

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

SF0030, Compensation for persons exonerated based on DNA evidence.

Sponsors: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

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

Nay votes: Representatives Davison, Eklund, Gay and Reeder Senators Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout and Dockstader

Comments

Allows for compensation upon a finding of actual innocence where DNA evidence is relevant to the finding. This adds due process to handle a situation which has become all too common.

U: The fiscal impact is indeterminable due to an unknown number of cases. This bill authorizes compensation for persons exonerated based on DNA testing. A human system is a fallible system and the Justice system consequently does not always deliver justice. Without justice, Liberty cannot exist. The best solution to an unavoidably imperfect system is compensation and that is what this bill purports to create.

Weighted Rating: 1.50. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

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