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Bill No.	Title & Summary	Sponsor	WHA Position	House	Senate	Notes
HB0053	SPECIAL DISTRICTS TASK FORCE An act relating to the administration of government; creating a task force on special districts; providing for a study of special districts and their operation; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Corporations Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred Corporations - passed, also having passed 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred Corporations - passed, on General File Friday 2/26	HEA0050
HB0055	NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT An act relating to the Nurse Licensure Compact; entering into a compact with other states to allow nurses licensed in one compact state to exercise a multistate licensure privilege in other states that are a party to the compact; approving and specifying terms of the compact; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0002
HB0056	ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT An act relating to the Advance Practice Registered Nurse Compact; entering into a compact with other states to allow advanced practice registered nurses licensed in one compact state to exercise a multistate licensure privilege in other states that are a party to the compact; approving and specifying terms of the compact; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0003
HB0057	UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT PROGRAM - PRIVATE HOSPITALS An act relating to public welfare; establishing a private hospital assessment as specified; providing for the use of assessments to obtain federal matching funds; providing for payments to private hospitals as specified; establishing an account; providing definitions; providing regulatory authority; providing penalties; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - Re-referred Appropriations - passed. Also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0024

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HB0059	HEALTH CARE - STATUTORY COMPLIANCE An act relating to health care; amending the child health insurance program as specified; specifying that the department of health shall administer a state supplemental security income program; providing definitions; specifying where an application for medical assistance may be filed; specifying that the department of health shall administer claims against an estate for medical assistance provided through Medicaid; repealing provisions related to the qualification of parents and guardians for child health insurance program benefits; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA004
HB0060	STATE HEALTH FACILITY MISSIONS - STATUTORY COMPLIANCE An act relating to institutions of the state; amending qualifications to receive services from state health care facilities; providing for the continued care of persons at the Wyoming Life Resource Center as specified; amending the mission of state health care facilities; conforming statutes; specifying applicable federal standards for rulemaking; updating obsolete language; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0019
HB0063	HEALTH CARE FACILITY RECEIVERSHIP ACT An act relating to hospitals and health care facilities; creating a Health Care Facility Receivership Act; providing definitions; providing procedures and standards for establishing and terminating a receivership; establishing powers and duties of a receiver; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0020
HB0074	UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT PROGRAM - PUBLIC NURSING HOMES An act relating to the Wyoming Medical Assistance and Services Act (Medicaid); authorizing the department of health to obtain an amendment to the state plan for the governmental nursing facility gap payment program; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - Re-referred Appropriations - passed. Also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0046

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HB0076	DESIGNATED CAREGIVER An act relating to public health and safety; providing for the appointment of a designated caregiver; providing definitions; requiring patient consent; requiring record keeping; requiring notices to caregivers as specified; requiring coordination between hospitals and caregivers as specified; limiting applicability of the act; prohibiting the use of specified funds; prohibiting impacts on state or federal funds; and providing for an effective date.	Reps Harvey, Dayton, Halverson, McKim, Pelkey, Wilson Sen Landen	Support	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0027
HB0085	MEDICAL EDUCATION FUNDING An act relating to higher education; modifying provisions relating to higher education programs in the field of dentistry and other professional health services; modifying provisions regarding agreements under the programs; providing for accounting and use of monies generated by the programs; limiting expenditure of earnings from endowment accounts; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Appropriations Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to Appropriations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to Appropriations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	HEA0037
HB0113	GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY - WAIVER FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES An act relating to the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act; providing a waiver of governmental immunity for damages caused by a violation of whistleblower statutes for health care facilities; and providing for an effective date.	Reps Connolly, B Nicholas, Sommers, Wilson Sens Rothfuss, Von Flatern	Monitor	Introduced and referred to Appropriations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Not considered for introduction.	
HB0116	HEALTH CARE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS An act relating to public health; creating a process for grants to improve access to health care services and reduce the cost of uncompensated care; creating an account; authorizing grants from the account; providing for matching amounts; authorizing rulemaking; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Reps Wilson, Barlow, Schwartz Sens Craft, Pappas, Peterson	Support	Failed introduction		

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HB0134	INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT - GATEKEEPER PILOT An act relating to involuntary commitment; providing for an involuntary commitment gatekeeper pilot program; amending involuntary commitment statutes to include gatekeepers as specified; requiring rulemaking; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.	Reps B Nicholas, Barlow, Harvey Sens Perkins, Ross	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - not considered on General File		Content of this bill amended into SF58
HB0138	CHILD HELATH INSURANCE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS An act relating to health care; amending the child health insurance program as specified; amending definitions; specifying the benefits offered by the program; specifying allowable cost containment actions; amending obsolete language; repealing provisions related to enrollment and priority for the receipt of program benefits; repealing provisions related to the qualification of parents and guardians for program benefits; and providing for an effective date.	Rep Larsen	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS - failed in committee	
SF0038	DATA MANAGEMENT POLICIES An act relating to administration of government; requiring agencies to adopt policies for data collection, access, security and use as specified; directing the state chief information officer to develop guideleings for local governements for data collection, access, security and use; providing a definition; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Corporations Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0018

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SF0042	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE ACT An act relating to professions and occupations; amending the Occupational Therapy Practice Act; adding and amending definitions; defining unprofessional conduct; amending the scope of practice; amending licensure and temporary licensure standards; amending standards for reentry into the profession; amending provisions related to foreign license applicants; amending continuing education requirements; specifying who must hold a license; specifying the role of unlicensed persons; repealing archaic provisions; amending board duties and procedures; providing for licensure waiver; repealing criminal penalties; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Corporations Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	on final conference committee list today
SF0044	OBsolete STATUTORY LANGUAGE - HEALTH CARE An act relating to health care; amending the duties of the office of rural health; amending emergency medical technician licensing provisions; amending emergency medical technician licensing fees and the allocation of licensing fees; providing for temporary emergency medical technician licensure in emergencies; amending the newborn metabolic screening programs; repealing the department of health's advisory council; repealing provisions related to the regulation of clinical laboratories and blood banks; repealing misplaced provisions regarding license restrictions; repealing obsolete provisions; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0022
SF0045	RURAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICTS - AUTHORITY An act relating to rural health care districts; providing for the issuance of securities by the trustees of a rural health care district; providing for a method of issuance, sale, form, registration and payment of bonds by rural health care districts; specifying authority of rural health care districts to own hospitals and related facilities; revising the timing of the proposition to continue a tax; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0048

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SF0049	DIRECT PRIMARY CARE - INSURANCE EXEMPTION An act relating to insurance; exempting direct primary care agreements from insurance regulation; specifying requirements for exemption; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA004
SF0055	LICENSURE BOARD POWERS An act relating to professions and occupations; providing for active oversight of certain boards and commissions as specified; providing additional duties for the state health officer and the office of the attorney general; providing for additional study of issues resulting from the United States Supreme Court decision in North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission, 135 S. Ct. 1101 (2015) and related court decisions; and providing for an effective date.	Sen Scott	Monitor		Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - not considered on General File	
SF0057	FREESTANDING EMERGENCY CENTER An act relating to public health and safety; providing a definition for freestanding emergency centers; including freestanding emergency centers in the definition of a health care facility for purposes of licensure as specified; providing licensure exceptions for free standing emergency centers as specified; specifying licensure requirements for special districts that operate freestanding emergency centers as specified; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0049
SF0058	INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION AND TREATMENT An act relating to hospitalization and treatment of mentally ill persons; modifying procedures for involuntary hospitalization; providing for directed outpatient treatment; amending convalescent status; providing for and modifying definitions; amending provisions relating to representation by the state and county of an involuntarily hospitalized or treated person; clarifying provisions relating to payment by the county for involuntary hospitalization and treatment; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Monitor	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - Re-referred to Appropriations. Also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0056

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SF0060	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING An act relating to public health and safety; specifying options for public health nursing cooperation between the state and counties; repealing temporary provisions related to public health nursing; and providing for an effective date.	Joint LHSS Committee	Support	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - Re-referred to Appropriations. Also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0042
SF0082	PALLIATIVE CARE An act relating to public health and safety; creating the advisory council on palliative care and quality of life; providing definitions; providing for council membership; providing duties for the council; providing duties for the department of health or other entity as specified; requesting a report from the American Cancer Society and other interested parties; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date.	Sens Scott, Craft, Driskill Reps K Esquibel, Harvey, Pelkey	Support	Introduced and referred LHSS - failed in committee.	Introduced and referred to LHSS, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	
SF0085	MEDICAL EDUCATION An act relating to medical education; creating the medical education advisory council; specifying duties and authority of the council; limiting budget reductions and reallocations of funds appropriated for medical education programs implemented by the University of Wyoming as specified; providing for reports; and providing for an effective date.	Sens P Nicholas, Bebout Rep Brown	Oppose	Introduced and referred LHSS - failed in committee	Introduced and referred to Education, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	
SF0086	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DESIGN An act relating to medical assistance; requiring the development of a design for a medical assistance program for people who cannot afford adequate health care; providing principles for the design as specified; requiring the management council to designate an entity to develop the design; requiring input from stakeholders; prohibiting the submission of a request for medicaid expansion to the federal government as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effect date.	Sens Scott, P Nicholas Reps Brown, Harvey	Oppose	Introduced and referred LHSS, passed - Re-referred to Appropriations, passed. Not considered on General File.	Introduced and referred to LHSS - passed, re-referred to Appropriations - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	

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SF0099	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES An act relating to special districts; expanding the authority of improvement and service districts to provide emergency medical services; and providing for an effective date.	Sen Dockstader Rep McKim	Monitor	Introduced and referred Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0035
SF0100	SPECIAL DISTRICTS - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES An act relating to special districts; authorizing the provision of emergency medical services by hospital districts and rural health care districts; and providing for an effective date.	Sen Dockstader Rep McKim	Monitor	Introduced and referred Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	Introduced and referred to Corporations, passed - also having passed General File and 2nd/3rd reads.	SEA0036
SF0104	VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE An act relating to public health and safety; authorizing the department of health to contract for volunteer health care services; providing immunity to medical professionals and health care providers who provide volunteer health care under contract as agents of the state; authorizing licensing boards to provide continuing education credit as specified; amending definitions for the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act; and providing for an effective date.	Sens Christensen, Anderson, Barnard, Boner, Emerich, Geis, Kinsskey, Meier, Peterson, Von Flatern Reps Allen, Baker, Baldwin, Barlow, Berger, Blake, Clem, Edwards, Halverson, Kasperik, Kinner, Kroeker, Krone, Laursen, Lindholm, McKim, Miller, Petroff, Pownall, Steinmetz, Stubson, Wilson, D Zwonitzer	Support		Introduced and referred to Rules committee - re-referred to Appropriations - failed in Appropriations	