Thank you to anyone who attended 2020's Advocacy Day on March 19 in Washington, D.C. The day was full of meetings with services in this unprecedented budget, but the legislature has the final say and must agree to keep the funding in this budget. Both sides agree that with 40 legislatures on the issue after an advocacy event like this, the day was filled with dedication to the cause.

Click here to watch a recording of our event.

State Issues

S.B. 50: Move Seasonal/Reservoir Water
S.B. 50, submitted to the legislature by the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Wyoming Legislative Exchange, was approved by the Wyoming House and sent to the Senate. The approval will support efforts in the creation of the Wyoming Water Conservation Districts to provide needed潦

H.B. 30: Operating Authorization for Dr. John W. Ballance H.B. 30, approved by the Wyoming Senate and sent to the House, will provide for operating authorization for Dr. John W. Ballance's Waterborne Disease Prevention Act.

H.B. 12: Second Amendment Protection and Unlawful Search and Seizure H.B. 12, submitted to the Wyoming legislature by ALEC- Wyoming Legislative Exchange, was approved by the Wyoming Senate and sent to the House. The approval grants the ability to secede from the union.

State Watch

H.B. 6: Early Voting Time and Responsibilities for the Secretary of State H.B. 6 is a measure submitted to the Wyoming legislature by ALEC- Wyoming Legislative Exchange that would outline the responsibilities of the Secretary of State. The specific topics include the budget, elections, and other State issues. The bill has been approved by the Wyoming Senate and sent to the House for further approval.

The House approved HB 6 on March 23. The bill is scheduled for a hearing on March 30. The Senate also approved HB 6 full sympathy in the House on March 25.

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H.B. 242 (Mary's Law) H.B. 242, submitted to the Wyoming legislature by ALEC- Wyoming Legislative Exchange, was approved by the Wyoming Senate and sent to the House. The bill is about the addition of new health and human rights laws.

Federal Issues

FY 2023 Appropriations Requests

The Wyoming Senate passed a resolution in February 2022, directing the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) to submit requests for federal funds to Congress. These requests may fall under a federal agency's jurisdiction. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have held public hearings for Wyoming's FY 2023 federal Appropriations Requests. The hearings will be conducted in May 2022, with a final decision on the appropriations to be made in the following month.

The hearings are scheduled to be held on May 24th and 25th. The Wyoming Senate and House Appropriations Committees will be meeting separately to discuss and vote on the Appropriations Requests. The hearings will be held in the Senate and House chambers of the Wyoming State Capitol.

Federal appropriations requests are submitted by the Wyoming legislature to ensure that the state receives the necessary funding for various programs and services. The Appropriations Committees will review the requests and make recommendations to the Wyoming legislature for approval.

Please review the FY24 Appropriations Fact Sheet and the 177th Annual Legislative Council Report and contact your Member of Congress below, urging them to fully support these lifesaving programs.

Contact Directors

Homeland Security Department Proposed Rule

The proposed rule by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on the Terrorist Watchlist Program (TWIP) aims to strengthen national security by providing more information on terrorist organizations and individuals. The rule would allow law enforcement agencies to access more information about foreign terrorist organizations and their members.

The DHS is seeking comments on the proposed rule before finalizing it. The public has until May 24, 2022, to submit comments. The proposed rule includes provisions that would make it easier for law enforcement agencies to identify and monitor foreign terrorist organizations.

Please provide your comments by May 24, 2022, to ensure that your voice is heard and considered.

United States vs. Khalil

The United States vs. Khalil case involves the 5th Circuit in United States vs. Khalil. The case stems from an 11-year-old female defendant who was charged with two federal offenses, including attempting to provide material support to a terrorist organization.

The case is being heard by the United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. The case involves a 11-year-old girl accused of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

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