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| HB0062 | Immunity for drug overdose reporting An act relating to controlled substances; providing immunity from prosecution of specified offenses under the Wyoming Controlled Substance Act of 1971 to persons who report or experience an emergency drug overdose event as specified; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Pelkey, Blake, Lindholm, Schwartz, Zwonitzer Sens: Case | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Minerals Committee - passed, also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd read, FAILED on 3rd read | |
| HB0072 | 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 under the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Laursen, Blake, Lindholm Sens: Baldwin, Boner | Support w/ amendments | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee - FAILED in Committee | | |
| HB0073 | Interference with a person providing emergency services An act relating to crimes and offenses; establishing the crime of interference with a person providing emergency services; providing penalties; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Steinmetz, Blackburn, Hallinan, Salazar Sens: Anderson, Baldwin | Support | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Received for introduction - not referred to committee | |
| HB0083 | Health care facility licensing / bed count limit - exemption An act relating to health care licensing and operations; amending the exemption from licensing and bed count requirements at health care facilities owned or operated by the department of health; and providing for an effective date. | Rep: Barlow | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0005 |
| HB0107 | Title of chiropractors An act relating to chiropractic practice; providing for use of the title chiropractic physician; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Blackburn, Bovee Sens: Boner, Perkins | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Minerals Committee - FAILED | | |

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| HB0112 | EMS Licensure - interstate compact An act relating to emergency medical service licensure; adopting the recognition of emergency medical services personnel licensure interstate compact; allowing EMS personnel in one compact state to exercise practice privileges in other member states; approving and specifying terms of the compact; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - re-referred to Appropriations, also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0030 |
| HB0113 | Medicaid waiver program - military personnel An act relating to the Medical Assistance & Services Act; requiring the department of health to seek the amendment of a Medicaid waiver program to create reserve capacity slots for the dependents of military service members as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - re-referred to Appropriations, also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0060 |
| HB0119 | Senior citizen service districts - use of revenues An act relating to senior citizen service districts; limiting the use of district revenues to senior citizen programs and services as specified; conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Kirkbride, Hunt Sens: Boner, Meier | Support | Introduces and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Revenue Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0113 |
| HB0122 | Death with dignity An act relating to public health and safety; allowing an attending health care provider to prescribe medication that will end a terminally ill patient's life; providing qualifications; providing requirements to health care providers; providing a procedure to request medication; providing reporting requirements; authorizing rulemaking; providing immunity for persons in compliance with the act as specified; providing penalties; specifying applicability; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Zwonitzer, Pelkey | Monitor | Received for Introduction - not having been introduced | | |
| HB0142 | 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, Nicholas, Sommers, Wilson Sens: Rothfuss, Von Flatern | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Minerals Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - not taken up by committee | |

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| HB0148 | Tobacco prevention, cessation & treatment programs An act relating to public health and safety; requiring the department of health to develop and implement statewide tobacco prevention, cessation and treatment programs and provide materials as specified; and providing for an effective date. | Rep: Walters Sen: Wasserburger | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - FAILED in Committee | | |
| HB0151 | Cigarette Tax An act relating to taxation and revenue; increasing the cigarette tax rate; amending distribution of the cigarette tax; clarifying distribution of license fees; repealing related provisions; and providing for an effective date. | Rep: Madden | Support | Introduced and referred to Revenue Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Revenue Committee - FAILED in committee | |
| HB0152 | Search and rescue operations An act relating to search and rescue operations; providing immunity for volunteers; repealing application of the Governmental Claims Act and local government self-insurance program to search and rescue operation volunteers; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Lindholm, Eklund, Gierau, Halverson, Pownall, Sommers Sens: Anderson, Burns, Nethercott | Support | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0063 |
| HB0156 | Involuntary commitment - emergency detention amendments An act relating to involuntary commitment; amending provisions related to emergency detentions; and providing for an effective date. | Rep: Barlow Sen: Peterson | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0064 |
| HB0164 | Professional licensing boards - telemedicine / telehealth An act relating to professions and occupations; allowing licensure boards to promulgate rules related to telemedicine/telehealth as specified; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Barlow, Clem Sen: Barnard | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0053 |
| HB0165 | Acupuncture Practice Act An act relating to professions and occupations; creating the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Practice Act; establishing the board of acupuncture and oriental medicine; regulating the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine in this state; providing rulemaking authority; providing penalties; establishing an account; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Barlow, Allen, Brown, Flitner, Kirkbride, Larsen, Northrup, Pelkey, Schwartz, Sweeney, Zwonitzer Sens: Christensen, Peterson | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - re-referred Appropriations, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0083 |

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| HB0168 | Tobacco Tax An act relating to taxation of tobacco; providing for an increase in tobacco taxes as specified; providing for distribution of the taxes as specified; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Connolly, Barlow, Dayton, Furphy, Kinner, Madden, Nicholas Sens: Baldwin, Peterson, Rothfuss, Scott | Support | Introduced and referred to Revenue Committee - FAILED | Introduced and referred to Revenue Committee - FAILED | |
| HB0170 | Health care facility licensure fees An act relating to health care facilities; amending provisions related to health care facility licensure fees; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Wilson, Barlow, Hallinan, Larsen, Madden Sens: Landen, Pappas | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Revenue Committee, passed w/ amendments - not taken up on GF | | |
| HB0184 | Involuntary commitment - appointment of gatekeepers An act relating to involuntary commitment; amending provisions related to the designation of gatekeepers; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Connolly, Furphy, Haley Sen: Moniz | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - FAILED | | |
| HB0185 | Safety restraints - violation An act relating to safety belt usage; repealing the prohibition on halting a motor vehicle solely for a safety belt violation; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Dayton, Brown, Pownall Sen: Scott | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Transportation Committee, passed - FAILED on GF | | |
| HB0241 | Background checks - interstate compacts An act relating to criminal history records; authorizing licensure boards to obtain criminal background checks for health care professionals licensed pursuant to an interstate compact entered into by the State of Wyoming; and providing for an effective date. | Rep: Barlow Sen: Baldwin | Support | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0092 |
| HB0250 | Public health statutory amendments An act relating to public health; amending enforcement and penalties for violation of public health laws; amending a felony offense related to sale of organs or body parts; amending requirements for obtaining blood samples from pregnant women; amending abortion reporting; creating a criminal offense for false reporting on an abortion form; repealing penalties; conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date. | Reps: Wilson, Clem, Steinmetz Sen: Meier | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - not taken up by committee | |

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| HB0291 | Department of health facilities An act relating to department of health facilities; providing authorization for construction and renovation at the Wyoming State Hospital and Wyoming Life Resource Center; providing an appropriation and contingent appropriation with authority for an interfund loan; reappropriating funds related to the Level III design studies; continuing the task force on department of health facilities; and providing for an effective date. | House Appropriations Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Appropriations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Appropriations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | HEA 0038 |
| SF0015 | Special district budget requirements An act relating to special districts; providing requirements for the administration of finances of special districts as specified; creating definitions; conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date. | Corporations Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0036 |
| SF0016 | Special district elections An act relating to special districts; amending special district elections as specified; conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date. | Corporations Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0040 |
| SF0021 | Death certificates An act relating to vital records; providing that an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant may complete the medical certification of a death certificate as specified; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Baldwin, Peterson, Wasserburger Reps: Barlow, Larson, Lindholm | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0066 |
| SF0031 | Genetic information privacy An act relating to genetic information privacy; prohibiting the collection, retention and disclosure of genetic information without informed consent as specified; providing exceptions; providing for the retention and destruction of genetic information; providing criminal penalties; providing for a civil cause of action; and providing for an effective date. | Judiciary Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0010 |

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| SF0042 | Opiate overdose emergency treatment An act relating to public health and safety; creating the Emergency Administration of Opiate Antagonist Act; providing for prescription and administration of an opiate antagonist drug as specified; granting immunity from criminal or civil liability for specified conduct; providing rulemaking authority; and providing for an effective date. | Judiciary Committee | Support | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee, passed - re-referred to Appropriations, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Judiciary Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0050 |
| SF0062 | Telepharmacy amendments An act relating to the practice of pharmacy; amending provisions related to the practice of telepharmacy; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - passed, also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0049 |
| SF0063 | Dept of Family Services - statutory amendments An act relating to the department of family services; amending statutes and programs related to the department of family services; amending registry requirements related to child and adult protection reports; abolishing the skills training center pilot program; making the operation of adult student financial aid programs contingent upon available funding; amending the low income home energy assistance program; amending eligibility verification processes related to public welfare benefits; updating obsolete references; repealing obsolete language; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - passed, also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0043 |
| SF0066 | Title 25 Payment Obligations - federal entities An act relating to the hospitalization of mentally ill persons; specifying the entities from whom payment for treatment shall be sought; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - passed, also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0042 |
| SF0067 | CHIP - program amendments An act relating to the child health insurance program; amending program benefits to include authorization for managed care as specified; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd read, recommit back to LHSS - amended, passed 3rd read | SEA 0029 |

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| SF0069 | Small employer health reinsurance program amendments And act relating to insurance; amending the small employer health reinsurance program; repealing unnecessary provisions; and providing for an effective date. | LHSS Committee | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0028 |
| SF0082 | Graduation requirement - CPR An act relating to education; requiring students to complete instruction in emergency medical treatment to graduate high school; requiring school districts to offer that instruction; requiring rulemaking; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Landen, Hastert, Pappas Reps: Byrd, Loucks, Zwonitzer | Monitor | | Introduced and referred to Education Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd read - FAILED on 3rd read | |
| SF0088 | Palliative care An act relating to public health and safety; creating the advisory council on palliative care; 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 Cancer Action Network and other interested parties; providing a sunset date; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Scott, Baldwin Reps: Henderson, Kinner, Kirkbride, Pelkey, Schwartz | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0081 |
| SF0098 | Involuntary commitment - standards for commitment An act relating to the hospitalization of mentally ill persons; amending the standards for involuntary commitment; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Peterson, Bebout Reps: Barlow | | | Withdrawn by sponsors | |
| SF0099 | Community & rural health clinic grants - sunset date An act relating to community health centers and rural health clinics; amending the sunset date for provisions related to grants for capital construction and startup cost for community health centers and rural health clinics; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Baldwin, Boner, Dockstader, Scott Reps: Barlow, Harshman, McKim | Support | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0068 |

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| SF0111 | Nurse practice act revisions An act relating to the occupation of nursing; revising the Nurse Practice Act; specifying applicability to advanced practice registered nurses, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses or certified nursing assistants; conforming provisions; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Baldwin, Peterson, Scott Reps: Barlow, Dayton, McKim, Wilson | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd read, recommit back to LHSS - amended, passed 3rd read | SEA 0077 |
| SF0116 | Medicaid Expansion - authorization An act relating to Medicaid; requiring collaboration concerning the expansion of Medicaid eligibility; authorizing the expansion of Medicaid eligibility as specified; requiring reports and notice as specified; and providing for an effective date. | Sen: Rothfuss Rep: Connolly | Monitor | | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee - not taken up by committee | |
| SF0121 | Wyoming Pharmacy Act - amendments An act relating to the Wyoming Pharmacy Act; modifying grounds for suspension and revocation of pharmacy licenses; modifying responsibilities of the secretary of the state board of pharmacy; modifying provisions relating to examination and reexamination; modifying mailing requirements for license renewal notices and examination notices; removing authorization for the board to credit continuing education units to another year; modifying drug substitution procedures; authorizing pharmacists to dispense biosimilars as specified; modifying definitions; removing obsolete language; repealing provisions related to pharmacist pedigree documents; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Baldwin, Dockstader Reps: Barlow, Walters | Monitor | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0082 |
| SF0141 | Local government procurement - notice An act relating to local government procurement procedures; requiring local governments and other entities to provide notice of procurement activities as specified; providing exceptions; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Kinskey, Burns Rep: Madden | Oppose | | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee - not taken up by committee | |

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| SF0142 | Community mental health - payment reform 2 An act relating to community mental health and substance use services; requiring the creation of a contract program for mental health and substance use treatment programs to reduce the demand for involuntary commitments; authorizing the expenditure of funds appropriated for involuntary commitments for program operation as specified; authorizing the department of health to enter into contracts for operation of the program as specified; specifying funding conditions; authorizing rulemaking; requiring the alignment of service definitions; requiring annual reports; requiring benefit qualification investigations by the state hospital and designated hospitals; specifying behavior health services as Medicaid covered services; amending eligibility provisions concerning department of health contracts with private agencies; prohibiting fees to clients for gatekeeping services as specified; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Scott, Peterson Rep: Barlow | Monitor | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | Introduced and referred to LHSS Committee, passed - also having passed GF, 2nd, 3rd reads | SEA 0087 |
| SF0143 | Child health insurance program management An act relating to health insurance; providing for the administration of the child health insurance program by the department of family services; providing for the transfer of positions, property, personnel and funds associated with the program to the department of family services; and providing for an effective date. | Sen: Scott | Monitor | | Introduced and referred to Rules Committee - not taken up by committee | |
| SF0149 | Continuation of special district task force An act relating to the administration of government; continuing the task force on special districts as specified; requiring a report; extending an appropriation; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date. | Sens: Case, Rothfuss Reps: Kirkbride, Paxton | Monitor / Oppose | | Introduced and referred to Corporations Committee, passed - FAILED on GF | |