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Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee

Catch Title: State health facility missions-statutory compliance.

Subject: Eligibility for services at the Wyoming Life Resource Center

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill adjusts the types of clients who can be admitted to the Wyoming Life Resource Center (WLRC). It creates new categories of clients including those who are “hard to place,” those with “exceptionally difficult behaviors” and those with “high medical need.” The bill leaves some existing admission criteria in place.
- The changes to admission criteria are designed to implement the Department of Health’s policy of providing safety net services to Wyoming citizens, rather than providing services which could be obtained elsewhere, and which compete with private care providers.
- The bill establishes that clients residing at the WLRC on April 1, 2016, shall have the right to remain, regardless of the new admission standards adopted in the bill.
- The bill also clarifies the mission of the Wyoming Veterans’ Home to include domiciliary level care and, if available, skilled nursing facility level care.
- The bill provides various clean-up amendments by specifying applicable federal standards for rulemaking, updating obsolete language and exempting state operated health care facilities from limits on expansion.

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