



From the General Manager

It is a busy legislative session for the Wyoming Cooperatives. We are following many bills which affect our business both good and bad. One of the most important is House Bill 184 Utilities Point of Consumption Bill sponsored by House District 2 Representative JD Williams. This bill would change state statute to make it illegal to serve electrical load in another's certificated territory without a customer allocation agreement. NEA has struggled with this since 2013 when our first encroachment occurred, we

have lost a significant amount of revenue not only because we are not allowed to serve the load in our territory but through attorney fees and many labor hours spent combating this issue. Representative JD Williams, Director JD Wasserburger, WREA Executive Director Shawn Taylor and I testified on our behalf in front of the Minerals Committee on January 27th to try and get this bill passed. The bill was tabled and referred to the interim so we will continue to monitor the progress and hope to get it approved in the

next session.

A bill we STRONGLY OPPOSE that is not on this list because it was just introduced is HB0325 - Industrial power consumption freedom act <https://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/HB0325.pdf>. This allows industrial loads to be served by other entities in our certificated territories.

The following table is provided by WREA Executive Director, Shawn Taylor.

HB-183	Net-Metering Amendments. Reps. Heiner, Allemand, Brady, Davis, Kelly, Lucas, Pendergraft, Winter, and Sens. Boner and Pearson	Oppose	Would raise net metering cap for non-residential customers to 200 kw. https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2025/HB0183
HB-184	Utilities Point of Consumption and allocation agreements. Reps. Williams, Davis, Erickson, Haroldson, Lawley and Neiman, and Sens. Barlow, Cooper, Driskill, Gierau, Steinmetz	Support	Would make certificated service territories inviolate without a Customer Allocation Agreement, be it by a member/customer or 3rd party. https://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/HB0184.pdf
HB-192	Public Utilities-wildfire mitigation and liability limits. Larson, Campbell, Lawley, Thayer, Wylie and Sens. Barlow, Dockstader, Jones, and Schuler	Support	Requires all utilities to submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the PSC for approval. If approved and utilities follow the approved plan and file an annual report with the PSC showing how they are following the plan, they get liability relief. https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2025/HB0192
HB-251	Trespass by Drone. Reps. Neiman, Allemand, Angelos, Connolly, Davis, Eklund and Schmid and Sens. Crago, Driskill, Ide and Kolb	Oppose	Makes it a misdemeanor for operating a drone at an altitude of 200 feet or lower over the private land or residence without authorization. https://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/HB0251.pdf

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COMMENTS/NOTES

SF-87

Prescriptive Easement for electricity delivery. Sen. Cooper, Anderson, Driskill and Nethercott and Reps. Davis, Eklund, L. Larsen, and Williams

Support

If an unrecorded easement has been used for the same purpose for the past 10 years it would be deemed a prescriptive easement. No changes in use including upgrades, improvements, etc. <http://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/SF0087.pdf>

SF-111

Net Metering revisions. Sens. Case and Driskill and Rep. L. Larsen.

Support

PSC would set net-metering rates for the utilities they regulate for rates and co-ops would set their net-metering rates. <http://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/SF0111.pdf>

SF-128

Repeal of sales tax on electricity. Sens. McKeown, Biteman, Dockstader, French, Hutchings, Ide, Kolb, D. Laursen, Salazar, Smith and, Reps. Hoeft, Knapp, Locke, Neiman, Ottman, and Singh

Support

Exempts sales tax on electricity sales. <http://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/SF0128.pdf>

SF-138

Energy impact on Wyoming economy – study. Sens. Dockstader and Anderson and Rep. Heiner

Support

Instruct the Wyoming Energy Authority to study the economic impact of energy and the energy industry in Wyoming. <http://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/SF138.pdf>

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SF-152

Wildfire management-task force and state forester. Sens. Barlow, Boner, Crago, Driskill, D. Smith, and Reps. Angelos, Byron, Connolly, Haroldson, Williams and Winter

Support/ amend to include utility representative

Establishes a task force to study wildfire impacts to private and state lands, state agencies, local fire jurisdictions, individuals and communities and make recommendations. We requested that someone from the utility industry be include on the task force. <http://wyoleg.gov/2025/Introduced/SF0152.pdf>



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