



HB0078

Forest health grant program.

Sponsored By: Select Water Committee

AN ACT relating to state forestry; creating the forest health grant program; specifying duties of the state forester; creating an account; requiring the attorney general to approve grants; requiring reports; creating an account; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

2/2/2026 Bill Number Assigned
2/5/2026 H Received for Introduction
2/9/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H05 - Agriculture 62-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Ayes 62 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/10/2026 H05 - Agriculture:Recommend Do Pass 9-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Banks, Davis, Fornstrom, Johnson, Ottman, Provenza, Schmid, Strock, Winter

Ayes 9 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/10/2026 :Rerefer to H02 - Appropriations

2/11/2026 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 7-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft, Sherwood, Smith, S

Ayes 7 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/11/2026 H Placed on General File

2/19/2026 H COW:Passed

2/20/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed

2/21/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 61-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

Excused: Representative Kelly

Ayes 61 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/23/2026 S Received for Introduction
2/23/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S05 - Agriculture
2/24/2026 S05 - Agriculture:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Crago, Ide, Love, Mckeown, Pearson
Ayes 5 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/24/2026 :Rerefer to S02 - Appropriations
2/25/2026 S02 - Appropriations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 4-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Driskill, French, Gierau, Laursen
Excused: Senator Salazar
Ayes 4 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/25/2026 S Placed on General File

HB0078SS001/ADOPTED

Page 6-line 19 Delete entirely and insert:

"Section 3. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.". IDE, CHAIRMAN

HB0078SS002/ADOPTED

Page 6-line 5 Delete "three million".

Page 6-line 6 Delete "dollars (\$3,000,000.00)" and insert "five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00)". SALAZAR, CHAIRMAN

2/27/2026 S COW:Passed

HB0078S2001/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 16 After "**account created;**" insert "**eligible entities;**".

Page 2-after line 6 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(b) The state forester may only grant funds to nonprofit and governmental organizations for the purposes specified in this section.".

Page 2-line 8 Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)"; after "subsection" delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 3-line 15 Delete "(c)" and insert "(d)".

Page 3-line 18 Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".

Page 4-line 5 Delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 4-line 6 Delete "the written opinion of the attorney general".

Page 4-line 7 Delete entirely and insert "the attorney general's review and approval of the grant.".

Page 4-line 8 Delete entirely.

Page 4-line 10 Delete "(e)" and insert "(f)".
Page 5-line 1 Delete "(f)" and insert "(g)".
Page 5-line 8 Delete "(g)" and insert "(h)".
Page 5-line 16 Delete "(d)" and insert "(e)". DRISKILL

HB0078S2002/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 5 Delete "providing a sunset date;".
Page 5-lines 8 through 21 Delete entirely.
Page 6-lines 1 through 3 Delete entirely. HICKS

3/2/2026 S 2nd Reading:Passed
3/3/2026 S 3rd Reading:Passed 30-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Pearson, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott

Excused: Senator Steinmetz

Ayes 30 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/3/2026 H Received for Concurrence
3/4/2026 H Concur:Failed 26-33-3-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Banks, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Harshman, Heiner, Jarvis, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Provenza, Schmid, Sherwood, Storer, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Williams, Wylie, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Hoeft, Johnson, Knapp, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Winter

Excused: Representative(s) Brown, L, Kelly, Posey

Ayes 26 **Nays** 33 **Excused** 3 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/4/2026 H Appointed JCC01 Members
Representative(s) Banks, Angelos, Strock
3/5/2026 S Appointed JCC01 Members
Senator(s) Hicks, Boner, Ide
3/6/2026 H Adopted HB0078JC001: 52-0-9-1-0

HB0078JC001/HADOPTEDSADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Adopt the following Senate amendments:

HB0078SS001/A
HB0078S2001/A
HB0078S2002/A

Delete the following Senate amendments:

HB0078SS002/A

Further amend the copy as follows:

Page 6-line 5 Delete "three million".

Page 6-line 6 Delete "dollars (\$3,000,000.00)" and insert "three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00)".
BANKS, ANGELOS, STROCK, HICKS, BONER, IDE

ROLL CALL

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Excused: Representative(s) Andrew, Brown, L, Clouston, Connolly, Kelly, Lien, Lucas, Ottman, Strock

Absent: Representative Singh

Ayes 52 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 9 **Absent** 1 **Conflicts** 0

3/6/2026 S Adopted HB0078JC001: 29-0-2-0-0

HB0078JC001/HADOPTEDSADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Adopt the following Senate amendments:

HB0078SS001/A

HB0078S2001/A

HB0078S2002/A

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ROLL CALL

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Excused: Senator(s) Driskill, Steinmetz

Ayes 29 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

3/6/2026 Assigned Number HEA No. 0041

3/6/2026 H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0041

3/6/2026 S President Signed HEA No. 0041

3/7/2026 Governor Signed HEA No. 0041

3/7/2026 Assigned Chapter Number 99

Chapter No. 99 Session Laws of Wyoming 2026

