SUMMARY *of* PROCEEDINGS

JOINT JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION

September 19-20, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.
Historic Supreme Court Chamber, State Capitol Room E202
200 West 24th Street
Cheyenne, Wyoming

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman
Representative Art Washut, Co-Chairman
Senator Cale Case
Senator Ed Cooper
Senator Dan Furphy
Senator Wendy Schuler
Representative Ken Chestek
Representative Barry Crago
Representative Jeremy Haroldson
Representative Mark Jennings
Representative Tony Niemiec
Representative Ember Oakley
Representative Karlee Provenza
Representative Rachel Rodriguez-Williams

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE STAFF

Brian Fuller, Senior Staff Attorney
Katie Adams, Staff Attorney
Clarissa Nord, Legislative Editor
Pierre Chesnais, Research Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING

Please refer to **Appendix 1-02** to review the Committee Sign-in Sheet for a list of other individuals who attended the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Joint Judiciary Committee (Committee) met for two days in Cheyenne to continue its interim work. The Committee considered bill drafts on law enforcement issues, the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security, the Wyoming Department of Corrections, the right of appeal for the state in criminal cases, statutory monetary amounts, and protection orders. The Committee discussed information related to peace officer training, fingerprinting and background checks, misdemeanor penalties for municipal courts, and the foster care and adoption system.

The Committee requested new bill drafts regarding the liability of peace officers for negligent investigations, permanent protection orders for victims of violent crimes, and the removal of the one-year service grace period for peace officer training and certification.

The Committee voted to sponsor the following bill drafts for the 2025 General Session:

- 25LSO-0128, State's right of appeal in criminal cases.
- 25LSO-0123, Disclosure of sensitive information-law enforcement.
- 25LSO-0129, Settlement agreements for minors-parental authorization.
- 25LSO-0218, Municipal courts-maximum penalties-2.
- 25LSO-0121, Protection order amendments.
- 25LSO-0122, Protection orders-effective during appeal or review.

CALL TO ORDER (THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024)

Chairman Landen called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. The following sections summarize the Committee proceedings by topic. Please refer to **Appendix 1-01** to review the Committee Meeting Agenda. The meeting can be viewed on YouTube – Joint Judiciary Meeting, September 19, 2024, (**AM**), (**PM**); and September 20, 2024, (**AM**), (**PM**).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the June 17-18, 2024, committee meeting were approved, **Appendix 1-03**.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Wyoming Attorney General's Office Update

Bridget Hill, Wyoming Attorney General, provided an update on the Attorney General's Office and offered an overview of the agency's structure. Attorney General Hill addressed the role and responsibilities of the office, highlighted an increase in workload related to civil rights matters, particularly in cases of parental rights termination, as well as an increase in the number of contracts to review. Attorney General Hill also discussed pending natural resources cases and the lawsuit concerning the constitutionality of school funding.

Attorney General Hill reported that the State Crime Laboratory received an award for efficiency but testified that the firearms unit failed its annual proficiency test. Attorney General Hill discussed the corrective actions taken to address the situation and regain certification, including suspending the work of the firearms unit, contracting with a third party to conduct the work of the unit, and reviewing cases from the last ten years that relied on analyses from the firearms unit.

Attorney General Hill discussed the concerns related to the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy's aging infrastructure and the ongoing process of finding suitable land in the Douglas area for building a new academy. Attorney General Hill also noted that the Attorney General's Office received contingent funding to complete some renovations at the existing academy.

Attorney General Hill noted an increase in the number of complaints against law enforcement officers, provided an update on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force, and the Wyoming Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Peace Officer Training

Chris Walsh, Executive Director, Wyoming Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST), provided data on the educational background of certified law enforcement personnel. Director Walsh also reported on the effect of employing contractors to conduct investigations for the Commission.

Chuck Bayne, Director, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy (WLEA), described challenges in developing the 2025 curriculum for peace officer training. Director Bayne discussed the upcoming meeting with the Academy's Advisory Board for curriculum development and reported proposals to increase the required number of hours of training and decrease the amount of online or self-guided training. Director Bayne discussed the budgetary challenges of offering longer classes and the effect of longer training for smaller agencies.

Jesse Curtis, Deputy Director, WLEA, addressed concerns regarding in-custody deaths and corrective measures taken to address the issue in the Academy's detention officer training.

Colonel Timothy Cameron, Administrator, Wyoming Highway Patrol, provided an overview and update of the Wyoming State Troopers Academy housed at Laramie County Community College. Colonel Cameron reported on the benefits of having an independent academy for state troopers. Colonel Cameron also provided data on class size and staffing levels. Colonel Cameron highlighted the need for a new driving track facility for emergency vehicle training.

Allen Thompson, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police (WASCOP), announced an upcoming meeting between WASCOP and the WLEA to discuss law enforcement training. Mr. Thompson commended the Academy for reducing the amount of online training and assessing the needs of law enforcement agencies across the State.

Public Comment

Jake Bigelow, Casper, expressed concern about the lack of adequate training on issues related to law enforcement searches and seizures and the Fourth Amendment (which provides rights to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures). Mr. Bigelow recommended strengthening training on these topics.

Desirée Tinoco, Executive Director, Missing People of Wyoming, provided information about her efforts surrounding missing persons and commented on the lack of a statewide protocol to report missing adults.

Committee Action

Chairman Washut moved that LSO draft a bill that removes the one-year grace period for peace officers to serve on a permanent basis before completing basic training. The motion passed by voice vote.

Fingerprints and Background Checks

Allison Moore, Deputy Director, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), provided a brief update on crime reporting from law enforcement agencies throughout the State, **Appendix 2-01**. Ms. Moore shared information on training efforts from DCI for agencies currently not reporting crime data and on the challenges that agencies face in reporting data.

Ms. Moore described DCI's efforts to fill one of the two positions provided to address the fingerprint and background check backlog, and how turnaround time for background checks has improved. Ms. Moore explained the actions taken to further decrease turnaround time, including the purchase of a batch scanner,

consulting with other states, and working with the Wyoming Department of Enterprise Technology Services.

Rachel Campbell, Social Services Program Supervisor, Wyoming Department of Family Services (DFS), reported that DFS administered a survey assessing the challenges local communities face with the fingerprinting and background check process. Ms. Campbell highlighted that the primary issues are related to the rolling of fingerprints and mailing time. Ms. Campbell also noted that local communities have expressed a preference for an electronic solution.

Public Comment

Nicole Hauser, President, Wyoming Youth Services Association (WYSA), and Executive Director, Cathedral Home, explained that the WYSA met with DFS and DCI, which helped WYSA members gain a better understanding of the fingerprinting and background checks process.

Committee Action

The Committee did not take any action on this topic.

Consideration of Homelessness and Squatting Issues in Wyoming

Brian Fuller, Senior Staff Attorney, Legislative Service Office (LSO), presented 25LSO-0131, Use of fraudulent documents to wrongfully possess property, which would create the criminal offense of using fraudulent documents to gain or remain in possession of property, **Appendix 2-02**.

Senator Jim Anderson provided background information on 25LSO-0002, Residential property-removal of unlawful occupant, which would establish a civil process by which sheriffs could remove unlawful occupants from residential property, and described the issues that demonstrated the need for stronger residential property laws and laws to protect against squatting, **Appendix 2-03**.

Ronna Boril, Real Estate Broker, Casper, described her experience with unlawful tenants and squatters and commented on the two bill drafts. Ms. Boril recommended to not infer or consider squatters as tenants.

Laurie Urbigkit, Wyoming Realtors Association, reported that she sent an email to all 2,500 members of the Association to assess the scope of the issue in the state. Ms. Urbigkit noted that the members indicated that squatters and unlawful trespassers are a statewide issue. Ms. Urbigkit commented on 25LSO-0002 and recommended removing the requirement to provide the date on which the owner purchased the property when an owner seeks removal of an unauthorized occupant.

Public Comment

Mr. Thompson commented on 25LSO-0002 and conveyed the concerns of sheriffs about whether the bill would circumvent the existing court process for the removal of unlawful tenants and squatters.

Sheriff Levi Dominguez, President, Wyoming Sheriffs Association and Sheridan County Sheriff, expressed concerns that 25LSO-0002 could introduce confusion with existing trespassing law.

Clayton Melinkovich, Sublette County and Prosecuting Attorney, commented on 25LSO-0002 and 25LSO-0131, describing potential issues with the bill drafts and existing law on trespass and occupant removal.

Jeremy Tremel, Captain, Casper Police Department, explained that most calls police officers respond to are not about individuals trespassing on unoccupied properties, but instead involve people who were initially allowed to stay in a residence but have overstayed.

Daniel Itzen, District Attorney, Natrona County, provided additional information on document forgery.

Committee Action

The Committee appointed a working group composed of Representatives Crago, Niemec, Oakley, and Provenza, Senator Anderson, and the co-chairmen to continue working on the two bill drafts. Chairman Landen suggested including county attorneys, district attorneys, and law enforcement.

Follow-Up Information regarding the Issues Considered at the Committee's June Meeting

Mr. Thompson provided an overview of survey results from the state's law-enforcement officers concerning proposed law changes raised at the June 2024 meeting, **Appendix 2-04**.

Mr. Itzen discussed the challenges the District Attorney's Office faces due to the increase of responsibilities delegated to the District Attorney's Office and the lack of resources and personnel to address the new responsibilities. Mr. Itzen reported submitting a supplemental budget request.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

The Committee did not take any action on this topic.

STATUTORY RIGHT OF APPEAL

Mr. Fuller presented 25LSO-0128, State's right of appeal in criminal cases, which would establish a right of appeal for the state in criminal cases and outlined the requirements and limitations for the state to appeal in criminal cases, **Appendix 3-01**.

Jenny Craig, Deputy Attorney General, Wyoming Attorney's General Office, commented on the bill draft, emphasizing the significance of the issue to the Attorney General's Office, county attorneys, and district attorneys. Ms. Craig described the language contained in the bill as workable and noted that the adoption of the statute may require additional resources for both the executive and judicial branches.

Public Comment

The Honorable Catherine Wilking, District Court Judge, 7th Judicial District, Natrona County, described the role that district courts would play in any appeals that the state may take in criminal cases.

The Honorable Robert Sanford, Circuit Court Judge, 2nd Judicial District, Albany County, described the current options available to the state for seeking review of adverse decisions in criminal cases.

Elisa Butler, State Court Administrator, Wyoming Judicial Branch, provided data on appeals across the state and described the impacts that the bill draft may have on the Judicial Branch.

Mr. Melinkovich spoke in support of the bill draft.

Josh Stensaas, Deputy County Attorney, Johnson County, provided public comment on the bill draft and stated that not all jurisdictions would utilize a right of appeal in criminal cases in the same way.

Committee Action

Senator Case moved that the Committee sponsor 25LSO-0128, State's right of appeal in criminal cases. The motion passed by roll-call vote with Representatives Chestek, Haroldson, Jennings, and Provenza voting no. The Committee adopted the following amendments:

Page 2, lines 9 through 13 Delete entirely and insert:

"(ii) An order before trial that suppresses any evidence, including physical or identification evidence or evidence of a confession or admission;".

WYOMING OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Katie Adams, Staff Attorney, LSO, presented 25LSO-0123, Disclosure of sensitive information-law enforcement, which would authorize the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security (WOHS) to access criminal identification and intelligence information, **Appendix 5-01**.

Lynn Budd, Director, WOHS, reviewed the duties of the WOHS and discussed the Office's coordination and partnership with law enforcement. Director Budd also explained the need for the bill draft.

Ronnie Jones, Director, DCI, commented on law enforcement's perspective regarding sharing sensitive information.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

Representative Provenza moved that the Committee sponsor 25LSO-0123, Disclosure of sensitive information-law enforcement. The motion passed by roll-call vote with Representative Chestek and Chairman Landen excused.

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Ms. Adams presented 25LSO-0124, Restoration of rights amendments, which would clarify eligibility for the restoration of rights lost after a felony conviction, expand the scope of judicial review for eligibility, amend notification requirements, and clarify the effect of a new felony conviction upon a prior restoration of rights, **Appendix 6-01**.

Dan Shannon, Director, Department of Corrections, provided data on the number of applications for the restoration of rights and commented on the bill draft. Director Shannon answered questions on how the bill applies to the restoration of rights for state convictions versus federal convictions.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

After discussion, the Chairmen directed that, absent objection, consideration of 25LSO-0124, Restoration of rights amendments, would continue to the next meeting.

Information regarding the Council of State Governments Justice Reinvestment Initiative and Good Time

Mr. Fuller provided a memorandum regarding the Council of State Governments Justice Reinvestment Initiative and good time, **Appendix 6-02**.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

The Committee did not take any action on this topic.

FIREARMS ISSUES

Working Group Report

Chairman Landen and Chairman Washut provided an update on the working group's progress to address firearms issues.

Update Regarding the Wyoming State Building Commission's Rules on Firearms in Public Areas of the Capitol

Delbert McOmie, Director, Wyoming State Construction Department, and Suzanne Norton, Division Administrator, Wyoming State Construction Department, provided an update on ongoing efforts to revise the Wyoming State Building Commission's rules regarding the carrying of firearms in public areas of the State Capitol, **Appendix 7-01**.

Ms. Norton discussed potential statutory changes and noted that the topic will be on the Commission's agenda for the October 9, 2024, meeting. Mr. McOmie testified that the Commission aims to clarify the rules for carrying firearms in the Capitol, although multiple spaces are shared by the Executive and Legislative Branches. Mr. McOmie stated that the Management Council will need to consider how legislative spaces within the Capitol will address the carrying of firearms.

Public Comment

Annie Griffin, Superintendent, Washakie County School District #2, and Emma Reid, Social Studies Teacher, Washakie County School District #2, described how their district has considered concealed carry by district employees and the discussions that students have had concerning previous legislation.

The Honorable Chuck Gray, Secretary of State, spoke in support of repealing gun-free zones and the 2024 bill draft the Governor vetoed (2024 House Bill 125).

Erika Cole, Cheyenne, referenced surveys administered by Wyoming-based media outlets indicating opposition to gun-free zones and spoke about the risks of allowing firearms in the Capitol.

Richard Garrett, Cheyenne, mentioned a study indicating that gun-free zones do not increase the risk of gun violence.

Committee Action

The Committee did not take any action on this topic.

MEETING RECESS

The Committee recessed at 5:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER (FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024)

Chairman Washut called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

STATUTORY MONETARY AMOUNTS

25LSO-0129, Settlement agreements for minors-parental authorization.

Mr. Fuller presented 25LSO-0129, Settlement agreements for minors-parental authorization, which would authorize parents and guardians to enter into binding settlements on behalf of their minor children, specify limits on parental or guardian settlement authority, and increase the value of property that may be delivered on a child's behalf from $5,000 to $25,000, **Appendix 11-01**.

Sarah Kellogg, President, Wyoming Trial Lawyers Association, provided background information on conservatorships and explained the Association's support of increasing the value of property delivered to a child to $25,000.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

Representative Crago moved that the Committee sponsor 25LSO-0129, Settlement agreements for minors-parental authorization. The motion passed by roll-call vote with Representative Niemiec excused.

25LSO-0130, Governmental claims-maximum liability amounts.

Mr. Fuller presented 25LSO-0130, Governmental claims-maximum liability amounts, which would amend the maximum liability amounts for claims authorized under the Wyoming Government Claims Act, **Appendix 11-02**.

Ms. Kellogg reviewed the Wyoming Government Claims Act and highlighted the benefits of increasing the liability amounts authorized under the Act, **Appendix 11-07**. Ms. Kellogg also discussed the impact of increasing liability amounts on insurance premiums for government entities and spoke in favor of a phased-in approach for any increases.

Torey Racines, Executive Director, Wyoming Local Government Liability Pool, provided an overview of handouts outlining the expected impacts of increasing the maximum liability amounts as well as how Wyoming's limits compare to other states, **Appendix 11-03**, **Appendix 11-04**, and **Appendix 11-05**. Mr. Racines discussed the purpose of the Governmental Claims Act and expressed doubt that there is a need to increase the maximum liability amounts.

Mark Stewart, General Counsel, Wyoming Association of Risk Management, summarized a fact sheet detailing the estimated adverse impacts of increasing liability limits on the Association's members, **Appendix 11-06**. Mr. Stewart expressed support for a phased-in approach should the liability amounts increase.

Justin Schilling, Wyoming Association of Municipalities, and Kelly Krakow, Mayor of Albin, spoke in opposition to the bill. Mr. Schilling stated that an increase in liability amounts would likely result in an increase in the number of lawsuits municipalities would face.

Jerimiah Rieman, Executive Director, Wyoming County Commissioners Association, indicated that the Association does not have a final position on the bill. Mr. Rieman expressed concerns about how counties would cover any increased costs associated with the bill draft.

Public Comment

Holly Kennedy, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts, spoke in opposition to the proposed legislation and expressed concerns over the ability of conservation districts to cover the increased costs associated with the bill draft. Ms. Kennedy expressed support for a phased-in approach should the liability amounts increase.

Committee Action

Chairman Landen moved that the Committee table 25LSO-0130, Governmental claims-maximum liability amounts. The motion passed by voice vote. The Committee took a straw poll that showed that a majority would support further consideration of the bill draft at the Committee's November meeting.

Misdemeanor Penalties for Municipal Courts

Mr. Fuller reviewed 25LS0-0218, Municipal courts-maximum penalties-2, which would increase the maximum fines and terms of imprisonment municipal courts may impose, **Appendix 11-08**.

Thayne Peterson, Attorney, provided background information and explained the need for the bill, **Appendix 11-09**.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

Chairman Landen moved that the Committee sponsor 25LS0-0218, Municipal courts-maximum penalties-2. The motion passed by roll-call vote with Representatives Chestek, Haroldson, Jennings, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams and Chairman Washut voting no, and Senator Cooper excused.

REVIEW OF WYOMING SUPREME COURT OPINION

Ms. Adams reviewed the Wyoming Supreme Court's opinion in Palm Egle v. Briggs, 2024 WY 31, 545 P.3d 828 (Wyo. 2024), a case that concerned a governmental entity's liability to a criminal suspect for a peace officer's negligent investigation, **Appendix 12-01**, **Appendix 12-02**.

Public Comment

Ms. Kellogg provided additional information on the role qualified immunity plays in determining a peace officer's liability for negligent investigations.

Mr. Racines, speaking on his own behalf, provided additional information about the opinion.

Committee Action

Representative Oakley moved that LSO draft a bill that excludes negligent investigations from liability under the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act. The motion passed by voice vote.

ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE ISSUES

Ms. Butler introduced the Honorable Edward Buchanan, District Court Judge, 8th Judicial District, who provided the Committee with a presentation on laws concerning adoption and foster care in Wyoming, **Appendix 13-02**.

Korin Schmidt, Director, DFS, introduced Sara Serelson, Administrator for Field Operations, DFS. Director Schmidt provided additional insights into the foster care system, including statistics on children entering and exiting foster care. Director Schmidt emphasized DFS' primary goal of family reunification and outlined the resources necessary to support adoption and foster care programs. Director Schmidt clarified that foster parents are viewed as temporary support and not a permanent solution.

Ms. Serelson elaborated on the process by which foster parents can adopt children.

Mr. Fuller provided the Committee with a memorandum summarizing juvenile proceedings and the termination of parental rights in Wyoming and three other states, **Appendix 13-01**.

Public Comment

Jessica and Scott Baxter provided public comment on their experience as foster parents and suggested policy changes related to the need to provide finality to children and to consider the safety of the child as the most important factor.

Committee Action

Representative Rodiguez-Williams requested a memorandum on other states' policies regarding parental rights termination in light of certain violent or sexually related offenses.

Representative Haroldson moved to have LSO draft a bill to amend the timeline for the termination ground related to a child being in foster care. The motion failed by voice vote.

PROTECTION ORDERS

25LSO-0121, Protection order amendments.

Ms. Adams reviewed 25LSO-0121, Protection order amendments, which would propose changes to the laws concerning protection orders regarding the appointment of counsel, the timeframe for setting hearings on petitions, and the filing, service, and notice requirements for protection orders. The bill would also authorize the service of protection orders on respondents by mail and clarify who is eligible to file a petition on behalf of a domestic abuse victim, **Appendix 15-03**.

Ms. Butler provided additional information on 25LSO-0121, Protection order amendments.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

Chairman Landen moved that the Committee sponsor 25LSO-0121, Protection order amendments. The motion to sponsor passed by roll-call vote with Senator Furphy and Representative Jennings excused. The Committee adopted the following amendments:

Page 3-line 5	Delete "eighteen (18)" and insert "twenty-one (21)".
Page 3-line 6	Delete "the district" and insert "an".
Page 8-line 11	Delete "eighteen (18)" and insert "twenty-one (21)".
Page 8-line 12	Reinsert stricken "an"; delete "the district".
Page 8-line 14	After "." insert "Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the victim from hiring an attorney or filing a petition pro se.".

25LSO-0122, Protection orders-effective during appeal or review.

Ms. Adams reviewed 25LSO-0122, Protection orders-effective during appeal or review, which would specify the applicability of stalking, sexual assault, and domestic violence protection orders during appeal or review, **Appendix 15-04**.

Cara Chambers, Director, Wyoming Division of Victim Services, Wyoming Attorney General's Office, provided information about the existing process for obtaining a protection order for a victim.

The Honorable Brian Christensen, Circuit Court Judge, 7th Judicial District, Natrona County, Ms. Chambers, and Director Shannon provided additional information about permanent protection orders.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

Representative Rodriguez-Williams moved that the Committee sponsor 25LSO-0122, Protection orders-effective during appeal or review. The motion passed by roll-call vote with Representatives Jennings, Niemiec and Senator Furphy excused.

Representative Oakley moved that LSO draft a bill that would create a new section for permanent protection orders for victims of violent felonies. The motion passed by voice vote.

MENTAL HEALTH AND VULNERABLE ADULT TASK FORCE

Representative Lloyd Larsen, Co-Chairman, Mental Health and Vulnerable Adult Task Force, provided an overview of the Task Force's work throughout the 2024 Interim.

25LSO-0004, Department of family services-confidentiality amendments.

Anna Johnson, Staff Attorney, LSO, presented 25LSO-0004, Department of family services-confidentiality amendments, which would allow DFS to share data within the agency and other state agencies and require the Director of DFS to review the effectiveness and impact of programs and services. The bill would also create exceptions for the sharing of confidential information, **Appendix 16-01**.

Director Schmidt explained the purpose of the proposed legislation and discussed the constraints of current confidentiality policies in evaluating the outcomes and impacts of programs and services, **Appendix 16-02**.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided on this topic.

Committee Action

Senator Case moved that the Committee consider 25LSO-0004 as a Committee bill draft for possible sponsorship. The motion passed by voice vote.

25LSO-0103, Treatment courts-amendments.

Ms. Johnson reviewed 25LSO-0103, Treatment courts-amendments, which would amend the Court Supervised Treatment Program Act to include mental health treatment, authorize court supervised treatment programs to accept participants from any other jurisdiction in the state, and amend 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, **Appendix 16-03**.

Representative Larsen and Ms. Butler provided additional information on the bill.

Public Comment

Andi Summerville, Director, Wyoming Association of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Centers, raised two concerns with the bill drafts related to costs and the criminalization of mental illness.

Committee Action

Senator Case moved that the Committee consider 25LSO-0103 as a Committee bill draft for possible sponsorship. The motion passed by voice vote.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Washut adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bill Landen, Co-Chairman

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