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2024 BUDGET SESSION REACHES BILL CROSSOVER PERIOD

CHEYENNE – After convening Feb. 12, the Wyoming Legislature has passed the midway point for the 2024 Budget Session. Tuesday marked the crossover period for the body, meaning it was the last day for third reading in the house of origin. Any legislation that did not successfully pass third reading in the primary house today will not go on for further consideration in the opposite chamber.

At the start of the session, a total of 366 bills and resolutions were numbered for introduction. With two weeks remaining in this year's session, 158 bills remain active. The Senate introduced 107 pieces of legislation and 94 of those bills have moved to the House for consideration. The House introduced 84 bills and passed 64 bills on to the Senate for deliberation. One-hundred-seventy-five of the numbered bills were not considered or failed the introduction vote in both Chambers. Sixty-nine percent of the committee bills numbered for introduction passed the house of origin, while 29 percent of the individually sponsored bills moved on for further consideration.

Both the Senate and House have addressed a broad range of issues affecting Wyoming residents and now the second house will get a chance to make changes and pass or vote down those bills sent from the house of origin. Although these bills have passed in their house of origin, the legislation still must gain approval of the second house and be sent to the Governor for consideration before becoming state law.

In accordance with the 2024 tentative legislative [schedule](#) adopted by Management Council, March 4 is scheduled as the last day for bills to be reported out of committee in the second house and March 5 is scheduled as the last day for Committee of the Whole on bills in the second house. March 7 is scheduled as the last day for third reading on bills in the second house. The anticipated adjournment date for the 2024 Budget Session is March 8.

In addition to the bills currently being considered, legislators are finishing work on the State's 2025-2026 biennial budget. The bodies will spend the next week working to reconcile the differences between the final Senate and House versions of the budget bill through a joint

conference committee. After each chamber votes to concur on the conference committee's action, the budget bill will be sent to the Governor for his consideration.

The **online form** to submit interim topics is available on the Legislature's website through 4 p.m. Friday. Suggested topics may originate from any source but must be submitted and presented to joint committees by a legislator. The interim topic submissions will be compiled for consideration by joint committees during the last week of the 2024 Budget Session.

The Wyoming Legislature encourages the public to continue actively participating in the legislative process. For a complete list of bills or to follow the proceedings as the session continues, please visit the Legislature's website at **www.wyoleg.gov**. – End –