

2023 Legislative Analysis Project

Thank you for following the Republican Women of Sheridan County Action Alerts on Wyoming State legislation. The Republican Women of Sheridan County (RWSC) is the largest Republican Women's group in the State of Wyoming. Women and men can be members and associate members, respectively.

Legislative Analysis Project

The RWSC began following Wyoming state legislation in 2019 with the goal of communicating to legislators our input on the legislation that they consider during the session. Other counties in Wyoming have begun to do the same thing.

Voters want their voices to be heard and this has become an effective way for Republicans to do that.

In the 4 years that we have been involved in this process we have gained experience in reviewing and following bills as they wind their way through the legislative process. We follow legislation throughout the process – we read the bills, we research the issues, we watch committee testimony in person and on video, we watch how bills are amended, and we talk to legislators.

Our committee meets regularly during the session and interim to discuss the bills that we are following. We publish our position on legislation (support/oppose) when we have an understanding of the bill and a consensus on how we believe that the principles of the Republican Party apply to that bill.

Legislator Voting Data Analysis

This year, for the 2023 Wyoming Legislative Session, the RWSC is adding a new resource for your review. Upon careful deliberation the RWSC took positions on 70 bills this year. In order to help us understand how our legislators are representing our views as constituents, we have compiled voting data for those 70 bills. The most concrete way to quantify a legislator's representation for us at the Capitol is to measure their actions (not their words). Their actions are clearly defined when they vote on a piece of legislation.

Whenever a vote was taken to support/oppose a bill we've taken a position on, we recorded that vote. We have tabulated the number of times a legislator's vote supports our position and the number of times a legislator's vote opposes our position.

By utilizing a large number of votes, we can identify trends and voting patterns. It is important to note that the RWSC took positions on bills prior to and throughout the legislative process. Many of the bills that we took positions on were fiscal in nature, and they provided a clear opportunity to directly apply principles found in the Wyoming Republican Party Platform.

There will always be differences of opinion on policy and we welcome the debate of those differences. Informed debate is critical to formulating the best policies for the state of Wyoming. There are no legislators (R or D) who matched our positions 100% of the time. There are no legislators (R or D) who opposed our positions 100% of the time. They all fell on a continuum. We are not assigning a “grade.” We are simply reporting the data for your consideration.

The 70 bills that we took positions on are attached, along with a link to look up legislation, watch the recorded committee debates that occurred in session, and count up the votes for yourself. A representative republic can only be successful when voters are informed and active. We welcome your participation in the process.

Tabulation of Voting Records

The RWSC took a position on 70 bills. For each of those bills, we tracked the recorded vote on those bills by every legislator. That includes committee votes as well as final floor votes on Third Reading.

Every time a recorded committee vote and final floor vote by a legislator matched our position, they were awarded 1 point. Every time a recorded vote by a legislator did not match our position, they were awarded 0 points. The total number of points awarded to a legislator was divided by the total number of recorded votes cast by that legislator to arrive at a percentage. For example: if a legislator’s vote matched our position 35 times (35 points awarded) and opposed our position 15 times (0 points awarded), then that legislator would receive 35 points out of 50 maximum points possible. The resulting percentage is $35 / 50 = 70\%$. If a legislator did not vote, or was Excused from voting (due to absence, etc.) then no vote was recorded and no potential point was included in the total points available. No one’s score was impacted by an excused absence or the lack of an opportunity to vote on a bill.

The attached tables illustrate the data we collected. The average number of votes counted for each legislator was 45. The low was 33 and the high was 57. The number of votes recorded for each legislator are different because they are in different chambers (House/Senate) and on different committees. The percentages indicate the percentage of times that a legislator’s votes matched our position.

Below are the list of bills used, as well as the list of Representatives and Senators and their percentages. Please feel free to email with any questions!!

Republican Women of Sheridan County
Legislative Action Committee

Bill	LAC Position	Bill Topic
HB0004	No	Expand Medicaid one year postpartum
HB0006	No	Election Records Not Subject to Disclosure
HB0007	No	Turning a Parental Rights Decision re Marriage Over to a Judge
HB0030	No	Doubling Taxpayer Subsidized Employee Training for Certain Businesses
HB0032	No	Additional Education Mill Levy
HB0033	No	Adding to the 20K going to Ed (Share some of the \$ with Career Tech)
HB0034	No	Mental Health Services into Schools
HB0048	No	Tax Money for Bike Paths etc
HB0049	No	Municipal Rank Choice Elections
HB0062	No	Open Banking
HB0063	No	Removing the Parties from Replacing Elected Office Vacancies
HB0066	Yes	Prohibiting Mask and Vaccine Discrimination
HB0073	Yes	Annexation Vote Requirements
HB0080	No	Medicaid Expansion
HB0087	Yes	Crimes of Obscenity-Revisions
HB0098	No	Property Tax Homeowners Protection for Some
HB0099	No	Property Tax Relief Program for Some
HB0100	Yes	Acquisition Property Tax Value Study
HB0103	Yes	Voter Crossover Bill
HB0104	Yes	Hunting Predatory Animals with Night Vision on Public Lands
HB0105	Yes	Repeal Gun Free Zones
HB0109	No	Doubling Taxpayer Subsidized Employee Training for Certain Businesses
HB0116	Yes	Prohibiting Foreign Property Ownership
HB0119	Yes	Medical Prescriptions Off Label Purposes
HB0143	Yes	NO CDC or WHO Jurisdiction in WY
HB0152	Yes	Life is a Human Right
HB0156	Yes	Voter Identification Integrity
HB0170	No	Public Funds-Reserves and Spending Policy
HB0190	No	Creating another Committee and Program, this one for Energy
HB0207	No	Change in Party Affiliation
Hb0211	Yes	Prevent Ballot Harvesting
HB0212	Yes	Create Standing Committee on Federal Review
HB0223	No	Preschool Provider Grants
HB0263	No	Restoration of Voting Rights
HB0271	No	College of Ag Endowments
HB0279	Yes	Voter ID Requirements
HJ0002	No	Adding Another Class of Property to be Taxed
SF0010	No	Licensed Counselor Compact
SF0016	No	Increase State Employee Moving Expenses
SF0020	No	Change Driver's License and ID Photo Quality
SF0022	No	Increasing the Department of Transportation's Funding for Expansion

Bill LAC Position Bill Topic

SF0026	No	Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
SF0046	No	Increase College Funding
SF0054	No	Increase Judges Housing Allowance
SF0062	No	Legislator Full Time Health Benefits
SF0072	Yes	No Forced Microchip Implantation
SF0079	No	Newborn Care Plan Risks Family Privacy and Medical/DFS Overreach
SF0090	No	Creating a Property Tax Board
SF0094	No	Federal Indian Child Welfare
SF0109	Yes	Prohibiting Chemical Abortions
SF0101	Yes	Wyoming Legal Tender Act
SF0111	Yes	Child Abuse to Change a Child's Sex
SF0114	Yes	Constitutional Instruction and Examination Requirements
SF0117	Yes	Parental Rights in Education
SF0125	Yes	Limiting Property Tax Increase
SF0127	No	Wyoming Stable Token Act
SF0131	Yes	Prohibition on Delivery of Unsolicited Ballot Forms
SF0133	Yes	Boys May Not Compete on Girls Teams Grade 7-12
SF0136	Yes	Property Tax Relief-Assessment Rate Reduction
SF0138	Yes	Unemployment Insurance Coverage Period and Reporting
SF0143	Yes	Freedom Scholarship Act-Creating Educational Savings Accounts
SF0144	Yes	Chloe's Law-Preventing Sex Change Surgeries and Drugs for Children
SF0153	Yes	Election Security
SF0155	Yes	Ensure Education Block Grant Money is Going to Teachers the Classroom Act
SF0159	Yes	No ESG in State Contracted Partners
SF0163	Yes	Election Integrity Primary Elections
SJ0003	No	Property Tax Homeowners Protection for Some
SJ0006	No	A Bill to Overturn "Citizens United" but Exempting Unions
SJ0009	No	Right to Privacy Constitutional Amendment
SJ0010	No	Legislative Restrictions on any WY Medical or Surgical procedures

Detailed information can be found at: <https://wyoleg.gov/>

Wyoming House

Name	Points	Points Possible	Percentage
Pepper Ottman	43	46	93.5%
Scott Smith	36	39	92.3%
Clarence Styvar	36	39	92.3%
Mark Jennings	35	38	92.1%
Allen Slagle	35	38	92.1%
Bill Allemand	33	36	91.7%
Jeanette Ward	42	46	91.3%
John Winter	36	40	90.0%
Jeremy Haroldson	43	48	89.6%
Christopher Knapp	43	48	89.6%
Rachel Rodriguez-Williams	34	38	89.5%
Ken Pendergraft	33	37	89.2%
Ben Hornok	41	46	89.1%
John Bear	42	48	87.5%
Tomi Strock	42	48	87.5%
Chip Neiman	31	36	86.1%
Tony Locke	41	48	85.4%
Sarah Penn	39	46	84.8%
Abby Angelos	32	38	84.2%
Dalton Banks	33	40	82.5%
Daniel Singh	30	38	78.9%
Scott Heiner	29	37	78.4%
Reuben Tarver	29	37	78.4%
Bob Davis	26	37	70.3%
Tamara Trujillo	32	46	69.6%
Ocean Andrew	26	41	63.4%
Art Washut	20	37	54.1%
Cyrus Western	18	40	45.0%
Jon Conrad	17	39	43.6%
Cody Wylie	18	45	40.0%
Tony Niemiec	15	40	37.5%
Donald Burkhart, Jr	14	39	35.9%
Jared Olsen	16	45	35.6%
John Eklund	13	37	35.1%
J.T. Larson	14	40	35.0%
Ember Oakley	17	49	34.7%
Barry Crago	13	39	33.3%
David Northrup	17	52	32.7%
Clark Stith	17	53	32.1%
Lane Allred	14	44	31.8%
Sandy Newsome	11	35	31.4%
Kevin O'Hearn	15	48	31.3%
Ken Clouston	16	52	30.8%
Steve Harshman	16	55	29.1%
Ryan Berger	13	45	28.9%
Albert Sommers	10	35	28.6%
Lloyd Larsen	15	53	28.3%
Andrew Byron	12	43	27.9%
Forrest Chadwick	15	55	27.3%
Martha Lawley	12	44	27.3%
Dan Zwonitzer	15	57	26.3%
Jerry Obermueller	11	45	24.4%
Bill Henderson	12	54	22.2%
Bob Nicholas	12	54	22.2%
Tom Walters	11	52	21.2%
Landon Brown	8	43	18.6%
David Zwonitzer	10	54	18.5%
Liz Storer	6	49	12.2%
Trey Sherwood	6	53	11.3%
Mike Yin	3	55	5.5%
Ken Chestek	2	37	5.4%
Karlee Provenza	1	43	2.3%

Wyoming Senate

Name	Points	Points Possible	Percentage
Troy McKeown	43	46	93.5%
Bob Ide	46	50	92.0%
Lynn Hutchings	45	49	91.8%
Tim French	44	50	88.0%
Anthony Bouchard	42	48	87.5%
Dan Laursen	33	38	86.8%
Cheri Steinmetz	40	47	85.1%
Tim Salazar	42	50	84.0%
Bo Biteman	44	56	78.6%
Larry Hicks	31	41	75.6%
John Kolb	31	43	72.1%
Evie Brennan	33	49	67.3%
Brian Boner	31	49	63.3%
Dan Dockstader	32	51	62.7%
Dave Kinskey	29	51	56.9%
Stacy Jones	21	42	50.0%
Charles Scott	25	54	46.3%
Ogden Driskill	15	33	45.5%
Affie Ellis	17	41	41.5%
Ed Cooper	17	42	40.5%
Tara Nethercott	20	50	40.0%
Fred Baldwin	19	51	37.3%
Dan Furphy	16	43	37.2%
Stephan Pappas	18	50	36.0%
Jim Anderson	17	53	32.1%
Wendy Schuler	13	42	31.0%
Bill Landen	14	46	30.4%
Eric Barlow	16	57	28.1%
Cale Case	11	48	22.9%
Mike Gierau	8	56	14.3%
Chris Rothfuss	4	49	8.2%