

Legislative Scorecard for the 67th State of Wyoming Legislature



HB0023

Vehicle registration e-certificate and grace period Enrolled Act HEA No. 0008, effective 7/1/2024

This bill amends existing requirements for vehicle registration certificates to allow a county treasurer to issue an electronic copy of the certificate and allow a person to present an electronic copy. Physical copies may still be issued and carried.

This bill provides a grace period of thirty (30) days for placing validation stickers on a vehicle following the issuance of a certificate of registration. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this bill.

HB0084

High Plains Research Station and Arboretum-historic site **House Failed Introduction**

An Act relating to state lands; declaring the High Plains Research Station and Arboretum as a state historic site; requiring the department of state parks and cultural resources to manage the high plains research station and arboretum state historic site; requiring the development of a strategic master plan for preservation and operation of the High Plains Research Station and Arboretum state historic site; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date. **The** Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.

SF0052

Wyoming Stable Token Act-amendments **Enrolled Act No. 44, effective immediately**

This bill amends the Wyoming Stable Token Act to require the Wyoming Stable Token Commission to enter into procurement contracts using competitive bidding.

This bill amends the fingerprinting requirements for background checks for specified members of the Wyoming Stable Token Commission to be consistent with other statutes.

This bill amends the types of investments eligible for the Wyoming Stable Token Trust Account to include cash and United States treasury repurchase agreements with a term of thirty (30) days or less and clarifies the types of stable tokens that may be issued. **The Chamber scored** positively for those who supported the amendments.

SF0053

Sixth Judicial district-number of judges Enrolled Act SEA No. 0043, effective 7/1/2024

This bill authorizes an additional district judge in the Sixth Judicial District (Campbell, Crook, and Weston Counties) and associated biennial funding and positions, along with suitable judicial facilities. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this bill.

HB0105

Insurance payments-not taxable **House Failed Introduction**

An Act relating to taxation and revenue; exempting insurance damage settlement payments from sales and use taxation; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.

Protection of health care providers

House Failed Introduction

An Act relating to crimes and offenses; creating the offenses of assault, threat of violence and battery against health care providers; specifying penalties; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.

HJ0003

Support for local input in federal rulemaking Senate did not consider for Committee of the Whole

A Joint Resolution in support of meaningful state and local government involvement in drafting proposed federal rules, resource management plans and environmental impact statements. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this joint resolution.



Acceptance of retrocession-federal military installations Enrolled Act SEA No.0002, effective 7/1/2024

This Act authorizes the Governor to accept in writing on behalf of the state full or partial retrocession of jurisdiction over any military reservations and lands previously ceded to the United States, including F.E. Warren Air Force Base, where such retrocession has been offered by the appropriate federal authority.

This Act provides that the Governor may accept retrocession of criminal jurisdiction, civil jurisdiction, juvenile jurisdiction or any combination thereof.

This Act provides that the Governor's written acceptance of retrocession becomes effective upon filing the acceptance in the Secretary of State's office. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.



Military department emergency fire suppression account **Died in Senate Committee**

An Act relating to the military department; creating an account for emergency fire suppression costs on all state lands managed by the military department; authorizing the adjutant general to expend monies for emergency fire suppression; requiring rulemaking; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.



Homeland defense-infrastructure reporting and investigating Enrolled Act SEA No. 0058, effective 7/1/2024

An Act providing requirements for critical infrastructure zones and conveyances. This act requires the Governor (in consultation with the Director of the Office of Homeland Security) to designate properties or areas as critical infrastructure zones, which are properties or areas containing property, systems or assets that are so vital that their degradation or destruction would have a debilitating impact on national security.

The Homeland Security Director (in consultation with the Governor) may remove any critical infrastructure zone designation. At least once annually, the Director (in consultation with the Governor) must review all designations to determine whether any zones should be amended or removed, and the Director must provide a current list of designated zones to each county

Under this Act, each county clerk must report each conveyance that involves any property within a critical infrastructure zone, or within five (5) miles of a zone, to the Director and the Division of Criminal Investigation within fifteen (15) days after the conveyance.

Upon receiving a report from a county clerk, the Director and the Division must, upon reasonable suspicion, investigate the conveyance to determine if the conveyance poses a threat to national security or if the conveyance involves a designated country or person (a foreign government or person determined to be a foreign adversary by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, or a country designated as a state sponsor of terrorism under federal law).

The Act authorizes the Attorney General (AG), the Director and the Division to take any action necessary to determine the identity of any party to a conveyance that is reported under this Act.



SF0016, continued

The Act authorizes the AG or the Division to subpoena witnesses, compel attendance of witnesses and require the production of records to determine the identity of a party to a reported conveyance, whether a reported conveyance threatens national security and if the conveyance involves a designated country or person. The Act also authorizes the AG to subpoena witnesses and evidence to investigate incidents of domestic terrorism and homeland-security disasters.

The Act requires the Director to promulgate any rules necessary to implement this Act, as well as appropriate any funds to provide to the county clerks for implementation. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.



Foreign property ownership-critical infrastructure **Died in House Committee**

An Act relating to property, conveyances and security transactions; prohibiting foreign ownership of real property near critical infrastructure and military installations as specified; authorizing actions for divestiture; requiring specified parties to register property ownership with the secretary of state; specifying penalties; amending the duties of the Wyoming office of homeland security; amending the duties of county clerks; requiring the inclusion of notices of foreign ownership prohibitions and reporting requirements in assessment schedules and tax statements; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; authorizing positions; providing an appropriation; and providing for effective dates. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.

HB0082

Cities and towns-abandoned and nuisance buildings **House Failed Introduction**

An Act relating to cities and towns; providing a tax credit for expenditures to incentivize the improvement of abandoned and nuisance buildings; authorizing cities and towns to designate abandoned and nuisance buildings for purposes of the tax credit; authorizing cities and towns to assess a fee for costs to abate a nuisance or to repair, remove or destroy a dangerous building; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this act.

SF0100

Prompt payment of insurance claims Enrolled Act SEA No. 0059

This bill requires insurance companies to pay claims without defects to pharmacies within twenty-one (21) days of receiving a claim if the claim is submitted electronically or within thirty (30) days if the claim is submitted in any other manner.

This bill penalizes insurers who do not pay claims within the specified period of time by requiring insurers to pay interest on claims at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum, billed weekly.

This bill provides definitions and requires the Department of Insurance to promulgate rules to implement this bill.

This bill applies to insurance contracts renewed, amended or entered into between insurers and pharmacies beginning on or after July 1, 2024. The Chamber scored positively for those who supported this bill.

HB0018

Property tax-inflation cap

Died in House Committee

An Act relating to ad valorem taxation; limiting the maximum annual taxable value increase for residential property; striking obsolete language; and providing for a contingent effective date. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this act.

HB0126

Child care is a residential use of property Enrolled Act HEA NO. 0043, effective 7/1/2024

This bill provides that child care is a residential use of property and a residential purpose for the purposes of any restrictive covenant on residential property that does not clearly and expressly prohibit child care. The bill limits its application to child care of not more than ten (10) children on a regular basis. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this bill.

HB0173

Pharmacy benefit manager amendments House did not consider for introduction

An Act relating to pharmacy benefit managers; amending provisions related to pharmacies and in network retail pharmacies; requiring rulemaking; specifying applicability; and providing for effective dates. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this act.

HB0109

Wind tax exemption-repeal

House failed introduction

An Act relating to the tax on production of energy from wind resources; repealing the three year tax exemption on energy production; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this act.

HB0112

Real estate transfer tax to offset property tax **House failed introduction**

An Act relating to taxation and revenue; providing for an excise tax on the sale of real property as specified; providing for distribution of the tax; requiring rulemaking; imposing criminal penalties; providing for a reduction in the property tax assessment ratio; making conforming amendments; and providing for effective dates. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this act.

SF0056

Special districts-limits on tax levy **Senate failed introduction**

An Act relating to taxation; authorizing the restriction of tax levies for special districts based upon accumulated reserves; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this act.

SF0063

Property tax exemption-residential structures-2 Senate did not consider for Committee of the Whole

An Act relating to taxation; establishing a property tax exemption for single family residential structures based on the prior year assessed value; requiring information related to the tax exemption to be included on the tax assessment schedule; providing rulemaking authority; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date. The Chamber scored negatively for those who supported this act.

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