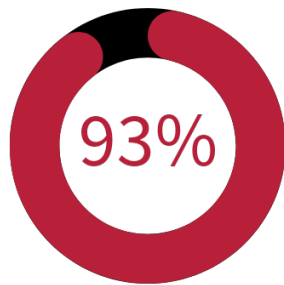


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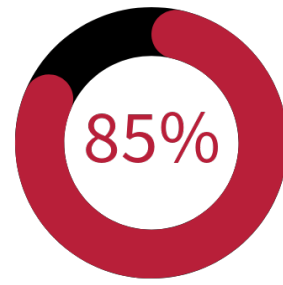
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Bill 42: Regulation of Surgical Abortion
continues to need WMS member input. 93% of the required minimum participation threshold has been achieved toward WMS taking a public position on this bill. [VOTE HERE](#)

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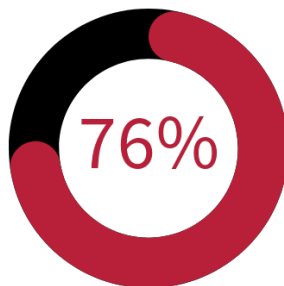
House - *Passed* Third Reading
Senate - *Passed* Committee



House Bill 159: Protecting water from chemical abortion waste
failed to be heard by the required deadlines and will not be discussed any further this Session. The WIRE proposal remains active for anyone still wishing to express their opinions and views in the event this bill resurfaces in future sessions or debates.

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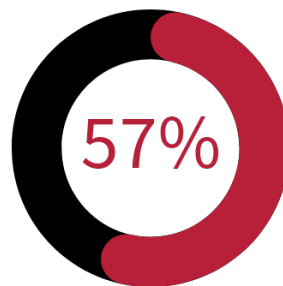
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House Bill 222: Medical Ethics Defense Act
continues to need WMS input. 76 % of the required minimum participation threshold has been achieved toward WMS taking a public position on this bill. [VOTE HERE](#)

BILL STATUS

House - *Passed* Third Reading
Senate - *Received for Introduction*



SF155: International Physician Licensing
continues to need WMS input. 57% of the required minimum participation threshold has been achieved toward WMS taking a public position on this bill. [VOTE HERE](#)

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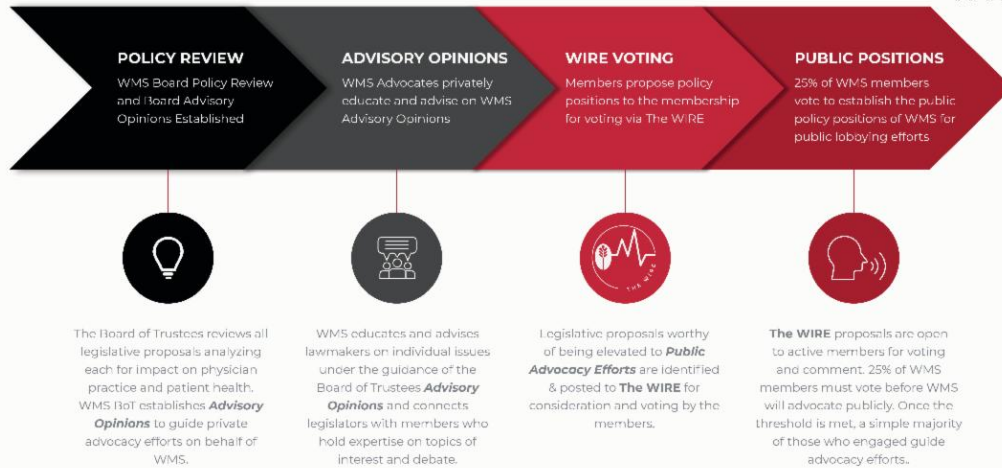
Senate - *Passed* Third Reading
House - *Received for Introduction*

WMS Advocacy Process

Board Advisory Opinions & Society Position Setting Via The WIRE



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DAILY ADVOCACY UPDATES

What happened today 2/14/25

2025 WMS Bill Tracker

SENATE COMMITTEE (Noon Recess)

House Bill 64: Chemical abortions-ultrasound requirements (**Passed** Committee)

House Bill 42: Regulation of surgical abortions (**Passed** Committee)

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

House Bill 82: Provider enrollment - standards (**Passed** Second Reading)

HOUSE FLOOR ACTION

Senate File 23: Handicap placards-health care providers' approval (**Passed** Second Reading)



HB42: Regulation of Surgical Abortion

WMS Membership WIRE voting results as of 2/14/25

Display Result By: Member Type

Result by Member Type	Support	Oppose	Neutral	Total Comments
Active Physician	13% (7)	86% (49)	2% (1)	57
Active Physician Assistant	0	100% (9)	0	9
Resident-UW Family Residency	0	100% (1)	0	1
Retired Physician	0	100% (13)	0	13
University of Utah School of Medicine Student	0	100% (1)	0	1
WWAMI Resident	0	100% (8)	0	8
WWAMI Student	0	100% (22)	0	22
Total Comments	7	103	1	111

Legislation Highlight of the Week: SF125

The Senate dedicated a great deal of time and energy this week debating the merits of [Senate File 125: Defining health care and protecting the people's welfare](#). This bill, as introduced, would have had significant unintended consequences for healthcare, and carried potential for dramatic ambiguity in interpretation according to legal experts and healthcare professionals.

SF125 was drafted to protect the unborn by more clearly defining what is and is not healthcare in WY statute for purposes of constitutional interpretation. However, without amendments, the bill reached far beyond the intended purposes raising questions about the ongoing legality of a long list of healthcare treatments including mental healthcare, elective procedures, cultural and preference-driven procedures such as circumcision, medications, treatments to address medical conditions not defined as injury or illness, and more.

The hour had gotten late when the Senate took up this bill Monday evening which likely contributed to the spiciness that accompanied some of the floor discussion. For anyone interested and with 30 minutes to spare, the video is linked below. They debated the [Standing Committee Amendment](#) which was originally necessary for the original draft of the bill to not unintentionally prohibit all of healthcare in Wyoming unless the care was being rendered to a pregnant woman for life-saving purposes. After a bit of heated sparring, the Senate elected to pass the Standing Committee Amendment and pass the bill for consideration on Second Reading.

On Tuesday, they picked up where they left off with yet another extensive [amendment](#) for debate on Second Reading. This amendment aimed to address the concerns raised in the First Reading debate around the question of whether or not the bill managed to unintentionally prohibit all of mental health and IVF procedures in the state. The second reading amendment also made a critical change in the prohibition section shifting the language from healthcare not being anything that could "harm" to health care not being defined as anything that could "terminate" the heart, brain, central nervous system or respiratory systems.

Wednesday closed debate on Senate File 125 with yet another amendment. This [Third Reading Amendment](#) managed to essentially gut the bill and simply replace all of the controversial language with a very simple statement that, "abortion, as defined in W.S. 35-6-122(a)(I), is not health care". This Third Reading Amendment easily passed the Senate as did the bill on final reading with a vote of 24 ayes and 6 nos with 1 member excused.

This bill beautifully demonstrates the need for physician advocates to be in the capitol and at the table in these conversations. WMS is honored to be considered a resource for lawmakers and a voice of expertise on these complicated bills that often do far more than is intended. The [engrossed version of](#)



The above video link is from Monday evening's debate. The link should take you directly to the time when this bill is taken up. If not, scroll your video timer to 07:02:00. The debate lasts just over 30 minutes.

Legislature Observes Presidents' Day

The Wyoming Legislature will not convene on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day. WMS staff will also observe Monday as a holiday and look forward to being back at the capitol advocating for our members on Tuesday when the Legislature reconvenes.

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The Wyoming Medical Society needs volunteers *daily* for the duration of the legislative session. Doc/PA of the Day volunteers have the opportunity to meet with state legislators, are introduced on the floor of the House and Senate Chambers, and help ensure legislators see that Wyoming physicians and PAs care!

You *must* be a WMS member to serve as Doc/PA of the Day. *Please consider making time to volunteer this year!*

To schedule your volunteer date email whitney@wyomed.org.

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR/INFO

WIRE INSTRUCTIONS

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How to use The Wire:

- Log on - <https://thewire.wyomed.org/>
- The Wire uses the same username and password as you use to login to the WMS website to manage your membership. If you have forgotten your username or password, you can use the forget password feature on The Wire to reset it.
- To weigh in on proposals - select "Proposal Feedback" at the top of the screen
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- Click on the title link to vote/share your opinion on a topic

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