

## How to keep up with the Legislature

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The Wyoming Legislature is in session, and residents have a variety of ways to keep up to date and stay in touch with their legislators.

Several options are available on the Legislature's Web site, <http://legisweb.state.wy.us>.

A full list of legislators is available on the site, including their contact information. A rundown of committees and who serves on each one also is available.

A list of bills being considered and changes to those bills can be found by clicking on the "All 2009 Bills" link. Bills can be sorted by number, title or sponsor headings.

They also can be separated by House Bills, Senate Files or both.

The site provides information on the status of the bill, including if it has passed one house, if amendments have been made, etc.

Those interested also can find out the status of bills at the same link. There's a "journal digest" for each bill that includes the dates when actions were taken on the bill, all roll call votes related to the bill and the text of all amendments.

A link on the "2009 Bill Information" page titled "Bill Status" provides a listing of all bills and the latest action taken on each one.

Calendars for Senate and House proceedings are included on the site as well. They are posted in the late afternoon for the next day's floor proceedings, and include the legislation under consideration and the general order of business.

The calendars can be found by clicking on the "Session Schedules/Calendars/Meetings" link.

The Web site also includes live audio streaming of the proceedings; click on the "Audio Broadcasts of the 2009 Session" link. Archived broadcasts from previous days also are available.

### Call the Legislature

Those who prefer to use their telephone instead of a computer also can keep up with the Legislature.

Those wishing to talk to a legislator can leave a message by calling the Senate receptionist at 307-771-7711 or the House receptionist at 307-777-7852.

Mail can be sent to a legislator in care of the Wyoming House or Senate, State Capitol, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

Faxes can be sent to a legislator at 307-777-5466.

The Bill Status Hotline provides information on all bills in the legislative process by calling 800-342-9570.

The hotline gives information about where a bill is in the process, but does not provide detailed information about the legislation.

The hotline is available on the days when the Legislature is in session from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Voter Hotline allows callers to recommend a vote for or against on a specific piece of legislation by calling 866-996-8683.

Voters cannot speak with a specific legislator by calling this number, but can recommend how they would like their elected official(s) to vote.

A hearing impaired service also is available by calling 800-877-9965 for TDD or text telephones. Ask the Wyoming Relay Service operator to dial 307-777-6185 for the status on bills.

## Contact your legislator

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### House of Representatives

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