

# Wyoming Liberty Index

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

### **SF0007, Brucellosis surveillance.**

Sponsors: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee

Aye votes: Representatives Baker, Barlow, Berger, Blake, Blevins, Brown, Byrd, Campbell, Cannady, Coleman, Connolly, Davison, Eklund, Esquibel, K., Filer, Freeman, Gay, Gingery, Goggles, Greear, Greene, Halverson, Harvey, Hunt, Hutchings, Jaggi, Kasperik, Kirkbride, Kroeker, Krone, Larsen, Lockhart, Loucks, Lubnau, Madden, Mader, McKim, Miller, Northrup, Patton, Paxton, Piiparinen, Reeder, Semlek, Sommers, Teeters, Throne, Walters, Watt, Wilson, Winters 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, Scott and Von Flatern

Signed by the Governor.

### **Comments**

Allows the livestock board and the governor to designate "areas of concern" about brucellosis.

N: No fiscal or personnel impact. This bill expands government power for a good cause. Basically, it creates a classification called an "area of concern" which implies that it is more of a brucellosis "fire" prevention measure rather than a "fire" suppression measure. We would call it Liberty neutral except for the clause making testing within an "area of concern" non-compensible. This imposes no cost on the government for being wrong and eliminates the incentive to make decisions on the basis of cost-effectiveness. An honest attempt to keep the government from eventually having the empire building, "perfectly safe" syndrome of making the entire State of Wyoming an "area of concern" would be to make the government responsible for at least half of the costs of testing in "areas of concern."

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

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