

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

FINAL BILL REVIEW AND STATUS

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

NOTE: THE BUDGET SESSION CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 12TH. THIS IS A 20 DAY SESSION FOCUSED ON THE BIENNIAL BUDGET. THE SESSION CONCLUDED TODAY, THE 20TH DAY. BILLS SHOWN IN THIS REPORT ARE THOSE BILLS DEEMED BY WSGA TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO OUR INDUSTRY. SOME OF THE BILLS THAT HAVE PASSED ARE STILL AWAITING SIGNATURE BY THE GOVERNOR. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE WSGA OFFICE AT 307-638-3942.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS—[See Summary on Page 3]

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 03 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR LONG TERM HOMEOWNERS—Exempts 50% of the assessed value of a primary residence from property tax for a person over age 65 who has paid property residential property tax on any residence in the state for 25 years or more. Includes the dwelling and up to 35 acres.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 04 PROPERTY TAX REFUND PROGRAM—Amends current law to increase refund eligibility to any person whose gross income does not exceed 165% of the median gross household income for the county of residence or the state. Establishes a scale of maximum refunds tied to income levels.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 10 GRACE PERIOD-STATE LAND LEASE RENEWALS—For good cause and upon request directs the Director of OS LI to grant a current lessee thirty additional days past expiration to submit a renewal application.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 11 STATE LAND LEASE AMENDMENTS—Establishes the date of the postmark as the filing date for lease renewals and annual payments; removes restrictions on the acceptable methods of payment.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 36 NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT—Provides that no state or local government shall use any resources to administer any federal executive order, rule or regulation determined by the Governor to not be compliant with federal laws regarding federal land management.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

HB 45 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION—RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES—Exempts from property tax any portion of the assessed value of a single family residence that exceeds 4% of the previous year's assessed value unless the property was acquired within the past year, with exceptions.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 93 ANIMAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT AMENDMENTS—Increases the amount that the Wyoming Livestock Board may reimburse for a quarantine of livestock for brucellosis from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 116 SAGE GROUSE IMPLEMENTATION-NOTICE TO LANDOWNERS—Requires a 45 day prior direct notice to affected surface interest owners and a public meeting 30 days prior to the Sage Grouse Implementation Team making any recommendations to the Governor regarding sage grouse management and habitat.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SENATE FILES

SF 01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS—Mirror Bill to HB 01.

SF 12 MEAT PROCESSING PLANTS-HIDES AND CARCASSES—Removes current requirement for inspection prior to sale and requires a bill of sale to be kept available for two years.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 13 FEDERAL LAND USE PLANS—LEGAL ACTIONS AUTHORIZED—Authorizes the Legislature to initiate legal actions against the federal government for actions deemed to be in violation of federal laws related to natural resource management and including federal purchase of land within the state. Allocates \$75 million.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 14 STATE FAIR BOARD-POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES—Grants contracting authority to the State Fair Board without going through the Director of the Department of Agriculture.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 54 HOMEOWNER TAX EXEMPTION—Provides for an exemption of 25% of the first \$2 million of the value of single family residential property used as a primary residence. Valid only until July 1,2026.

Status: Passed Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

SF 66 WATER EXCHANGE AMENDMENTS—Authorizes approval of an exchange of use from another appropriation from the same source without the loss of any water rights involved in the exchange; requires publication of public notice prior to approval.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 103 WYOMING PRIME ACT—Specifies conditions under which a livestock producer may sell meat that has been processed on the premises or in a custom-exempt facility direct to the consumer; effective only upon legalization under federal law.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 118 BIGHORN AND DOMESTIC SHEEP RELOCATION-FEDERAL ACTION—Requires the Game & Fish to remove any bighorn sheep from the Sweetwater Rocks herd unit of any federal agency or judicial action could require to removal of domestic sheep or reduction in any class of livestock aums; authorizes state litigation if necessary.

Status: Passed Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

‘BILLS THAT FAILED INTRODUCTION OR PASSAGE (*WSGA POSITION*)

- **HB 18** PROPERTY TAX-INFLATION CAP.
- **HB 52** PROPERTY TAX-HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
- **HB 60** EXCESS WILDLIFE POPULATION DAMAGE AMENDMENTS (*WSGA Strongly Supported*)
- **HB 69** MINE PERMIT AND RECLAMATION PLAN CHANGES-LANDOWNER APPROVAL
- **HB 87** BRUCellosis TESTING AMENDMENTS (*WSGA Opposed*)
- **HB 103** PROPERTY TAX-ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
- **HB 110** WYOMING UNDERGROUND FACILITIES NOTIFICATION ACT (*WSGA Supported*)
- **HB 112** REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX TO OFFSET PROPERTY TAX
- **HB 121** KELLY PARCEL-SALE AND LEASING REQUIREMENTS
- **HB 127** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION-SPECIFIED REAL PROPERTY
- **HB 129** STATUTORY STANDING COMMITTEES-FEDERAL REVIEW
- **HB 133** PROPERTY TAX HOLIDAY
- **HB 134** PROPERTY TAX DEFERAL PROGRAM-AMENDMENTS
- **HB 146** PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM-RENTAL PROPERTY APPLICANTS
- **HB 165** ACCESS POINT ON STATE LANDS STUDY
- **HB 168** FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF WYOMING AGRICULTURAL LANDS (*WSGA Supported*)
- **HB 170** ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDURE-REGULATORY COSTS (*WSGA Supported*)
- **HB 171** STATE LAND EXCHANGES-PUBLIC NOTICE (*WSGA Supported*)
- **HB 177** NATURAL ASSET COMPANIES PROHIBITION (*WSGA Supported*)
- **HB 192** COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL ROADS ON STATE LANDS-EASEMENTS
- **HB 196** SALES OF REAL PROPEY TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

- **HB 203** **PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION AND REPLACEMENT ACT** *(WSGA Opposed)*
- **HB 211** **PROPERTY TAX-ACQUISITION VALUE**
- **HJ 01** **PROPERTY TAX-CLASSES OF TAX AND RESIDENTIAL VALUE**
- **HJ 03** **SUPPORT FOR LOCAL INPUT IN FEDERAL RULEMAKING**
- **SF 10** **EMINENT DOMAIN-ENERGY COLLECTOR SYSTEMS**
- **SF 11** **EMINENT DOMAIN-ENERGY COLLECTOR SYSTEMS AMENDMENTS**
- **SF 28** **FEDERAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.**
- **SF 43** **PORE SPACE-SEVERANCES AND SEPARATE CONVEYANCES PROHIBITED***(WSGA Supported)*
- **SF 63** **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES**
- **SF 65** **TEMPORARY WATER USE AGREEMENTS AMENDMENTS**
- **SF 68** **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY-TAX EXEMPTION**
- **SF 102** **FOREIGN PROPERTY OWNERSHIP-CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **SF 104** **WIND AND SOLAR FACILITIES-STATE LAND AMENDMENTS** *(WSGA Supported)*
- **SF 119** **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION-SPECIFIED REAL PROPERTY**
- **SF 121** **PROPERTY TAX-HOMEOWNER'S EXEMPTION**
- **SF 126** **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION-INFLATION CAP 2**
- **SF 131** **REGULATORY REDUCTION TASK FORCE-2** *(WSGA Supported)*
- **SJ 1** **RESOLUTION DEMANDING EQUAL FOOTING**
- **SJ 02** **FOREIGN ADVERSARIES-PROHIBITED PROPERTY OWNERSHIP** *(WSGA Supported)*

WSGA BUDGET HIGHLIGHT NOTES

- ◆ \$850,000—Natural Resource Policy Account for use including county litigation
- ◆ \$300,000—WY Department of Agriculture for Ag in the Classroom
- ◆ \$10,000,000—Predator Management
- ◆ \$1,000,000—From G&F for Predator Management (Subject to Commission Approval)
- ◆ \$9,000,000—Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust for invasive plants and grasses
- ◆ \$500,000—WY Livestock Board for law enforcement
- ◆ \$2,500,000—UW match for ranch and rangeland management, agronomy & soil science