

# Wyoming Liberty Index

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

### **HB0102, Sage grouse implementation team.**

Sponsors: Representative(s) Stubson and Senator(s) Anderson, JD S02

Aye votes: Representatives Baker, Berger, 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, Loucks, Lubnau, 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, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer and Scott

Nay votes: Representatives Barlow and Blake Senators Von Flatern

Signed by the Governor.

#### **Comments**

Appropriates \$10,000.00 to the LSO to fund the per diem and salary of two legislators on the sage grouse implementation team (but not the rest of the members), which it also creates. Why exactly we need a sage grouse implementation team is not clear, and why we should be encouraging sage grouse is not apparent. Fish and game boondoggle?

U: This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase (or decrease) duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. Basically a defensive measure to shortstop the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This enlarges Wyoming State government slightly but, short of denouncing the ESA as being outside the limits of the powers assigned to the national government by the Constitution and therefore unconstitutional, this is probably a reasonable and more peaceful first step. However, we'll call it good since it does show a teeny, tiny bit of backbone on the part of the State of Wyoming.

Weighted Rating: 0.00. Unweighted Rating: 0.00.

#### **Categories**

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