

Hello Sublette County and LaBarge, this is Albert Sommers reporting to you on January 18, the seventh day of the 2023 General Session of the 67th Legislature. Today, the House heard bills on 2nd Reading, had final vote on bills in 3rd Reading, and voted on bills in Committee of the Whole.

[HB0050 Solid waste cease and transfer program funding](#) is a recurring bill. Before 2013, the Federal Government required landfills with groundwater contamination issues to close. The cost associated with complying with federal regulations was high. In 2013, the Legislature created an Act to help smaller communities comply with the federal mandate of closing landfills and transferring waste to regional facilities. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality maintains a prioritized list of qualified projects. The initial list had 52 eligible projects. Each year the list is revised and updated to reflect qualified projects. House Bill 50 amends the list to 18 projects: eight transfer projects and ten closure projects. There were also three modifications to projects - two facilities increased in price for the scope of work, and the third modification was the removal of a facility from the list that had already received all the necessary funding. This Act has a full appropriation and the bill does not require additional funding. House Bill 50 passed the House on 3rd Reading with my support.

[HB0011 State park rangers - retirement](#) passed the Committee of the Whole, with my support. This bill allows current full-time Wyoming park rangers to participate in the law enforcement plan under the Wyoming Retirement Act. These park ranger positions are certified Peace Officers, just like other law enforcement in the State. The bill would not require park rangers to use the law enforcement retirement plan but would allow these individuals to choose which retirement pool they would like to participate in.

[HB0033 School finance - career technical education grants](#) creates a competitive Career Technical Education (CTE) grant program that school districts could utilize once they have exhausted their current CTE funding. The program, which provides up to \$50,000 per school district, would incentivize districts to help kids learn more about viable, in-demand career paths

in the construction trades. The bill passed the Committee of the Whole. I supported this bill in the interim and today.

I can be reached at albert@albertsommers.com with questions or comments. Thank you.