

2018 WYOMING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WEEK THREE

There is only one more week of the Wyoming Legislative Budget Session. Following is a list of the bills that Wyoming REALTORS are watching. If you click on the bill number, it will take you to the actual text of the bill on the Wyoming Legislative website. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (307) 851-1191 or email me at L@wyoming.com.

[HB0013](#) **Municipal extraterritorial jurisdiction-repeal.**

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to municipalities; repealing and removing certain extraterritorial jurisdiction asserted by municipalities; modifying notice requirements to landowners outside municipal boundaries; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Support

STATUS: Introduced 56-2-2, referred to the Corporations Committee. Recommended Do Pass, passed Committee of the Whole with an amendment and passed 2nd reading on 2/23/18. Passed third and final reading in the House, 47-11. Referred to the Senate Corporations Committee, recommended do pass, 4-1. Placed on General File in the Senate.

NOTE: This bill completely eliminated the extraterritorial jurisdiction for municipalities. Needless to say, it was strongly opposed by the municipalities. After the debate in the House, the Cities and Counties lobbyists were directed to get together and find a compromise. The Corporations committee voted it out as a place holder in the Senate. If HB 0014 as amended moves forward, this bill will be held back and will die.

[HB0014](#) **Municipal jurisdiction.**

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to municipalities; restricting extraterritorial jurisdiction asserted by a municipality; specifying procedures for a municipality to exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction; specifying applicability; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Support

STATUS: Introduced 56-3-1, referred to the Corporations Committee. Recommended Do Pass, passed Committee of the Whole amended, passed 2nd reading on 2/23/18. Passed third and final reading in the House, 50-8-2. Hugely amended in the Senate Corporations committee to become the compromise bill between the Cities and Counties. Passed the committee and will be on general file in the Senate.

[HB0135](#) **Housing authorities.**

Sponsored by: Schwartz

AN ACT relating to municipalities and counties; amending powers which may be exercised by a housing authority; authorizing the appointment of additional commissioners to a regional housing authority as specified; authorizing staggered terms for regional housing authority commissioners; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Support

STATUS: Introduced 49-11, referred to the Corporations Committee. Recommended do pass. Passed 2nd reading, failed 3rd and final reading in the House 25-32-2. There were concerns raised that it would allow Housing Authorities to enact extraction fees as are used in Teton County. Unfortunately the sponsor was not able to overcome this argument and literally talked his bill to death.

[SF0006](#) **Real estate exemption restoration.**

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to worker's compensation and unemployment insurance; exempting real estate professionals from coverage as specified; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Support

STATUS: Introduced 29-0-1, referred to the Labor Committee, recommended DO PASS, Passed General File and 2nd reading, 3rd and final reading in the Senate will be on Monday, February 19th. Passed the Senate 30-0, referred to the House Corporations Committee, recommended Do Pass. Passed Committee of the Whole and 2nd reading in the House. Will be heard for the 3rd and final time in the House on Monday, March 5th. (Is on the consent list, which is a very good sign.)

[SF0042](#) **Professional licensing-applicant criminal records.**

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; clarifying requirements for licensing, certification and registration related to a person's background and criminal record; requiring any disqualifying offense to relate to the profession or occupation or the ability to practice the profession or occupation; providing considerations for licensing boards regarding applicable convictions; requiring professional licensing boards to review their rules for consistency with this act; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Support with amendments

STATUS: Introduced 28-1-1, referred to the Labor Committee, recommended DO PASS amended, Passed General File. Passed the Senate 27-2-1. Referred to the House Labor Committee, recommended Do Pass. Passed Committee of the Whole and is set for 2nd reading on March 5th.

[SF0089](#) **Local government distributions.**

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to local government funding; providing funding to cities and towns; providing funding to counties; providing local government funding formulas and distributions; providing legislative intent; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Monitor

STATUS: Introduced 29-1, referred to the Appropriations Committee. Recommended DO PASS, passed General File and 2nd reading, 3rd and final reading in the Senate will be Monday, February 19th. Passed the Senate 30-0. Referred to the House Appropriations Committee. Recommended Do Pass, placed on General File in the House.

[SF0113](#) **Community development districts.**

Sponsored by: Nethercott

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; authorizing municipalities to create community development districts as specified; specifying requirements; providing definitions; specifying duties and powers of community development districts and district boards of directors; authorizing assessments; specifying duties of municipalities; amending definitions; and providing for an effective date.

REALTOR® POSITION: Support

STATUS: Introduced 28-1-1, referred to the Corporations Committee. Recommended a Do Pass with amendments. Passed Committee of the Whole and 2nd reading in the Senate, passed 3rd and final reading in the Senate, 23-7. Referred to the House Corporations Committee, recommended Do Pass. Placed on General File in the House. Will be heard in Committee of the Whole on March 5th.

[SJ0003](#) **School capital construction-constitutional amendment.**

Sponsored by: Scott

A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming Constitution to transfer responsibility to construct school facilities to school districts; to provide for specified mandatory and optional state funding mechanisms; and to provide a ballot statement.

REALTOR® POSITION: Monitor

STATUS: Introduced 30-0, referred to the Revenue Committee. Recommended Do Pass. Passed Committee of the Whole in the Senate. Passed 2nd reading and 3rd reading in the Senate in an amended form 21-7-2. Referred to the Education Committee in the House. Scheduled for a hearing on March 2nd if time permits.