, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of four hundred fifty-nine million dollars ($459,000,000.00) and for fiscal year 2024, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of four hundred twenty-nine million two hundred thousand dollars ($429,200,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(i) Forty percent (40%) to the public school foundation program account; and

(o) For fiscal year 2025, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of five hundred forty-nine million four hundred thousand dollars ($549,400,000.00) and for fiscal year 2026, any revenue received under subsection (a) of this section in excess of five hundred thirty million two hundred thousand dollars ($530,200,000.00) shall be distributed as follows:

(i) Forty percent (40%) to the public school foundation program account; and

9-4-605. Distribution and use; capital construction projects and bonds; purposes.

(j) Unless otherwise specifically prohibited by law, all capital construction projects or acquisition of personal property within the projects for which funds are appropriated by the legislature may be constructed or acquired through the issuance of revenue bonds under this section. To the extent bonds are utilized, appropriations for those projects made by the legislature shall be transferred to the common school account provided by W.S. 9-4-310(a)(vii) and shall be invested separate and apart from pooled investments. Notwithstanding the provisions of W.S. 21-13-301, income and earnings from this investment shall be periodically credited to the public school foundation program account.

11-25-304. Required permits and licenses; applicable fees; tax imposition; taxation rate; distribution.

(d) Taxes shall be calculated and paid on a weekly basis based on the net proceeds earned during the prior week on skill based amusement games. On a weekly basis, the vendor shall remit to the commission an amount equivalent to twenty percent (20%) of the net proceeds earned during the prior week on the vendor's skill based amusement games. The taxes imposed under

this subsection may be prepaid as provided by rule of the commission. The commission shall remit these monies to the state treasurer for deposit in the commission gaming account and for distribution of the tax as follows:

(ii) Forty-five percent (45%) to the public school foundation program account;

21-2-202. Duties of the state superintendent.

(a) In addition to any other duties assigned by law, the state superintendent shall:

(xvii) Include in the agency's budget request:

(A) Recommendations to the governor for appropriations from the public school foundation program account and for appropriations to the account necessary to fund payments to school districts as required by law; and

21-4-501. Payment of tuition for children resident in districts which maintain no high school; admission of children to high schools in other districts; state board approval for out-of-state placements; duties of admitting districts; tuition amount.

(d) Subject to state board approval if an out-of-state placement as required under subsection (a) of this section, nonunified school districts shall be reimbursed from the public school foundation program account for tuition paid under subsection (a) of this section as if the district's total foundation program amount for that year as computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p) was increased by the amount of the tuition paid during the preceding year.

21-4-504. Cost of maintaining pupil attending school outside district of residence.

A school district admitting a pupil from a nonunified school district in the state under W.S. 21-4-501 or providing for the enrollment of a pupil in a school within a school district in another state under W.S. 21-4-505 shall, in accordance with rules and regulations of the state department, be reimbursed from the public school foundation program account for expenditures for maintaining that pupil in the admitting district for any length of time the pupil is required to reside in the admitting district. Reimbursement under this subsection shall be subject to and reported in accordance with rule and regulation of the state department and shall be administered as if the district's total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p) is increased by the amount of the expenditure for maintenance during the preceding year for a school district admitting a pupil from a nonunified school district in the state under W.S. 21-4-501 and in the current school year for pupils attending a school in another state under W.S. 21-4-505.

21-7-601. Wyoming teacher shortage loan repayment program; eligibility criteria; procedures; program reporting.

(m) Cash repayment of loans and interest thereon shall be credited to the public school foundation program account.

21-7-701. Wyoming adjunct professor loan repayment program; eligibility criteria; procedures; program reporting.

(j) Cash repayment of loans and interest thereon shall be credited to the public school foundation program account.

21-12-105. Career and technical education demonstration project grants; application; criteria; limitations.

(d) Not later than August 15 of the applicable school year and following review of applications submitted under this section, the department shall notify applicant districts of its decision and shall provide each applicant district a written statement of reasons for approving or denying the application. If the application is approved, the department shall award the grant from amounts made available by legislative appropriation within the public school foundation program account for purposes of this section.

21-13-303. Levy of state tax; disposition of funds; reduction of mill levy.

(c) Between July 1 and July 10 of each year the state auditor and the state treasurer shall determine if the unobligated average daily general fund balance over the preceding fiscal year exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the amount of the general fund appropriations for the present biennium. If the unobligated average daily general fund balance exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the amount appropriated, the excess is appropriated and shall be transferred into the public school foundation program account as soon as possible. The auditor and treasurer shall immediately notify the state board of equalization of the amount to be transferred. Based on the current assessed valuation of the state, the board shall compute the estimated amount of revenue to be produced by a twelve (12) mill levy, subtract the amount transferred to the public school foundation program account and then compute the mill levy necessary to produce the difference. The board shall certify the recomputed mill levy to the county assessors to be levied and collected in lieu of the twelve (12) mill state levy for the next tax year.

21-13-312. Prorating payments when income from foundation account insufficient.

(a) To preserve the integrity of the foundation account for the biennium and so that payments can be made during the full school year for each year of the biennium, if it appears to the state superintendent that the income available to the foundation ~~program~~ account is not sufficient to meet the payments as provided by law:

(i) The state superintendent shall determine a uniform percentage by which the amount guaranteed to each district under W.S. 21-13-309 shall be

reduced so that available revenues in the foundation ~~program~~ account for that school year are as nearly as possible equal to the amount necessary to fund payments to districts under W.S. 21-13-313; and

21-13-313. Distribution of funds from foundation account; property tax and cash reserve adjustment; regulations.

(d) On or before August 15 of the succeeding fiscal year, each school district shall report the amount of revenue it received during the preceding fiscal year attributable to levies provided by W.S. 21-13-102(a)(i)(A) and (ii)(A) and 21-13-201 regardless of the assessment year, but not to include assessments from years prior to July 1, 1991. If those revenues reported are less than the revenues estimated under W.S. 21-13-310(a)(i) and (ii) for that fiscal year, as applicable, and if the district's total revenues computed under W.S. 21-13-310 for that fiscal year continue to be less than the total foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309, the school district shall be paid the difference by October 15 from the public school foundation program account. No amount in excess of the total foundation program amount computed for any district for that fiscal year shall be paid from the public school foundation program account for purposes of this subsection. Any amount paid under this subsection shall not thereafter be relevant to or used for future foundation program calculations. If those revenues reported are greater than the revenues estimated under W.S. 21-13-310(a)(i) and (ii) for that fiscal year, as applicable, the excess shall be included as revenues of the district under W.S. 21-13-310 in computing the foundation entitlement for the succeeding fiscal year.

(g) In addition to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the state superintendent shall, for any district subject to W.S. 21-13-102(b) as determined by the department for any school year, or for any district not subject to W.S. 21-13-102(b) whose entitlement amount determined under W.S. 21-13-311(a) for any school year is equal to or less than twenty percent (20%) of the foundation program amount computed under W.S. 21-13-309(p), and upon demonstration by the district of financial need as documented by cash flow analysis, provide payments from the public school foundation program account in an amount not to exceed one-fifth (1/5) of the foundation program amount computed for that district for that school year in accordance with W.S. 21-13-309. The computed amount shall be paid to each eligible district on or before September 1 based upon tentative computations under W.S. 21-13-309, for which the department may use fiscal information available from foundation program computations for the previous school year in the manner provided under subsection (b) of this section. Any district receiving a payment under this subsection shall repay the public school foundation program account not later than December 15 of that school year.

21-13-316. Interfund borrowing.

(a) The state treasurer may utilize interfund loans to the public school foundation program account to ensure statutory payments are made when dedicated revenues are not yet received. Interfund loans under this subsection may be made from the legislative stabilization reserve account or, to the extent insufficient funds exist in the legislative stabilization reserve account, the common school account within the permanent land fund. Any interfund loans executed pursuant to this section shall be repaid in whole or in part periodically as soon as public school foundation program account revenues permit.

21-13-321. Special education; amount provided for special education programs and services; district reporting requirements; billing for Medicaid authorized school based services.

(h) Beginning July 1, 2022, each school district with Medicaid eligible students receiving special education programs and services, as calculated by the department of education pursuant to subsection (j) of this section, may bill the department of health for the costs of any special education program and service covered under W.S. 42-4-103(a)(xxxiv) through (xxxvi) provided to the district's students. The department of health shall provide payment to each eligible school district that has billed the department of health as soon as reasonably practical for the costs of approved services. By September 1 of each school year, each school district shall remit to the department of education all funds received during the prior school year from the department of health for billed services. The department of education shall remit all funds received under this subsection to the state treasurer for deposit in the public school foundation program account.

21-13-336. Education costs of children certified by the department of health for treatment in psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

(a) The department of education using federal or public school foundation program account funds as appropriated by the legislature, or both, shall pay for the allowable education costs of children placed in psychiatric residential treatment facilities where a fee is charged and the department of health has determined the placement is medically necessary for purposes of benefit eligibility under W.S. 42-4-103(a)(xvi). This section shall not apply to children eligible for services under W.S. 21-13-315. No district shall receive funds, either directly or indirectly, from any facility receiving payment under this section for providing educational programs and services to children placed and residing in the facility. No psychiatric residential treatment facility shall receive funds for educational services under this section unless certified by the department of health for purposes of providing medical services and approved by the department of education under the requirements of this section.

21-22-106. Distribution of trust funds available to public schools; innovative program grants; criteria.

(a) From amounts appropriated by the legislature, the department of education shall annually distribute funds not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00) from the public school foundation program account to school districts as innovative program grants to fund programs providing innovation in or improvement to public education through the creation of new, different and improved educational opportunities in elementary or secondary schools, including:

35-21-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(viii) "This act" means W.S. 35-21-101 through ~~35-21-111~~ 35-21-112.

35-21-107. Emergency assistance by law enforcement officers; limited liability.

(c) Any law enforcement officer responding to a request for assistance under this act is immune from civil liability when complying with the request, ~~providing~~ provided that the officer acts in good faith and in a reasonable manner.

39-13-109. Taxpayer remedies.

(c) Refunds. The following shall apply:

(vi) Each county shall have the option to implement a county-optional property tax refund program that is in addition to the program established under paragraph (v) of this subsection, subject to the adoption of rules as required by subparagraph (H) of this paragraph. The following shall apply to a county-optional property tax refund program implemented under this paragraph:

(C) Except as provided in subparagraph (D) of this paragraph, any person in the participating county shall qualify for a refund in the amount specified under this paragraph if any ad valorem tax due upon the person's principal residence in the county for the preceding calendar year was timely paid and if the person's gross income including the total household income of which the person is a member does not exceed an amount as determined by the county, which shall not exceed one hundred sixty-five percent (165%) of the median gross household income for the county, as determined annually by the economic analysis division of the department of administration and information. As used in this subparagraph "gross income" shall have the same meaning as defined by department rules promulgated ~~underparagraph~~ under paragraph (v) of this subsection. Gross income shall be verified by federal income tax returns, which shall accompany the application for refund, if federal income tax returns were required and filed, or by whatever other means necessary as determined by the county through rules;

40-31-106. Wyoming stable token accounts.

(c) The Wyoming stable token administration account is created. Funds received into the account from any source shall be retained, expended or transferred and are continuously appropriated according to the following priority:

(iii) Any remainder shall be distributed on a quarterly basis, into the public school foundation program account created by W.S. 21-13-306(a).

Section 2. 2025 House Enrolled Act No. 54, Section 2 is amended to read:

> **Section 2.** The livestock board shall report to the joint agriculture, state and public lands and water resources interim committee not later than September 30, 2025 regarding the status of the standard notification protocol required by W.S. 11-18-103(a)(xiii), as created by section 1 of this ~~section~~ act. The report shall include suggestions for legislation that may be necessary to implement the protocol.

Section 3. W.S. 36-2-108(b)(xi)(E), as created by 2025 Senate Enrolled Act No. 62, is amended to read:

36-2-108. Appointment of state forester; qualifications; duties.

(b) The state forester shall:

(xi) Maintain wildland and forestry fire control programs including, but not limited to:

(E) Establishing standards and regulations for privately contracted private wildland fire resources operating in Wyoming. As used in this subparagraph, "privately contracted private wildland fire resources" includes services retained by insurers for prevention and suppression activities on insured properties.

Section 4. 2025 Senate Enrolled Act No. 59, Section 4 is amended to read:

> **Section 4.** During the 2025 interim, the management audit committee of the Wyoming legislature shall study this act and its relation to existing statutory provisions concerning the legislative role in the administrative rule review process. The management audit committee shall receive all assistance requested from the legislative service office and executive branch agencies while conducting the study required by this section. Not later than December 1, 2025, the management audit committee shall report to the management council on the conclusion of the study required by this section. The report shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the appropriate legislative role in overseeing administrative rules and the regulatory impact thereof, the legislative staff required to assist the legislature in completing this role, which legislative

body should oversee this role when the legislature is not in session and any statutory changes necessary to effectuate the findings in the report. The management audit committee or management council may sponsor legislation during the 2026 budget session to effectuate the findings of the report. Funding for legislative staff necessary to effectuate the findings of the report required by this section may be included in the ~~2025~~ 2026 legislative appropriations bill.

Section 5. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 166

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION NOTICE-AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 165

AN ACT relating to elections; amending notice of intent to cancel a registration as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 22-3-116 is amended to read:

22-3-116. Notice of intent to cancel registration.

When the county clerk has information that a registration should be cancelled, he shall mail a notice of intent to cancel to the elector at his address on the registry list stating the reason for cancellation. In addition to mailing the notice, the county clerk may also provide notice to the elector by email. The notice shall state that cancellation shall occur within twenty (20) days unless the elector asks that his name remain on the registry list. A copy of the notice of cancellation shall be retained by the county clerk for three (3) years. A notice is not required if the clerk has received a receipt of notification that the elector has registered to vote in another jurisdiction or if the elector requested cancellation in writing.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 167

TRADEMARKS AND TRADE NAMES-ADMINISTRATIVE CANCELLATION

Original Senate File No. 53

AN ACT relating to trade and commerce; authorizing the secretary of state to administratively cancel trademarks, service marks and trade names as specified; providing the right to appeal administrative cancellations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 40-1-108(a) by creating a new paragraph (vi) and 40-2-107(a) by creating a new paragraph (iv) are amended to read:

40-1-108. Cancellation of registration.

(a) The secretary shall cancel from the register in whole or in part:

(vi) Any registration if the secretary finds that cancellation is in the public interest and that the applicant or registrant has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary on any filing under this act, subject to the following:

(A) If the secretary determines that grounds for cancellation under this paragraph exist, the secretary shall send the registrant written notice and an explanation of the secretary's determination by certified mail;

(B) The registrant may file a response within sixty (60) days after the written notice and explanation under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is sent to the registrant;

(C) If the registrant's response does not demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary that each ground determined by the secretary for cancellation does not exist or the registrant does not respond, the secretary shall cancel the registration and send written notice of the cancellation to the registrant by certified mail;

(D) The registrant may appeal the cancellation to the chancery court or a district court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after the written notice of cancellation under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph is sent to the registrant. The registrant appeals by petitioning the chancery court or district court to set aside the cancellation and attaching to the petition copies of all documents sent to the registrant and filed with the secretary pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this paragraph. The chancery court or district court may summarily order the secretary to reinstate the cancelled registration or may take other action the chancery court or district court considers appropriate. The district court's or chancery court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil or chancery proceedings.

40-2-107. Cancellation.

(a) The secretary of state shall cancel from the registration record:

(iv) Any registration if the secretary finds that cancellation is in the public interest and that the applicant or registrant has provided fraudulent information or has failed to correct false information upon request of the secretary on any filing under this act, subject to the following:

(A) If the secretary determines that grounds for cancellation under this paragraph exist, the secretary shall send the registrant written notice and an explanation of the secretary's determination by certified mail;

(B) The registrant may file a response within sixty (60) days after the written notice and explanation under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is sent to the registrant;

(C) If the registrant's response does not demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the secretary that each ground determined by the secretary for cancellation does not exist or the registrant does not respond, the secretary shall cancel the registration and send written notice of the cancellation to the registrant by certified mail;

(D) The registrant may appeal the cancellation to the chancery court or a district court of competent jurisdiction within thirty (30) days after the written notice of cancellation under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph is sent to the registrant. The registrant appeals by petitioning the chancery court or district court to set aside the cancellation and attaching to the petition copies of all documents sent to the registrant and filed with the secretary pursuant to subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this paragraph. The chancery court or district court may summarily order the secretary to reinstate the cancelled registration or may take other action the chancery court or district court considers appropriate. The district court's or chancery court's final decision may be appealed as in other civil or chancery proceedings.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 168

PROBATE CODE REVISIONS

Original Senate File No. 104

AN ACT relating to the probate code; amending maximum values for certain proceedings relating to the probate of estates; clarifying the effect of certain disclaimers of property; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 2-1-201(a)(i), 2-1-204(a)(i), 2-1-205(a), 2-1-403 by creating a new subsection (d), 2-11-201 and 2-11-202(a)(intro) are amended to read:

2-1-201. Payment of indebtedness and delivery of tangible personal property or instruments evidencing debt.

(a) Not earlier than thirty (30) days after the death of a decedent, any person indebted to the decedent or having possession of tangible personal property or an instrument evidencing a debt, obligation, stock or chose in action belonging to the decedent shall make payment of the indebtedness or deliver the tangible personal property or the instrument evidencing the debt, obligation, stock or chose in action to the person or persons claiming to be the distributee or distributees of the property or the attorney for the distributee or distributees, upon being presented an affidavit, filed as provided by subsection (c) of this section, made by or on behalf of the distributee or distributees stating:

(i) The value of the entire estate located in Wyoming subject to administration, either testate or intestate, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed ~~two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00);

2-1-204. Collection of claims of certain creditors of decedent by affidavit.

(a) Not earlier than ninety (90) days after the death of a decedent, the United States, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or the state of Wyoming, or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof, to whom the decedent was indebted or to whom the decedent's estate would be indebted if the estate were being administered upon, may collect all of the assets of the decedent referred to in W.S. 2-1-201, upon presentation of an affidavit to the parties referred to in W.S. 2-1-201, stating:

(i) The value of the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed ~~two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00);

2-1-205. Summary procedure for distribution of personal or real property; application for decree; notice by publication; presumptive evidence of title; effect of false statements.

(a) If any person dies who is the owner of personal or real property, including mineral interests, but whose entire estate including personal property does not exceed ~~two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00), less liens and encumbrances, the person or persons claiming to be the distributee or distributees of the decedent may file, not earlier than thirty (30) days after the decedent's death, an application for a decree of summary distribution of property.

2-1-403. Qualification; effective date.

(d) A written irrevocable disclaimer of an interest in property that does not

otherwise qualify as a qualified disclaimer under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be effective to terminate and pass an interest in property if the disclaiming party acknowledges in a prior or contemporaneous writing that the disclaimer does not qualify as a disclaimer for federal or other tax purposes under this section.

2-11-201. Probate of estates of nonresidents.

In case of a nonresident's estate having property in this state not exceeding in value the sum of ~~two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00), which estate has been duly probated and settled in another state, the probate of the estate in this state may be dispensed with upon filing with the district judge in the proper county a petition under oath showing the facts in the case together with certified copies of the petition, order of appointment of executor or administrator, inventory and final decree of distribution of estate therein, and a full showing that debts of the estate have been paid and the district judge giving notice by publication for the period of three (3) weeks of the intention of the petitioner to have the probate proceedings admitted in this state as a probate of the estate. If on the day set for hearing the petition no objection is made, the judge shall make an order admitting the certified copies of the proceedings in the estate to record in his court and they shall be considered and treated from that time as original proceedings in his court and shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein shown. If at such hearing any creditor objects to the proceedings and shows that the decedent is indebted to him, his claim not having been presented in the original state, the matter shall be postponed and the creditor or other person shall be allowed to petition for letters of administration as in other cases. This section shall not be construed to prevent the courts of this state from appointing a temporary administrator in this state to collect and preserve the property of the estate of the deceased person which may be located in this state.

2-11-202. Nonresident property in Wyoming; disposition.

(a) In case of a nonresident's estate having property in this state not exceeding in value the sum of ~~two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.00)~~ four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.00), which estate is being duly probated and settled in another state, the Wyoming district judge may enter an order for the sale of the property located in this state provided:

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 169

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS-CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS

Original Senate File No. 167

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; authorizing the board of chiropractic examiners to obtain criminal background checks as specified; requiring applicants for licensure and licensees subject to investigation and disciplinary action by the board of chiropractic examiners to submit fingerprints and other necessary information for a criminal background check; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-19-106(a) by creating a new paragraph (xlii), 7-19-201(a) by creating a new paragraph (xxxvi), 33-10-106 and 33-10-110 by creating new subsections (h) and (j) are amended to read:

7-19-106. Access to, and dissemination of, information.

(a) Criminal history record information shall be disseminated by criminal justice agencies in this state, whether directly or through any intermediary, only to:

(xlii) The board of chiropractic examiners for purposes of obtaining background information on persons applying for initial licensure under title 33, chapter 10 of the Wyoming statutes, and for purposes of investigation of complaints and disciplinary action against licensees of the board.

7-19-201. State or national criminal history record information.

(a) The following persons shall be required to submit to fingerprinting in order to obtain state and national criminal history record information:

(xxxvi) All persons applying for initial licensure to the board of chiropractic examiners under title 33, chapter 10 of the Wyoming statutes, and any licensee of the board of chiropractic examiners upon written request from the board as part of an ongoing investigation of or disciplinary action against the licensee.

33-10-106. Application for license; educational requirements; fees; criminal history record background check.

(a) Any person wishing to practice chiropractic in this state shall make application to the board of chiropractic examiners, upon such form and in such manner as may be prescribed and directed by the board. Each applicant shall be a graduate of a recognized school of chiropractic having an accredited program which is professional in content and which meets the academic and training standards established by the board. There shall be paid by each applicant a license fee in an amount established by the board pursuant to W.S. 33-1-201 which fee shall accompany the application.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2026, the board shall request criminal history background information as authorized under W.S. 7-19-106(a)(xlii) for all initial applicants for licensure under this chapter.

(c) Each initial applicant for licensure under this chapter shall provide the board fingerprints and other information necessary for a criminal history record background check as provided under W.S. 7-19-201.

33-10-110. Prohibited acts; refusal, revocation or suspension of license; appeals.

(h) The board may request criminal history background information as authorized under W.S. 7-19-106(a)(xlii) for purposes of investigation of complaints and disciplinary action against licensees of the board.

(j) Upon written request from the board, a licensee shall provide the board fingerprints and other information necessary for a criminal history record background check as provided under W.S. 7-19-201 as part of an ongoing investigation of or disciplinary action against the licensee.

Section 2. This act shall apply to all initial applicants for licensure and any licensees subject to investigation or disciplinary action by the board of chiropractic examiners on and after July 1, 2025.

Section 3. The board of chiropractic examiners shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act not later than July 1, 2025.

Section 4.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 170

NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS PROHIBITED

Original Senate File No. 107

AN ACT relating to miscellaneous contracts and actions; providing that contractual covenants not to compete are void; providing exceptions; specifying requirements for covenants not to compete for physicians; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 1-23-108 is created to read:

1-23-108. Contractual provisions in restraint of trade generally void; exceptions; unlawful intimidation.

(a) Any covenant not to compete that restricts the right of any person to receive compensation for performance of skilled or unskilled labor shall be void. This subsection shall not apply to:

(i) Any covenant not to compete contained in a contract for the purchase and sale of a business or the assets of a business;

(ii) Any covenant not to compete to the extent the covenant provides for the protection of trade secrets as defined by W.S. 6-3-501(a)(xi);

(iii) Any contractual provision providing for the recovery of all or a portion of the expense of relocating, educating and training an employee as follows:

(A) Recovery of not more than one hundred percent (100%) of the expense for an employee who has served an employer for a period of less than two (2) years;

(B) Recovery of not more than sixty-six percent (66%) of the expense for an employee who has served an employer for between two (2) and less than three (3) years;

(C) Recovery of not more than thirty-three percent (33%) of the expense for an employee who has served an employer for between three (3) and less than four (4) years.

(iv) Executive and management personnel and officers and employees who constitute professional staff to executive and management personnel.

(b) Any covenant not to compete provision of an employment, partnership or corporate agreement between physicians that restricts the right of a physician to practice medicine as defined in W.S. 33-26-102(a)(xi), upon termination of the physician's employment, partnership or corporate affiliation, is void, provided that all other provisions of the agreement enforceable at law shall remain enforceable.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, upon termination of the employment, partnership or corporate affiliation, or upon the voiding of an agreement not to compete specified in subsection (b) of this section, a physician may disclose his continuing practice of medicine and new professional contact information to any patient with a rare disorder as defined in accordance with the national organization for rare disorders, or a successor organization, to whom the physician was providing consultation or treatment before termination of the employment, partnership or corporate affiliation. Neither the physician nor the physician's employer shall be liable to any party to the prior agreement for damages alleged to have resulted from the disclosure or from the physician's treatment of the patient after termination of the prior agreement or employment, partnership or corporate affiliation.

Section 2.

(a) This act shall apply to contracts entered into on and after July 1, 2025.

(b) Nothing in this act shall be construed to alter, amend or impair any contract or agreement entered into before July 1, 2025.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 171

POST-CONVICTION DNA TESTING-PROCEDURE AMENDMENTS

Original Senate File No. 101

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; amending the date of conviction for purposes of when a due diligence showing is required before post-conviction DNA testing; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 7-12-303(d) is amended to read:

7-12-303. New trial; motion for post-conviction testing of DNA; motion contents; sufficiency of allegations, consent to DNA sample; definitions.

(d) The court may not order DNA testing in cases in which the trial or a plea of guilty or nolo contendere occurred after ~~January 1, 2000~~ July 1, 2008 and the person did not request DNA testing or present DNA evidence for strategic or tactical reasons or as a result of a lack of due diligence, unless the failure to exercise due diligence is found to be a result of ineffective assistance of counsel. A person convicted on or before ~~January 1, 2000~~ July 1, 2008 shall not be required to make a showing of due diligence under this subsection.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2025.

Approved March 19, 2025.

Chapter 172

PROOF OF VOTER RESIDENCY-REGISTRATION QUALIFICATIONS

Original House Bill No. 156

AN ACT relating to elections; requiring a qualified elector to be a bona fide resident of the state of Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election in which they offer to vote; requiring documentation proving residence to register to vote; prohibiting registration based on documentation showing noncitizen status; making conforming amendments; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

Section 1. W.S. 18-16-102(a)(ix)(E), (F) and by creating a new subparagraph (G), 22-1-102(a)(xxvi), (xxvii) and by creating new paragraphs (lv) and (lvi), 22-3-102(a)(i) and by creating a new paragraph (vi), 22-3-103(a) by creating new paragraphs (ix) and (x) and (b), 22-3-117(a)(intro), 22-3-118(a)(ii) and 22-29-104(a)(v)(E), (F) and by creating a new subparagraph (G) are amended to read:

18-16-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(ix) "Qualified elector" means a natural person who:

(E) Has not been convicted of a felony or if convicted has had his civil rights or voting rights restored; ~~and~~

(F) Is registered to vote; and

(G) Has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election at which he offers to vote.

22-1-102. Definitions.

(a) The definitions contained in this chapter apply to words and phrases used in this Election Code and govern the construction of those words and phrases unless they are specifically modified by the context in which they appear. As used in this Election Code:

(xxvi) "Qualified elector" includes every citizen of the United States who is a bona fide resident of Wyoming, has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election at which he offers to vote, has registered to vote and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the election at which he may offer to vote. No person is a qualified elector who is a currently adjudicated mentally incompetent person, or who has been convicted of a felony and his civil or voting rights have not been restored. A literacy test shall not be imposed as a condition to voting in any election;

(xxvii) "Registration" is the entry and verification of the name, residence, citizenship and voter information of a qualified elector on the official registry list, as provided in W.S. 22-3-104(f) and 22-3-108;

(lv) "Proof of residence" means the documents or other proof of residence specified by rule of the secretary of state, which rule identifies documents or other proof that establishes residency. If a person does not have the documents or other proof of residency specified by rule of the secretary of state, "proof of residence" may be established by a signed attestation of the person that the person is a bona fide resident of the state of Wyoming. The attestation shall be subject to verification by the county clerk or the secretary of state;

(lvi) "Proof of United States citizenship" means, for purposes of voter registration, any of the following:

(A) A valid Wyoming driver's license as defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(xxv) or a valid Wyoming identification card issued under W.S. 31-8-101, provided that the license or identification card does not contain any indication that the person is not a United States citizen;

(B) A valid tribal identification card issued by the governing body of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe or the Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Indian Reservation or any other federally recognized Indian tribe, provided that the identification card does not contain any indication that the person is not a United States citizen;

(C) A valid driver's license or identification card issued by any other state that is consistent with the Real ID Act as defined by W.S. 31-7-102(a)(lii), provided that the driver's license or identification card does not include any indication that the person is not a United States citizen;

(D) A valid United States passport;

(E) A certificate of United States citizenship;

(F) A certificate of naturalization;

(G) A United States military draft record or a selective service registration acknowledgment card;

(H) A consular report of birth abroad issued by the United States department of state;

(J) An original or certified copy of a birth certificate in the United States bearing an official seal.

22-3-102. Qualifications; temporary registration.

(a) A person may register to vote not less than fourteen (14) days before an election, at any election specified in W.S. 22-2-101(a)(i) through (viii) or as provided by W.S. 22-3-117, who satisfies the following qualifications:

(i) He is a citizen of the United States, as evidenced by providing proof of United States citizenship as defined by W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lvi);

(vi) He has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election at which he offers to vote.

22-3-103. Furnishing of oath forms; contents thereof.

(a) The county clerk shall furnish voter registration oath forms to registry agents which forms shall require the following voter information from the applicant:

(ix) Proof of residence as defined in W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lv);

(x) Proof of United States citizenship as defined by W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lvi).

(b) Following the provision of the information required in subsection (a) of this section, the form shall require the applicant's signature in full below the following oath:

I, ..., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States; that I am a bona fide resident of the state of Wyoming and this county; I have resided in the state for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election; that if registered in another county or state, I hereby request that my registration be withdrawn; that I will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next election; that I am not currently adjudicated a mentally incompetent person, that I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have been convicted of a felony, I have had my civil or voting rights restored by a competent authority; and that the voter registration information contained herein is true and accurate to my best knowledge and belief.

.... (Signature in full of applicant)

Subscribed and affirmed or sworn to before me by .... this .... day of ...., (year).

.... (Signature and title of registry agent

or person authorized to administer oaths)

22-3-117. Absentee registration generally; use of federal postcard.

(a) Notwithstanding any other section or provision in this chapter, any citizen of the United States who is a resident of Wyoming may apply for registration by providing the information required by W.S. 22-3-103(a), ~~and~~ acceptable identification, ~~to~~ proof of United States citizenship and proof of residence and by completing and subscribing, the form of voter registration oath prescribed by W.S. 22-3-103(b) before any person authorized by law to administer oaths. Each county clerk shall furnish the voter registration oath forms. The applicant shall mail or return the completed voter registration oath form to the county clerk in the county in which the applicant resides. In order to vote in the next election, the application must be received in the county clerk's office before the close of registration for that election, or:

22-3-118. Proof of identity.

(a) Unless a voter is challenged pursuant to W.S. 22-15-101 through 22-15-109, and except as provided in W.S. 22-9-104(a)(vi) for an absentee ballot obtained in person by the elector, no identification shall be required when:

(ii) Voting by absentee ballot after having registered by mail and having submitted a copy of the person's acceptable identification, proof of United States citizenship as defined by W.S. 22-1-102(a)(lvi) and proof of residence as set forth in W.S. 22-1-102(a)(xxxix)(A) and (lv), at the time of registration.

22-29-104. Definitions when principal act is silent.

(a) When used in a principal act, the following definitions apply, unless the term is otherwise specifically defined in that principal act:

(v) "Qualified elector" means a natural person who:

(E) Has not been convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted, has had his civil or voting rights restored; ~~and~~

(F) Has registered to vote; and

(G) Has been a bona fide resident of Wyoming for not less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election at which he offers to vote.

Section 2. The secretary of state shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

Section 3.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2025.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

Became law without signature March 21, 2025.

Original House Resolution No. 1

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to introduce a bill and enact law to amend Wyoming's act of admission to authorize the expenditure of earnings for the support of the common schools in Wyoming.

WHEREAS, on July 10, 1890, the United States Congress enacted the Act of Admission that admitted Wyoming as a state in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Act of Admission granted the state of Wyoming two (2) sections of land in every township for the support of common schools; and

WHEREAS, the Act of Admission specified that any proceeds from the disposition of granted school lands were to constitute a permanent school fund, "the interest of which only shall be expended in the support of said schools"; and

WHEREAS, the Act of Admission specified that a percentage of the proceeds of the sales of federal public lands in Wyoming were to constitute a permanent fund, "the interest of which only shall be expended for the support of the common schools" in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the Act of Admission specified that certain previously granted lands constituted a permanent fund, with the interest and income to be used for university purposes; and

WHEREAS, the state created the common school account within the permanent land fund in accordance with the requirements of the Act of Admission and Article 7, Section 2 of the Wyoming Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the common school account within the permanent land fund has grown over the years and has been invested to where the current value of the fund exceeds five billion six hundred million dollars ($5,600,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the investment of the funds in the common school account generates earnings and capital gains that are in addition to interest and income generated from the funds; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to Wyoming's Act of Admission that would replace references to "interest" and "income" with references to "earnings" will better reflect the reality of how the common school account is invested and will allow the earnings that are generated from the investment of the permanent funds of the common school account to be better and more efficiently applied for the benefit of Wyoming's public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the Wyoming Legislature requests that members of Wyoming's congressional delegation introduce, and that Congress enact, legislation that

will amend Wyoming's Act of Admission to strike references to "interest" in sections 5 and 7 of the Act of Admission and to insert references to "earnings" and to strike the reference to "income" in section 8 and insert a reference to "earnings."

Section 2. That members of Wyoming's congressional delegation and Congress consider introducing legislation that makes the following changes to sections 5, 7 and 8 of the Act of Admission as follows:

Section 5.

All lands herein granted for educational purposes shall be disposed of only at public sale, the proceeds to constitute a permanent school fund, the ~~interest~~ earnings of which only shall be expended in the support of said schools. But said lands may, under such regulations as the legislature shall prescribe, be leased for mineral, grazing, agricultural, or other purposes, provided that the term of agricultural and grazing leases shall not exceed 10 years; and such land shall not be subject to preemption, homestead entry, or any other entry under the land laws of the United States, whether surveyed or unsurveyed, but shall be reserved for school purposes only.

Section 7.

Five per cent of the proceeds of the sales of public lands lying within said state which shall be sold by the United States subsequent to the admission of said state into the union, after deducting all the expenses incident to the same, shall be paid to the said state, to be used as a permanent fund, the ~~interest~~ earnings of which only shall be expended for the support of the common schools within said state.

Section 8.

The lands granted to the Territory of Wyoming by the act of February 18, 1881, entitled "An act to grant lands to Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Idaho and Wyoming, for university purposes," are hereby vested in the State of Wyoming, to the extent of the full quantity of 72 sections to said state, and any portion of said lands that may not have been selected by said Territory of Wyoming may be selected by the said state; but said act of February 18, 1881, shall be so amended as to provide that none of said lands shall be sold for less than $10 per acre, and the proceeds shall constitute a permanent fund to be safely invested and held by said state, and the ~~income~~ earnings thereof be used exclusively for university purposes. The schools, colleges, and universities provided for in this act

shall forever remain under exclusive control of said state, and no part of the proceeds arising from the sale or disposal of any lands herein granted for educational purposes shall be used for the support of any sectarian or denominational school, college, or university. The section of land granted by the act of May 28, 1888, to the Territory of Wyoming for a fish hatchery and other public purposes shall, upon the admission of said State of Wyoming into the union, become the property of said state.

Section 3. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, the governor, the state treasurer and to each member of the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Original Senate Resolution No. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION commemorating the 100th anniversary of Nellie Tayloe Ross becoming the first woman to hold the office of governor in the United States.

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross was born on November 29, 1876, in St. Joseph, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, after being raised in the great plains and midwest, Nellie Tayloe Ross came to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and married William B. Ross, a lawyer and aspiring politician; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross was described as gracious, funny, smart and strongly loyal to her friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross became the first lady of Wyoming in 1922 after her husband, William B. Ross, was elected governor; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross was relied upon by her husband, who consulted her daily on political life; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross was asked to run for governor by the state party chairman after Governor William B. Ross died on October 2, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross, who had political ambitions, was advised not to run for the office of governor by friends and family but nonetheless accepted her party's nomination on October 14, 1924; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross won the special election for governor on November 4, 1924, with fifty-five and twelve-hundredths percent (55.12%) of the votes; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross assumed office as the first woman governor in the United States on January 5, 1925, tackling hardships throughout the state, including drought, farm and ranch failures and bank failures; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross served as governor for one (1) term, but her remarkable political career did not end once she left the governor's office; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross once again made history in May 1933 when she became the first woman to hold the position of director of the United States mint; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross served as director of the United States mint through the Great Depression, World War II and the Korean War and is the longest-serving United States mint director in history; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross retired from the United States mint in April 1953 and lived a prosperous life until her death at age one hundred one (101) on December 20, 1977; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross remains the only woman to have served as governor of Wyoming and one (1) of seven (7) women to serve as director of the United States mint; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming is the Equality State and has been home to many historical achievements by women; and

WHEREAS, Nellie Tayloe Ross continues to be an inspiration to many people across Wyoming and the United Staes; and

WHEREAS, January 5, 2025, marked the one-hundredth (100th) anniversary of Nellie Tayloe Ross' historic inauguration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the State of Wyoming recognizes and commemorates the life and achievements of Nellie Tayloe Ross on this momentous anniversary.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives of the United States congress and to the Wyoming congressional delegation.

Approved February 24, 2025.

Original House Resolution No. 3

A JOINT RESOLUTION in support of rural schools in Wyoming.

WHEREAS, rural schools in Wyoming have been integral to educating our children and are important for keeping rural families together, promoting social cohesion and preserving community identity; and

WHEREAS, our agriculture producers and ranchers play a key role in Wyoming's economy by feeding families, helping neighbors and preserving our heritage; and

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 1 of Wyoming's constitution guarantees that all children in Wyoming have the right to a free public education, stating "The legislature shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a complete and uniform system of public instruction, embracing free elementary schools of every needed kind and grade, a university with such technical and professional departments as the public good may require and the means of the state allow, and such other institutions as may be necessary"; and

WHEREAS, The Wyoming Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld the constitutional mandate to finance a high quality and equitable education for every Wyoming student; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming has fifteen (15) schools with three (3) rooms or less that educate one hundred two (102) students in grades K-8 throughout twelve (12) different school districts in Wyoming.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the members of the Wyoming Legislature find that our constitution requires equitable access to education delivered from free public elementary schools, regardless of size and location.

Section 2. That the members of the Wyoming Legislature acknowledge the rural nature of our state, the historic use of rural schools and the need to financially support the establishment and maintenance of rural schools in Wyoming.

Section 3. That the members of the Wyoming Legislature commit to ensuring rural and isolated families do not have to fight to gain access to an education for their children and that keeping families together and providing them with a complete and uniform system of public instruction is in the public's best interest.

Section 4. Nothing in this resolution shall prevent the Wyoming legislature from determining adequate levels of funding for rural schools.

Section 5. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the Department of Education for distribution to all school

districts in Wyoming and to the consultants selected for the 2025 school finance recalibration.

Approved March 6, 2025.

Original Senate Resolution No. 4

A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting the Governor concentrate on promoting stable dispatchable base load power resources from Wyoming in lieu of taxpayer subsidized commercial wind and solar generated power.

WHEREAS, Wyoming produces four (4) of the cleanest resources of stable dispatchable base load power generation in the United States: clean coal, natural gas, uranium and hydroelectric;

WHEREAS, Wyoming has the ability to provide these resources to the rest of the United States and the world for stable dispatchable base load power generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Wyoming respectfully requests the Governor to oppose future promotion and subsidization of commercial wind and solar power generation in the state of Wyoming and promote efforts that provide Wyoming's stable dispatchable base load energy to all of Wyoming's citizens. The Legislature further requests the Governor to promote the export of Wyoming's stable dispatchable base load energy resources to the rest of the United States and the world.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor.

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