



HB0103

Wyoming First Amendment Protection Act.

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Ottman and Heiner

AN ACT relating to civil procedure; creating the Wyoming First Amendment Protection Act; providing immunity from lawsuits based on the constitutional rights of freedom of petition, freedom of assembly, religious freedom and expression of speech; specifying procedures and limitations for lawsuits based on public participation; providing legislative findings; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.

2/5/2026 Bill Number Assigned
2/6/2026 H Received for Introduction
2/10/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H01 - Judiciary 45-15-0-0-2

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Campbell, K, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Storer, Stroock, Styvar, Tarver, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Winter, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, L, Lawley, Nicholas, Sherwood, Thayer, Williams

Conflicts: Representative(s) Larson, Jt, Wylie
Ayes 45 **Nays** 15 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 2

2/16/2026 H01 - Judiciary:Recommend Do Pass 7-1-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Brady, Bratten, Filer, Lien, Singh, Washut, Webb

Nays: Representative Chestek

Excused: Representative Kelly

Ayes 7 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/16/2026 H Placed on General File

HB0103HW001/FAILED

- Page 1-above line 1 In the catch title, delete entirely and insert "Wyoming Anti-SLAPP Protection Act."
- Page 1-line 2 Delete line through "Act" and insert "Anti-SLAPP Protection Act"
- Page 1-line 4 Delete ", religious freedom".
- Page 2-line 5 Delete entirely and insert "Anti-SLAPP Protection Act."
- Page 2-line 23 After "speech" delete "," and insert "and".
- Page 3-line 1 After "assemble" delete balance of line.
- Page 9-line 16 Delete "19,".

Page 12-line 14 After "petition" delete "," and insert "and"; delete "and the freedom".

Page 12-line 15 Delete entirely and insert ".".

Page 13-line 12 After "assemble" delete "," and insert "and"; delete "and of religious".

Page 13-line 13 Delete "freedom".

Page 13-line 15 Delete "19,". CHESTEK

2/19/2026 H COW:Passed
2/20/2026 H 2nd Reading:Laid Back
2/21/2026 H 2nd Reading:Laid Back

HB0103H2001/FAILED

Page 5-line 19 Delete "may be overcome" and insert "shall not apply".

Page 6-lines 7 through 12 Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.

Page 6-line 14 Delete "(g)" and insert "(f)".

Page 6-line 18 Delete "(h)" and insert "(g)".

Page 7-line 2 Delete "(j)" and insert "(h)".

Page 7-line 11 Delete "(k)" and insert "(j)". LAWLEY

HB0103H2002/ADOPTED

Delete the Lawley second reading amendment (HB0103H2001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 5-line 23 After "investigate;" delete "or".

Page 6-line 5 After "protection" delete "." and insert "; or".

Page 6-after line 5 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(iii) Was defamatory against a private figure, whether per quod defamation, per se defamation or defamation by implication that does not involve a matter of public concern, was at least negligent and the statements at issue were factually false."

Page 6-line 10 After "applies" delete balance of line.

Page 6-lines 11 and 12 Delete entirely and insert ". In determining whether an immunity asserted under this section may be overcome, the court shall only consider the pleadings, the motion, any response or reply to the motion and any supporting or opposing affidavits or declarations stating the facts upon which the asserted immunity or exception to the immunity is based. The court shall construe any disputed material facts in the light most favorable to the non-moving party.". HEINER

2/23/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed

HB0103H3001/WITHDRAWN

2/24/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 52-4-4-0-2

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Representative(s) Davis, Nicholas, Sherwood, Storer

Excused: Representative(s) Campbell, K, Kelly, Thayer, Wasserburger

Conflicts: Representative(s) Larson, Jt, Wylie

Ayes 52 **Nays** 4 **Excused** 4 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 2

2/25/2026 S Received for Introduction

2/25/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S01 - Judiciary

3/2/2026 S No report prior to CoW Cutoff

3/4/2026 S:Died in Committee Returned Bill Pursuant to SR 5-4