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Re: 2023 WyoLeg Report #2
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The Wyoming Legislature began its second week today and is working through 300 bills and resolutions that have been filed so far for the 2023 session. Meanwhile, legislators are awaiting the Joint Appropriations Committee version of the supplemental appropriations bill to finish out this budget biennium, a popular vehicle for initiatives that don't fit into other legislation.

You can find the status of bills that LWVWY is following in the bill tracking program that LWVUS is maintaining for us. Once all the legislation is loaded, the tracker will automatically reflect action recorded by the Legislative Service Office. If it does miss an important development, let us know. Find the tracker at <https://www.quorum.us/spreadsheet/external/RfeAZatgWJauorqjDnyE/>.

Among the developments to note going into week #2:

- HB4 Medicaid 12 month Postpartum Coverage made it out of House Labor by a vote of 5-4. It will go on General File, and may come up for initial debate in the House this week. If you want a pretty good preview of debate about any safety net program, listen to the committee debate on Friday morning. Go to the meeting announcement to find the link to the YouTube recording.
- HB6 Specified Election Records Not Subject to Disclosure was voted down in House Corporations, though it might get attention for next session. It would have protected ballots from visual inspection, in favor of preserving confidentiality. Vote was 7-2 against.
- HB18 Missing Person Alert System, a priority of LWVWY, is in House Labor Committee Monday
- HB80 – the Medicaid Expansion bill – was filed and referred to Revenue Committee with a more than fair chance of its approval there, which sends it to the House floor for debate. If it fails there, supporters are considering an amendment to the appropriations bill.
- HB103 – Political Party Affiliation Declaration and Changes is an attempt – once again – to prevent party changes at the beginning of the candidate filing period. LWVWY's proposal for open primaries would obviate this whole discussion.
- SJ6 is a resolution asking Congress to propose a constitutional amendment to require Super PACS to reveal their sources of funding. This came from Interim Corporations Committee.

The deadline for new bills is Jan. 26 for the Senate and Jan. 31 for the House.

Information on the LSO website www.wyoleg.gov.

- Session schedule (with hard deadlines for bill progress)
- Daily floor calendars and committee meeting schedules
- Bills and resolutions, all roll call votes and all amendments. Use the PDF versions of the bills to track page and line numbers.
- Guides for testifying and submitting statements
- Legislator roster