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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Research and wildlife information-confidentiality.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural  
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; limiting public  
2 inspection of details of confidential research projects,  
3 sensitive wildlife location data and geospatial information  
4 related to wildlife as specified; and providing for an  
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-203(b)(iii), by creating a new  
10 paragraph (viii) and (d)(v) is amended to read:

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1 to determine the specific location of an individual animal  
2 or a group of animals.

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4 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection  
5 of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

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7 (v) Trade secrets, privileged information and  
8 confidential commercial, financial, geological, geospatial  
9 information related to wildlife or geophysical data  
10 furnished by or obtained from any person;

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12 **STAFF COMMENT**  
13 The Committee may wish to consider whether "geospatial  
14 information related to wildlife" could be interpreted to  
15 include "sensitive wildlife location data" as used in  
16 subsection (b) above. If so, the amendments may create  
17 uncertainty as to when a custodian may deny inspection or  
18 when a custodian shall deny inspection of the information.  
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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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23 (END)