

Bill No.: SF0118 **Effective:** 7/1/2024

LSO No.: 24LSO-0543

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0066

Chapter No.: 105

Prime Sponsor: Hicks

Catch Title: Bighorn and domestic sheep relocation-federal action.

Has Report: No

Subject: Bighorn and domestic sheep.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act:
 - Requires the Game and Fish Department to relocate or remove all bighorn sheep from the Sweetwater Rocks herd unit in response to specified federal action;
 - Specifies additional duties for the Game and Fish Department, the state and its agencies and the Attorney General related to the Wyoming bighorn/domestic sheep plan; and
 - Authorizes the Wildlife/Livestock Disease Research Partnership Board to allocate funds for monitoring, tracking and conducting disease surveillance before and following the introduction of bighorn sheep in the Sweetwater Rocks herd unit.

Comments:

- This act has a delayed effective date: the act is effective not later than fifteen (15) days after applicable federal law is enacted and the Attorney General certifies to the Secretary of State that federal law has been enacted that aligns with the purposes of this act. If no federal law is enacted that aligns with the purposes of this act, this act is effective January 1, 2026.
- This act contains appropriations:
 - One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Wildlife/Livestock Disease Research Partnership Account for purposes of reimbursing the Game and Fish Department for the costs of relocation or removal of bighorn sheep;
 - Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Agriculture for the rangeland health assessment program to conduct

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