

Hello Sublette County and LaBarge, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on January 13, the fourth day of the 2023 General Session of the 67th Legislature. During the morning we worked through bills on General File. The bills we considered today, and which I supported, include:

- [HB0017 State lands-grazing of non-owned livestock](#) would provide that a lessee of state lands whose lease authorizes grazing on state lands shall not be required to obtain the approval of the director prior to allowing livestock the lessee does not own, but for which the lessee retains full management and responsibility, to graze on the lands.
- [HB0029 Community college funding – distance education credit hours](#) would level the playing field for community college distance education centers to receive the same amount of funding as classes held at community colleges.
- [HB0016 State land leasing – improvements](#) deals with leases on state lands and improvements made to the land by the lessee. The bill would provide primary leaseholders with fair compensation from the Office of State Lands when the lease is lost, or the property is sold. Additionally, the legislation would raise the limit to \$4,000 for the price of improvements on a property leased by the state without needing approval from the Office of State Lands.
- [HB0005 Voter registry list voter ID and absentee ballots](#) is a result of county clerks requesting more direction regarding publicly releasable information from the Office of the Secretary of State or from county clerk offices. The bill clarifies that voter ID registration number and absentee ballot information is among the information obtainable by the public.

Today concludes the first week of the 67th General Session of the Wyoming Legislature. I look forward to robust debate on the House floor, informed with your thoughts, questions, and priorities. I can be reached at albert@albertsommers.com with questions or comments. Thank you.