

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

HB0006, Domestic assault and battery.

Sponsors: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Aye votes: Representatives Baker, Barlow, Berger, Blake, Blevins, Blikre, Brown, Burkhart, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Coleman, Connolly, Davison, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Filer, Freeman, Gay, Gingery, Goggles, Greear, Greene, Halverson, Harshman, Harvey, Hunt, Hutchings, Jaggi, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Kroeker, Krone, Larsen, Lockhart, Loucks, Madden, Mader, McKim, Miller, Moniz, Nicholas, B., Northrup, Patton, Paxton, Petroff, Piiparinen, Reeder, Semlek, Sommers, Stubson, Teeters, Throne, Walters, Watt, Wilson, Winters, Zwonitzer, Dn. and Zwonitzer, Dv. Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Craft, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Meier, Nutting, Peterson, Rothfuss, Schiffer, Scott and Von Flatern

Nay votes: Representatives Lubnau Senators Nicholas, P., Perkins and Ross

Signed by the Governor.

Comments

Creates the new crimes of domestic assault and domestic battery. I normally oppose the proliferation of statutory crimes as unnecessary. These should make it easier to prosecute assault and battery where they fit the requirements. In that sense they strengthen the law. This should be some small help for a very ugly situation.

U: The fiscal impact to the judicial system is indeterminable. Creates two new crimes. This is not as bad as it could be since both are a subset of an already existing category of crime. Basically, this is feel-good legislation that addresses a real problem by treating the symptoms so that legislators can pat themselves on the back for having done "something."

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