



**SENATE RESOLUTION #2952**

Act

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 02/27/24

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**SPONSORS:** Senators Grimm, Keasling, Gundling, Brown, Hulen; First-Year Senators Morales, Shosh, Hargett; Director of Justice & Equity Medina, Director of Wellness Malles, Director of Policy & Analysis Meester, Chief of Legislative Affairs Knopp, Chief of Staff Henderson; United Multicultural Council

1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, SF0130 - "The equality state not equity state act" would prohibit
4. "governmental entities from engaging in any diversity, equity or inclusion program,
5. activity or policy" (Addendum A); and,
6. WHEREAS, this infringes upon the autonomy of governmental entities, including
7. educational institutions, by dictating what ideas and values are permissible; and,
8. WHEREAS, such prohibitions undermine efforts to create an inclusive environment that
9. promotes success for all students regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, gender
10. identity, or sexual orientation; and,
11. WHEREAS, this most directly implicates the University of Wyoming's Office of
12. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion; and,
13. WHEREAS, many UW students oppose SF0130 as reflected in Addendum B because it
14. would have broad unintended consequences such as effectively denying students access
15. to essential educational services, resources, and accommodations; and,

16. THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASUW Student Government unequivocally
17. opposes the introduction, passage and potential implementation of SF0130 - “The
18. equality state not equity state act” in any form; and,
19. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW urges the Wyoming State
20. Legislature to prioritize gathering comprehensive student input and consulting
21. perspectives from diverse student populations before crafting legislation that directly
22. impacts educational institutions, such as the University of Wyoming and its
23. community; and,
24. THEREFORE, be it even further resolved that this resolution be transmitted to
25. all relevant stakeholders including the Wyoming State Legislature, the Governor of
26. Wyoming, and University of Wyoming administration to emphasize the importance of
27. student engagement in legislative decision-making processes; and,
28. THEREFORE, be it even further resolved that this resolution in addition to any
29. supplemental information pertinent for students to advocate in opposition to SF0130 on
30. behalf of the student body, be disseminated through all ASUW communication channels
31. immediately upon passage.

Referred to: Committee of the Whole

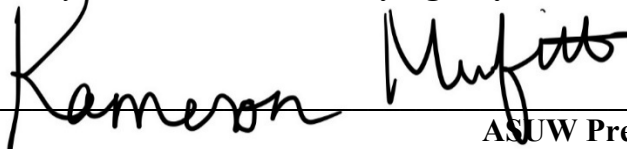
Date of Passage: February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Signed: 

(ASUW Chairperson)

“Being enacted on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this

Senate action.”



ASUW President

**Addendum A**

2024

STATE OF WYOMING

**24LSO-0606**

SENATE FILE NO. SF0130

The equality state not equity state act.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Biteman

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; prohibiting governmental entities from engaging in any diversity, equity or inclusion program, activity or policy; providing definitions; requiring rulemaking; providing applicability; and providing for effective dates.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

**Section 1.** W.S. 9-25-101 is created to read:

CHAPTER 25  
PROHIBITED PRACTICES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS

ARTICLE 1  
DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

**9-25-101. Definitions.**

(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Diversity, equity or inclusion" means any program, activity or policy that promotes differential or preferential treatment of individuals or classifies such individuals on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation;

(ii) "Governmental entity" means the state, any department thereof, the University of Wyoming and any county, city, town, school district, community college district, other political subdivision and other public corporation of the state.

(b) No governmental entity shall engage in any diversity, equity or inclusion program, activity or policy.

**Section 2.** Not later than July 1, 2024, all governmental entities as defined in section 1 of this act shall take all actions, including the

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promulgation of rules, if necessary, required to implement this act.

**Section 3.**

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, this act is effective July 1, 2024.

(b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are 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.

(END)

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SF0130

Sponsor:

Senator Biteman

Co-Sponsor:

## **Addendum B**

### Student At-Large Sponsors of this Resolution

Hanna Crocket, Rhiannon McLean, Maya Worcestor, Daniel Deming, Molly Rampulla, Ethan Hope, Reese Davies, Riley Wilkerson, Peyton Wilkerson, Lorilei Lassen, EC Powers, Olivia Crook, Precious Oyewole, Ava Bohlender, Augustus Birky, Emma Jones, Jeremy Rucinski, Wolfgang Wuerker, Katie Johnson, Luke Condie, Stella Davis, Kindra Roden, Jaden Campbell, Logan Raper, Kinley Bowman, Jasmin Mahoney, Jean-Luc Willson, Tanner Ewalt, Madison Nagy, Camryn Nagy, Andrew Thomas, Destiny Gabbidon, Onika Mullinax, Reagan Mullaney, Jack Bube, Alea Denney, Andrew Bishop, Laney Sorenson, Marie Apostolou, Hannah Linford, Rachel Sayer, Michael Swidecki, Hannah Mclaughlin, Curtis Jones, Margreta Quill, Colton Hopster, Max Radosevich, Ivan Sapien, Peter Kim, Ema Jones, Grant Brammer, Ruby Homer-Wambeam, Hazel Homer-Wambeam, Tom Hillhouse, Kai Haukaas, Lainie Radomsky, Mairin Sims, Presley Bloom, Kaitlyn Polley, Rhonwyn Edwards, Alyssa Smith, Emma Hahn, Carson Krueger, Josh Kentoff, Faith Riter