

2019 Legislative Weekly Update

The 2019 Wyoming legislative session is underway. The session began January 8 and is set to end February 27 with an additional five days available if necessary.

This report provides updates on the status of bills (passed or failed).

January 14, 2019

HB0002 Regulation of hunting methods

Department Impact High

Department Leads Brian Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Summary This bill amends W.S. 23-1-302 authorizing the regulation and control of the methods of taking wildlife.

HB002 Status

HB0012 Shed antlers and horns

Department Impact High

Department Leads Brian Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Sommers, Crank, Eyre, Freeman, Schwartz and Stith and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Driskill and Gierau

Summary This bill amends W.S. 23-1-302 and will ostensibly allow the Game and Fish Commission to regulate the collection of shed antlers and horns on public lands in the entire state of Wyoming and at any time of the year.

Status HB0012

HB0028 Regulation of shed antler and big game horn collection

Department Impact High

Department Leads Brian Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Haley, Flitner, Freeman, Lindholm, MacGuire, Paxton and Sommers and Senator(s) Hicks and Moniz

Summary This bill amends W.S. 23-1-302 allowing the Game and Fish Commission to regulate the collection of shed antlers and horns on public lands in the entire state of Wyoming and at any time of the year.

Status HB0028

HB0042 Preference point amendments

Department Impact High

Department Leads Phipps

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Sweeney, Barlow, Brown, Duncan, Haley, Harshman, Henderson, Loucks and Paxton and Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton and Bebout

Summary This bill amends W.S. 23-1-703, 23-2-101 and 23-2-109 authorizing the game and fish commission to implement a preference point system for resident big game hunting licenses.

HB0042 Status

HB0073 Use of dogs-recovery of killed or wounded big game

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Brian Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Representative(s) Blake, Brown, Haley, Lindholm, Miller and Paxton and Senator(s) Baldwin, Boner, Driskill and Gierau

Summary This bill allows a person to use a leashed blood-trailing dog to help recover a killed or wounded or killed big game animal. This bill would create a new subsection to the current W.S. 23-3-109.

HB0073 Status

HB0102 Hunter safety course-preference points

Department Impact High

Department Leads Phipps

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Clem and Tass and Senator(s) Baldwin and Driskill

Summary This bill amends W.S. 23-1-703 (b) and 23-2-109 to award one preference point for their species of choice (sheep or moose) to any person who completes a WGFD-sponsored or Commission-approved hunter safety course.

HB0102 Status

HB0144 Citation in lieu of arrest

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Pelkey and Lindholm and Senator(s) Case and Von Flatern

Summary **Not Available at this Time**

HB0144 Status **Not Available at This Time**

HJ0001 Wyoming support for delisting the grizzly bear

Department Impact High

Department Leads Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Representative(s) Winter, Hunt, Kirkbride, Paxton, Salazar and Sommers and Senator(s) Agar, Bebout, Boner and Driskill

Summary This joint resolution details the history of grizzly bear management in Wyoming and the timeline of events associated with attempts to delist grizzly bears from the Endangered Species Act. The resolution requests congressional action to delist the GYE grizzly bear population, have the federal government fully fund the cost of grizzly bear management until delisting occurs, and to have the Wyoming Secretary of State transmit copies of this resolution to the United States President, Senate President, Speaker of the House, Interior Secretary, USFWS, and Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

HJ0001 Status

SF0002 Board of outfitters and guides-area of authorization

Died – Failed Senate Committee as a Whole

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Summary This bill amends W.S.23-2-406 (a) by authorizing the Board of Outfitters and Guides to approve or deny areas of authorization for outfitters and providing for an effective date.

SF0002 Status

SF0003 Preference points

Department Impact High

Department Leads Phipps

Sponsor(s) Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee

Summary This bill amends W.S. 23-1-703 (b) and 23-2-101 (m) removing the provisions for loss of cumulative points after failure to apply in consecutive years.

SF0003 Status

SF0040 Operation of motorboat while intoxicated

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Nesvik

Sponsor(s) Senator(s) Steinmetz, Baldwin and Hutchings and Representative(s) Duncan, Haley, Jennings and Simpson

Summary This bill amends W.S. 41-13-206 amending the alcohol concentration level that constitutes operation of a motorboat by an intoxicated person.

SF0040 Status

SF0053 Government contracts-labor organization

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Phipps

Sponsor(s) Senator(s) Anderson, Boner, Driskill and Kinskey and Representative(s) Clausen, Lindholm, Pownall and Walters

Summary This bill is an act relating to public works and contracts. It will prohibit governmental entities from including specified terms related to labor organization agreements in construction related contracts and grants. It also provides exemptions, legislative findings and an effective date.

SF0053 Status

SF0070 Landowner and lessee liability limitations

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Hawk

Sponsor(s) Senator(s) Driskill, Bebout, Moniz, Steinmetz and Wasserburger and Representative(s) Clausen, Hunt, Lindholm, Pownall, Sommers and Walters

Summary This bill amends W.S. 34-19-103 (a) (iii) to include third parties (whether or not on the property) in a waiver of liability on behalf of any landowner or lessee for any injury to person or property caused by an act or omission of the person using the land. The bill also amends W.S. 34-19-107 to include third parties (whether or not on the property) as being liable for any damage or injury to property, livestock or crops. Finally, the bill amends W.S. 36-5-117 to provide for limited liability of state land lessees for injury associated with improvements upon state lands provided the improvement was granted permission, the user did not obtain written or oral permission from the lessee and that the lessee did not charge the user to use the improvement.

SF0070 Status

SF0074 Professional services procurement

Department Impact Medium

Department Leads Phipps

Sponsor(s) Senator(s) Case, Kinskey and Pappas and Representative(s) Loucks and Sommers

Summary This bill creates new definitions in W.S. 9-2-1028. This act relates to modifying residency requirements related to the procurement of professional architectural, engineering and land surveying services.

SF0074 Status

SF0076 Warrants for digital records

Department Impact Low

Department Leads Nesvik

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Sponsor(s) Senator(s) Nethercott, Anselmi-Dalton, Hicks and Kinskey and Representative(s) Haley, Jennings, Pelkey, Pownall, Stith and Wilson

Summary This bill creates W.S. 7-7-106 as related to criminal procedure. This bill would authorize warrants to out-of-state providers of electronic communication services. It would also require Wyoming providers to comply with out-of-state warrants and immunity for compliance.

SF0076 Status

SF0077 2019 large project funding

Department Impact High

Department Leads Phipps

Sponsor(s) Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

Summary This bill authorizes funding for large projects exceeding \$200,000 in requested funds from the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Fund including the following projects:

- Double Bar E Conservation Easement
- Big Fork Canal
- Richie Ranch Conservation Easement II
- Richie Ranch Conservation Easement III
- Encampment River WYCO Dam
- Dunham Ranch Conservation Easement
- Lower Swift Creek
- Sublette Cheatgrass
- Gun Barrel Flats Conservation Easement

SF0077 Status

SF0087 Temporary instream water use

Department Impact ?

Department Leads Osterland

Sponsor(s) Senator(s) Case and Representative(s) Blackburn, Pelkey and Zwonitzer

Summary

SF0087 Status

Monitored Bills

HB0003 Board of outfitters and guides-civil penalties - HB0003 Status

HB0010 Crimes against critical infrastructure - HB0010 Status

HB0050 Legislative review of state land transfers - HB0050 Status

HB0051 Lawful fence standards-county preemption - HB0051 Status

HB0054 Federal natural resource policy account-amendments - HB0054 Status

HB0081 Omnibus water bill-planning - HB0081 Status

HB0084 Wage equality-state employees and programs - HB0084 Status

HB0085 State health reinsurance program - HB0085 Status

HB0099 Wyoming public lands day - HB0099 Status

HB0108 Contractors-final payment provisions restructure - HB0108 Status

HB0122 Citizen standing – HB0022 Status

**HB0142 Wildlife and natural resource trust account board-duties – HB0142
Status Not Available**

SF0005 - Budget reserve account-repeal - HB005 Status

SF0011 Budget submission deadline - SF0011 Status

SF0033 Cruelty to animals-penalties - SF0033 Status

SF0036 Oil and gas drilling units-calculation of owner shares - SF0036 Status

SF0050 State amphibian - SF0050 Status

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SF0057 Public records - SF0057 Status

SF0059 Omnibus water bill-construction - SF0059 Status

SF0069 Water development program - SF0069 Status

SF0075 Repeal gun free zones and preemption amendments - SF0075 Status

SF0089 Death benefits-Wyoming retirement plans – SF0087 Status

SF0090 Nonvested member accounts-Wyoming retirement plans – SF0090 Status

SJ0001 State-federal school trust lands exchange - SJ0001 Status