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Chapter No.: 36

Prime Sponsor: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

Catch Title: **Public records-amendments.**

Subject: Amending provisions of the Wyoming Public Records Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- In 2019, the Legislature passed a bill that made comprehensive amendments to the Wyoming Public Records Act, including the designation of a public-records person for each governmental entity and the creation of a new ombudsman position to receive and resolve complaints for violations of the Wyoming Public Records Act.
- The act provides a definition for the ombudsman, who is appointed by the Governor. The act also clarifies that the ombudsman can receive complaints, mediate disputes, provide uniform interpretations, train on the ombudsman's role and make recommendations regarding the public-records statutes to agencies and the public.
- The act makes other conforming amendments to the public-records statutes, including that the designated public-records person must be an employee or officer of the governmental entity.
- The act also amends publication requirements for salary information on employees of municipalities and counties to require publication of both employee base annual pay and overtime pay.

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