



# FACT SHEET

## SF 74: Crimes against critical infrastructure

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Senate File 74 is a bill looking for a problem, and instead of solving any problems it creates new ones for the citizens of Wyoming. We urge you to **vote no** on SF 74 for the following reasons:

- **The bill is unnecessary.** The crimes it seeks to penalize are already illegal in Wyoming. Existing laws can be used to prosecute anyone who trespasses on or damages the types of infrastructure identified in the bill.
- **The bill violates the First Amendment** because it chills and penalizes protected speech and unconstitutionally impacts the right to free association (an individual's right to join or leave organizations voluntarily, and the right of an organization to take collective action to pursue the interests of its members).
- **The bill violates the Eighth Amendment** because it creates excessive penalties that are not commensurate with the extent of the crime.
- **The crimes created by the bill are vague and the penalties unenforceable.** The bill is likely to tax our judicial system through litigation. If enforced, the bill will create unintended consequences, and because of its broad scope and vague language, the bill may result in prosecution of individuals — including private property owners who have these types of infrastructure on their lands — or organizations who are innocent of any wrongdoing.
- **The bill likely violates Wyoming's Constitution** by running afoul of the one bill one subject rule. The bill creates two separate and very distinct crimes: impeding critical infrastructure *and* critical infrastructure trespass. Sponsors have said the crimes were originally split into two separate bills, but they were combined into one.

***Protect free speech and stop duplicative laws.  
Please contact your State Representatives and Senators  
and urge them to oppose SF 74!***