WTA 2014 Legislative Session Bill Tracking Sheet 3/8/2014



HOUSE BILLS	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
HB 21 - Property Tax exemption - charity - Joint Revenue Interim Committee - Joint Revenue	Allows for a property tax exemption on property which is directly beneficial to the people of Wyoming and not used for private profit or commercial purposes. Properties include benevolent or charitable societies or associations, college fraternal organizations, senior citizens centers. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number HEA 54.	NO POSITION
HB 22 - Mineral tax-audit interest rate - Joint Revenue	This bill allows for a reduction in the interest rate assessed on underpaid severance and ad valorem tax as determined by audit. The bill will tie the interest rate that the counties can assess on underpaid mineral taxes to the rate that the state charges, which currently is 12%. This bill has passed 2nd Reading in the Senate and was pulled off the consent list for 3rd Reading on Friday. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number HEA 39.	SUPPORT
HB 55 - Funding for substance abuse - Loucks	This bill will allow for 15% of the excise taxes collected on alcohol and beer to be used for long-term substance abuse via the special revenue fund. Currently all alcohol and beer excise taxes are deposited into the general fund. This bill has been referred to House Appropriations Comm. No report prior to House Committee of the Whole cutoff date.	FAILED
HB 63 - Railroad rolling stock tax exemption - Kirkbride, et al.	This bill repeals the sunset of the exemption (7/01/15) on the imposition of state sales and use tax on the repair, assembly, alteration or improvement of railroad rolling stock. This bill died in the Senate Revenue Comm. 3-2.	FAILED
HB 65 - Sales use tax - exemptions - Berger, et al.	This bill provides an exemption on the imposition of sales and use tax for the sales of equipment and materials used to build infrastructure to provide telecommunications service, data network service or broadband internet service. An amendment to limit exemption to broadband service & equipment only passed. This bill failed do pass as amended in House Revenue Comm. 5-4.	FAILED
HB 66 - Severance tax - Barlow, Driskell	This bill allows for a severance tax rate reduction of 1% on surface coal, 0.75% on underground coal, severance tax exemption on coal production on federal lease acreage purchased on or after 1/1/14, severance tax deduction for CO2 used for tertiary injection. Also allows for imposition of 1.5% severance tax on vented or flared natural gas and natural gas reinjected or consumed prior to sale on the same lease. Failed on introduction 38-21, 1 exc.	FAILED
HB 69 - Fuel tax natural gas - Larsen, et al.	Fuel tax natural gas. This bill specifies a gasoline gallon equivalency measure for compressed natural gas (CNG) and a diesel gallon equivalent for liquefied natural gas (LNG). The tax equivalency measure simply equalizes the tax for increased amount of alternative fuels necessary to power alternative use vehicles. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number HEA 29.	SUPPORT
HB 125 - Local option tax - municipalities - Miller, et al.	This bill allows any incorporated municipality in a county wherein no incorporated municipality contains more than fifty percent (50%) of the population of the county to impose a specific purpose excise tax of up to 2 percent. This bill was introduced 56-4 and referred to House Revenue. Comm. Failed to make Committee of the Whole Cutoff. Bill has been laid back until next year.	FAILED
HB 130 - Cigarette Tax - Davison, et al.	Increases the tax on cigarettes by \$0.05/cigarette, or \$1.00/pack. Estimated revenue yielded, \$33M annually earmarked to DOH tobacco prevention & Medicaid. Oppose. Failed on introduction 40-20.	FAILED

HB132 – Sales and use tax distributions – Petroff	A bill to change the distribution of sales & use taxes from 69% state general fund / 31% local government to 64%/36%, respectively. This bill was not considered for introduction vote.	FAILED
HB 145 - Streamlined sales tax amendments - Madden, Peterson	A bill that specifies when a taxable event occurs for the person making first use of taxable services in this state on services to repair, alter or improve tangible personal property sold and tangible personal property sold by any person for delivery in this state or where first use of the service occurs in this state. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number HEA 32.	NO POSITION
HB 151 - Malt beverage tax increase - Goggles, et al.	This bill increases the excise tax on malt beverages by \$0.045 per liter. This bill failed on introduction 41-9.	FAILED
HB 154 - Exemptions for gratuities - Petroff, et al.	This bill provides a sales tax exemption for gratuities. The gratuity must be separate from the service charge. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number HEA 52.	NO POSITION
HB 170 - State agricultural fuel tax refund - Moniz, et al.	This bill specifies that the department of transportation shall establish by rule for applying for the refund that provides for alternative documentation that does not require the submission of federal tax forms to receive a refund. This bill failed to make House Committee of the Whole cutoff date.	FAILED
SENATE FILE		
SF 33 County board of equalization - 2 -Joint Revenue	This bill revises the appeal process for property assessments for ad valorem taxation and revises the hearing process at the county board of equalization. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number SEA 44.	NO POSITION
SF 93 - Agricultural gas tax refund - Hines <u>Driskill</u>	This bill amends the time for application for an agricultural gas tax refund from 1 year to 18 months. This bill has been enrolled and assigned number SEA 39.	NO POSITION
SF 104 - Permanent mineral trust fund protection - Meier, et al.	This bill provides for transfer of funds to offset realized capital losses in the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund. The state treasurer may transfer from the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund reserve account an amount necessary to offset any realized capital losses in the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund occurring within the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30 immediately preceding the transfer. This bill died in the Senate Committee of the Whole 27-3.	FAILED