



WEEK 7 AT THE CAPITOL

Week 7 at the Capitol was another busy week. With 3 scheduled days left in the session, activity is slowing down a bit as the number of bills being considered is diminishing due to bill deadlines and negative votes. As of this report, there are 92 active bills, 163 bills have been enacted into law, and 259 bills have been defeated or otherwise no longer being considered.

With the end of the session in site, the various House and Senate Committees have begun discussion interim topics. WAM submitted several ideas for interim study, including surface water drainage systems, and an opt in for municipalities into the State Health System. Additionally, we expect an interim study on food trucks and affordable housing regulation.

The WAM Website www.wyomuni.org contains information on all the bills we are tracking and identifies bills that directly and indirectly relate to WAM. The following is a summary of several of the most important bills WAM is tracking. Please note these are not all of the bills we are following, but the ones that most directly affect our members. As noted, the full legislative summaries and bill status are on the WAM website.

State Supplemental Budget HB01 and SF01

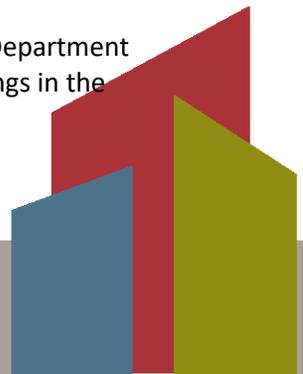
The Supplemental Budget is processed through the separate chambers on proposals with differences. During the past week, both the House and Senate Budget proposals were considered after being amended numerous times. The Supplemental General Fund budget has been approved by the House and Senate. The Capital Construction Budget (CAPCON), which funds state agencies and other government entities, the University of Wyoming and Community College capital funding has not yet been finalized. It appears there is wide disparity between the House and Senate on the CAPCON budget.

HOUSE BILLS OF INTEREST

The following are brief summaries of bills of interest to WAM members. Please note they are not all of the bills we are following, but the ones we believe are of the greatest interest. The full list of tracked bills are found on the WAM website.

House Bill 66 – Statewide Lodging Tax

This bill would impose a 5% statewide lodging tax, with 3% being used to fund the Tourism Department and 2% going to local government. This bill has passed the House and has passed two readings in the Senate. Third reading and final vote is scheduled for February 25. WAM supports this bill.





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House Bill 69 – Marketplace Facilitators

This bill would effectively tax internet sales. This bill is estimated to generate \$3.5 million for local governments in FY 2020. This bill has passed both the House and Senate and signed as Enrolled Act No. 23. WAM supported this bill.

House Bill 81 – Omnibus Water Bill-Planning

HB 81 funds a number of water projects around the state. The bill appropriates \$6.4 million from the Water Development Funds for planning of water projects around the state. The bill has passed the House and the Senate and is an Enrolled Act No. 38. Project details can be found in the bill. WAM supported this bill.

House Bill 220 – Retail Fairness Act

This bill would impose an income tax on out of state corporations who do business in Wyoming. These corporations are domiciled in states (i.e. Walmart, Target, etc.) that have a state corporate tax. Income from the Wyoming business are taxed in the home state, with no revenue going to Wyoming. This bill was expected to raise \$45 million in revenue and would go to the School Foundation Fund. The bill has passed the House and has been introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Corporations Committee. Senate Corporations failed to act on it, and it is dead for this session. WAM monitored this bill.

House Bill 291 - Alcoholic beverages-licensing authority powers.

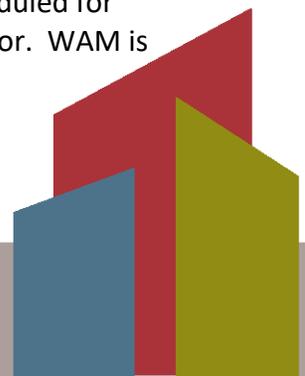
This bill limits a city or town's ability regulate establishments with liquor licenses. It restricts a town's ability to regulate to zoning regulations only. In other words, a city cannot grant or renew a license and restrict hours of operation, etc. The bill has passed the House and has passed two readings of the Senate. WAM has been working to kill this bill.

SENATE FILES OF INTEREST

The following are brief summaries of bills of interest to WAM members. Please note they are not all of the bills we are following, but the ones we believe are of the greatest interest. The full list of tracked bills are found on the WAM website.

Senate File 49 County Zoning - Schools

As note in the last update, this bill preempts the ability of counties to regulate private schools through county zoning regulations. This bill treats private school similar to public schools. This bill has passed the Senate and passed 2 readings in the House. The final vote is scheduled for Monday, February 25th. This is going to be an extremely close vote on the House Floor. WAM is monitoring this bill.





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Senate File 57 – Public Records

This bill relates to the production of public records to include setting time limits for production, designating the custodian of records, provides for appeal processes, sets penalties including felonies for noncompliance to include termination of employment. The bill as originally proposed caused numerous concerns for WAM and many other entities. The bill has been amended to a point where we believe it is workable. It has passed the Senate in a form that we could live with. During House debate, it was amended in a form WAM objected to, but WAM and its coalition partners were able to maintain it in an acceptable form. Although not a perfect bill as has been commented on, WAM has supported the bill in its current form. The version of the bill passed in the House was different than the Senate version. The Senate failed to concur with the House changes, so the bill will go the House/Senate Conference Committee the week of February 25th. It is WAM's understanding that the committee will reach agreement on the bill in a form that is acceptable to WAM.

Senate File 59 - Water Omnibus – Construction

This bill relates to funding for water construction projects. It appropriates approximately \$28 million for various water projects around the state. The bill has passed the House and Senate and is Enrolled Act No. 28. Project details can be found in the bill. WAM supported this bill.

Tracking Bills on Line

The WAM website contains all the information about the bills and their status in the legislative process. If you prefer to see this data in the excel format, you can click the excel button and it will format the information into an excel spread sheet. A direct link can be found at

<https://wyomuni.org/follow-legislation>

If you have questions about any legislative issue, please do not hesitate to call Bob McLaurin (307) 413-3483, or Rick Kaysen at (307) 287-4218.

