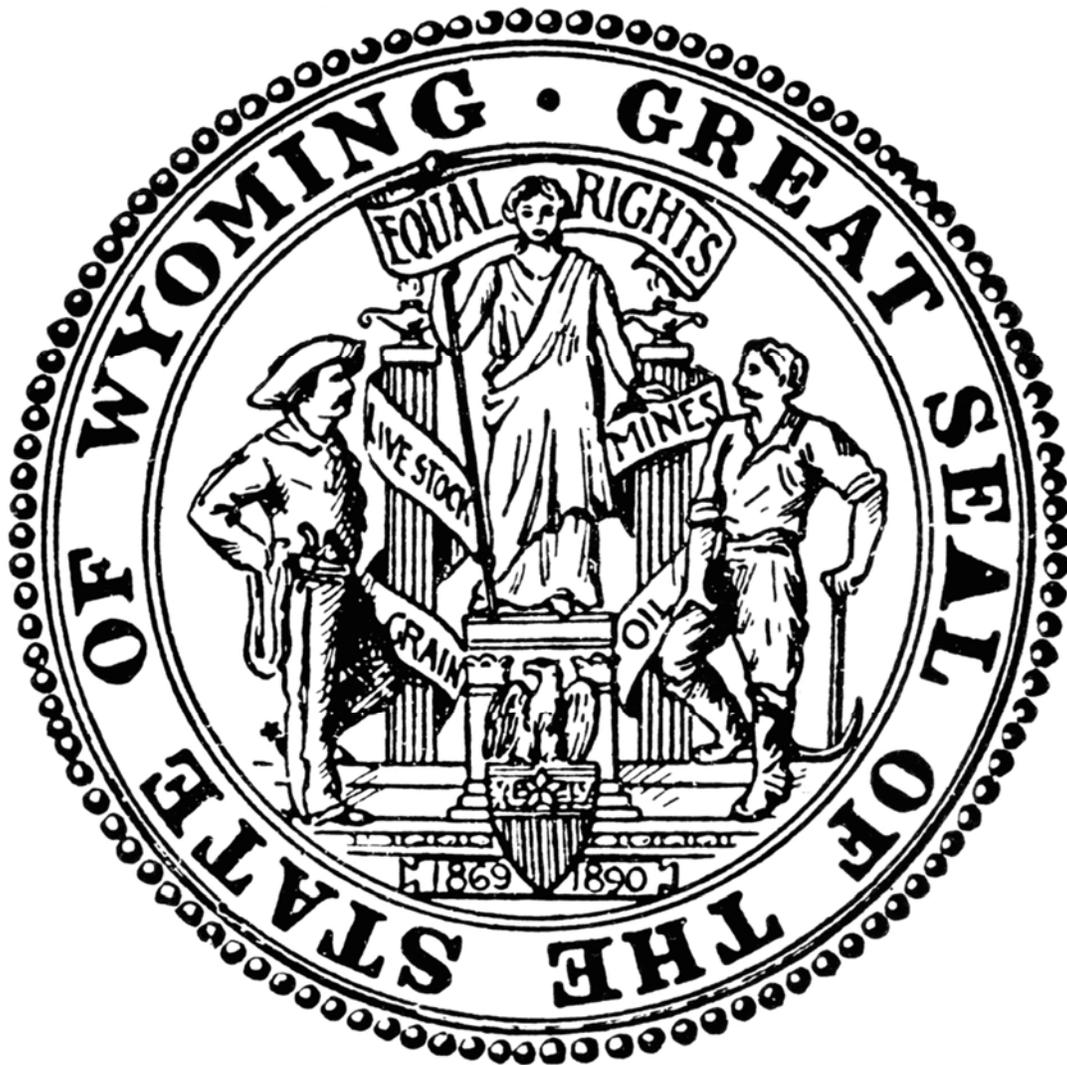




# LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

January 8 - February 28

# 2019



**P**olicy developed at the county level is critical to your Farm Bureau lobbying team. Your lobbyists are able to work legislation by presenting real-life issues affected by legislation before your elected lawmakers. Policies adopted by the membership at Annual Meeting provide guidance helping your lobbyists work for the best decisions possible from your representatives in Wyoming's House and Senate. Your policy work provides a strong, reliable *Voice for Agriculture* in Wyoming through your work in policy development.



## The 2019 Wyoming Legislative Session

convened on  
January 8, 2019.

This review looks at the bills which were of interest to the members of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation based on the policies set forth and accepted by the membership of the organization.

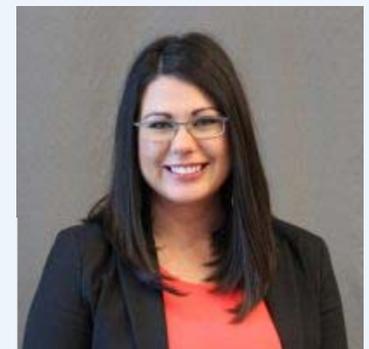
High priority or high profile bills are included in this review to inform you how your elected officials voted on these issues. You can find a full list of bills, votes and legislator information at:  
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## Water

**House Bill (HB) 81 Omnibus water bill-planning** This is the annual Water Development Commission planning bill. WyFB monitored this bill.

**Senate File (SF) 59 Omnibus water bill-construction** This is the annual Water Development Commission bill for upcoming water construction projects. WyFB monitored this bill.

## Wildlife

**HB 28 Regulation of shed antler and big game horn collection** This bill allows the Game and Fish Commission to set state-wide seasons for collecting shed antlers and big game horns. WyFB was against this bill.

**HB 73 Use of dogs-recovery of killed or wounded big game** This bill will allow hunters to use dogs to track big game that has been wounded or killed. WyFB monitored this bill.

**House Resolution (HR) 1 Wyoming support for delisting the grizzly bear** This resolution indicates Wyoming's support for delisting the grizzly bear in Wyoming. WyFB supported this resolution.

**SF 93 Grizzly bear hunts** This bill will allow Wyoming Game and Fish to establish a grizzly bear hunt to protect its citizens, workers and tourists from grizzly bears. Problem bears could be relocated to California. WyFB supported this bill.

## Natural resources

**HB 49 Reversion of funds-emergency fire suppression funds** This bill will allow that unused general funds appropriated to the Division of Forestry revert back to the emergency fire suppression account at the end of a biennium. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 54 Federal natural resource policy amendments** This bill allows funding for development and revision of comprehensive natural resource management plans prepared by counties. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 99 Wyoming public lands day** This bill pays tribute to the value of public lands in Wyoming. There was an amendment on the House to make it a "multiple use of public lands" tribute but that amendment was removed on third reading. WyFB monitored this bill.

**SF 78 Archaeological human burial sites** This bill outlines procedures when a human burial site is discovered on private or state land, shortening the time frame in which activity would be delayed. WyFB supported this bill.

## County regulations

**HB 196 Local regulation-subdivisions** This bill amends subdivision statutes to keep county commissioners from precluding residential or agricultural uses on a piece of land where the land is gifted to a family member. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 142 County regulation of livestock grazing** This bill prohibits counties from eliminating livestock grazing on lands acquired from the federal government without going through the normal zoning procedures. WyFB supported this bill.

## Communications

**HB 98 Rights of way-communication services** This bill allows communication companies not regulated as utilities to use county and state right-of-ways to install services. WyFB monitored this bill.

**SF 19 Telecommunication act-amendments** This bill extends the sunset date of the Wyoming Telecommunications Act, the statute which contains the Universal Service Fund and Carrier of Last Resort authorization. Wyoming Farm Bureau supported this bill.

## Agriculture

**HB 134 Livestock brands-amendments** This bill will extend the period a brand is delinquent and allow the brand owner to move livestock one time on a delinquent brand. The brand holder will be required to pay a fee of 20% of the re-recording fee to bring the brand up to date. On third reading the Senate amended the bill, giving brand owners the ability to permanently register a brand. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 171 Hemp and cannabidiol regulation** This bill will allow state regulation of hemp production in Wyoming. Producers will be licensed by the State and the hemp will have restrictions on the level of THC. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 66 Livestock enforcement-reimbursement** This bill establishes a fund of \$250,000 to reimburse county sheriff departments for costs associated with investigating livestock cases. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 68 Meat from harvested livestock or poultry** This bill will prohibit harvested meat to be next to laboratory meat in a store display. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 70 Landowner and lessee liability limitations** This bill eliminates State School Trust Land lessee's liability associated with recreational activities. WyFB supported this bill.

## Miscellaneous

**HB 235 Care of animals** This bill will, in the animal cruelty statutes, change "fowls or dogs" to "animals". It was amended in the Senate Agriculture Committee to remove all aspects of the bill except those dealing with domestic disturbances. In conference committee, the bill was then amended back to its original state as it came before the Senate. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 243 Driver's Licenses** This bill increases the renewal period for driver's licenses from four to five years. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 43 Hathaway scholarship eligibility** This bill allows vocational and fine arts classes to count for the Hathaway scholarship. WyFB supported this bill.

# FAILED BILLS

## *Taxes and fees*

**HB 64 Indexing fuel taxes** This bill would have increased fuel taxes as inflation increased. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 67 Sales tax revisions** This bill would have added services to sales-tax roles. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 68 School funding** This bill would have increased the property-tax mil levy to help fund schools. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 96 Wind energy production tax** This bill would have increased the tax assessment on electricity produced from wind. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 127 Tax refund to elderly and disabled** This bill would have lowered the income level from \$17,500 to \$13,500 to qualify for property tax exemption for the disabled. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 128 Senior property tax exemption** This bill would have frozen the property valuations for persons over 65-years-old. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 207 Business licensing fees-2** This bill would have increased the fee for registering a business in Wyoming. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 220 National Retail Fairness Act** This bill would have instituted an income tax on large hospitality and large retail stores. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 233 Income tax** This bill would have instituted an income tax on all Wyoming residents. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 240 Commercial vehicles-irrigation operations** This bill would have exempted irrigation districts from CDL requirements. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 260 Wind energy production tax-2** This bill would have increased the tax assessment on electricity produced from wind. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 300 Motor vehicle fees** This bill would have increased vehicle registration fees. WyFB was against this bill.

**HR 9 Permanent ban on state income tax** This resolution would have sought to amend the Wyoming Constitution to permanently ban an income tax in Wyoming. WyFB supported this resolution.

**SF 6 Personal property tax reporting** This bill would have changed the penalties for not filing, or for filing an inaccurate business asset list. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 12 Business licensing fees** This bill would have increased the fee for registering a business in Wyoming. WyFB opposed this bill.

**SF 58 Vehicle registration-depreciation** This bill would have increased the time frame for depreciating vehicles for licensing. WyFB supported this bill.

## **Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 5 Homeowners bill of rights**

This bill would have attempted to amend the Wyoming constitution, outlining any increase in taxes first go to a vote of the people. WyFB supported this resolution.

## *Water*

### **HB 47 Senate confirmation of water compact commissioner**

This bill would have required senate confirmation of water commissioners. WyFB monitored this bill.

### **SF 39 Legislative approval of water compact amendments**

This bill would have required legislative approval of water compact amendments. WyFB monitored this bill.

### **SF 42 Water division superintendents**

This bill would have required the Wyoming Senate confirm water division superintendents. WyFB monitored this bill.

### **SF 69 Water development program**

This bill would have allowed any entity which is a legal subdivision of the State of Wyoming duly organized irrigation, drainage, soil conservation, and public irrigation and power districts, and any public corporation legally organized for the purposes of the conservation, distribution or utilization of water or soil; and any other public entity that has taxing authority or the authority to levy fees or assessments on lands serviced by the entity, the right to participate in the Wyoming Water Development Program. WyFB supported this bill.

### **SF 87 Temporary instream water use**

This bill would have allowed temporary instream flow of water as a use of water rights. WyFB opposed this bill.

## *Voting and party-affiliation*

### **HB 36 Mail ballot elections**

This bill would have allowed elections to be mail ballots only, rather than having polling places. WyFB opposed this bill.

### **HB 106 Party affiliation changes**

This bill would have limited time frames to switch parties. WyFB supported this bill.

### **SF 32 Change in political party affiliation**

This bill would have limited time frames to switch parties. WyFB supported this bill.

### **SF 65 Open ranked choice elections**

This bill would have had the top candidates advance from the primary to the general election. All parties would have been on the same ballot. WyFB opposed this bill.

### **SF 160 Change in political party affiliation-2**

This bill would have limited the time frames to switch parties. WyFB supported this bill.

## *Education*

### **HB 129 Civics proficiency examination**

This bill would have added more study of the U.S. and Wyoming constitution to school requirements. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 193 Wyoming career technical pathway workforce strategy**

This bill would have created a trust fund to facilitate career technical training. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 34 Hathaway Eligibility Act** This bill would have allowed non-Wyoming citizens to utilize the Hathaway Scholarship. WyFB opposed this bill.

**SF 143 Civics proficiency** This bill would have added more study of the U.S. and Wyoming constitutions to school requirements. WyFB supported this bill.

**State lands**

**HB 50 Legislative review of state land transfers** This bill would have required legislative approval of state land transfers. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 217 Wyoming camping act** This bill would have allowed camping on state lands. WyFB opposed this bill.

**SF 145 State trust land revenues** This bill would have established a permit system for persons using state lands for recreation. WyFB monitored this bill.

**SJR 1 State-federal school trust lands exchange** This resolution would have encouraged the U.S. government and the State to work to exchange school trust lands that are landlocked. WyFB supported this bill.

**Agriculture**

**HB 46 Agricultural feed products-civil liability** This bill would have removed liability for feeds produced when the producer did not and could not have known the feed was tainted. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 48 Brand rerecording notices** This bill would allow the Livestock Board to send out re-recording notices by regular mail rather than certified mail. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 189 Wide load restrictions-agriculture** This bill would have allowed agricultural producers with wide loads to not need permits if they were within 2 miles of their home. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 208 Split estates-good faith negotiations-2** This bill would have allowed landowners to go to court if mineral estate developers did not negotiate in good faith. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 209 Split estates-measure of damages** This bill would have allowed landowners to receive economic damages from mineral development. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 224 Split estates-applicability of procedures** This bill clarifies that all land, including land outside of drilling and spacing units, are covered by split estate laws. WyFB supported this bill.

**Miscellaneous**

**HB 10 Crimes against critical infrastructure** This bill would have increased the penalties for persons damaging critical infrastructure. WyFB supported this bill.



**HB 12 Shed antlers and horns** This bill would have allowed Wyoming Game and Fish to extend the antler gathering season west of the Continental Divide. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 14 Mountain daylight time** This bill would have kept Wyoming on daylight savings time year around. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 51 Lawful fence standards- county preemption** This bill would have kept a county from requiring fences that are not consistent with Wyoming laws. WyFB monitored this bill.

**HB 184 Private roads** This bill would have changed many aspects of Wyoming access laws. WyFB opposed this bill.

**HB 285 Eminent domain wind energy collector systems** This bill would have prohibited the use of eminent domain when wind energy companies were obtaining easements for collector lines. WyFB supported this bill.

**HB 288 Animal cruelty-snowmobiles** This bill would have classified the act of individuals intentionally running over predators with snowmobiles as *animal cruelty*. WyFB opposed this bill.

**SF 13 Eminent domain- wind energy collector systems** This bill would have prohibited the use of eminent domain when wind energy companies were obtaining easements for collector lines. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 26 Fire suppression account appropriations** This bill would appropriate \$20 million to the fire suppression account, and \$1 million annually starting in 2021. WyFB supported this bill.

**SF 33 Cruelty to animals-penalties** This bill would have increased the penalties for cruelty to animals. WyFB monitored this bill.

**SF 94 Secretary of state-nomination qualifications** This bill would authorize the Secretary of State to refuse to file nomination applications for not meeting qualifications. WyFB monitored this bill.

## HB 220 National Retail Fairness Act

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Blake, Brown, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clifford, Connolly, Dayton-Selman, Duncan, Eklund, Eyre, Flitner, Freeman, Furphy, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Harshman, Henderson, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Lindholm, Loucks, Macguire, Newsome, Nicholas, Obermueller, Paxton, Pelkey, Pownall, Roscoe, Schwartz, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Sweeney, Walters, Washut, Wilson, Yin, Zwonitzer

**Nays:** Representative(s) Clem, Edwards, Gray, Hunt, Jennings, Laursen Dan, Miller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Salazar, Styvar, Tass, Western, Winter

**Excused:** Representative(s) Crank, Northrup

**Ayes 44 Nays 14 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

## HB 171 Hemp and cannabidiol regulation

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Blake, Brown, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clem, Clifford, Connolly, Crank, Dayton-Selman, Duncan, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Flitner, Freeman, Furphy, Gray, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, Macguire, Miller, Newsome, Nicholas, Northrup, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Pownall, Roscoe, Salazar, Schwartz, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Tass, Walters, Washut, Western, Wilson, Winter, Yin, Zwonitzer

**Ayes 60 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Case, Coe, Dockstader, Ellis, Gierau, Hicks, James, Kinskey, Kost, Landen, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins Pres, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

**Nays:** Senator(s) Bebout, Driskill, Hutchings

**Excused:** Senator Agar

**Ayes 26 Nays 3 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

## HB 196 Local regulation-subdivisions

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Brown, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clem, Connolly, Crank, Duncan, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Furphy, Gray, Greear, Hallinan, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, Macguire, Miller, Nicholas, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Pownall, Salazar, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Tass, Washut, Western, Wilson, Winter, Zwonitzer

**Nays:** Representative(s) Blake, Clifford, Dayton-Selman, Flitner, Freeman, Haley, Kinner, Newsome, Northrup, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Roscoe, Schwartz, Simpson, Sommers, Walters, Yin

**Ayes 43 Nays 17 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Bebout, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Case, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Ellis, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinskey, Kost, Landen, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins Pres, Rothfuss, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz, Von Flatern, Wasserburger

**Ayes 30 Nays 0 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

## HB 46 Agricultural feed products-civil liability

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Burkhart, Clausen, Duncan, Edwards, Eklund, Flitner, Gray, Greear, Haley, Henderson, Hunt, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, Miller, Paxton, Pownall, Salazar, Sommers, Sweeney, Tass, Washut, Winter

**Nays:** Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Blake, Brown, Burlingame, Clem, Clifford, Connolly, Dayton-Selman, Eyre, Freeman, Furphy, Hallinan, Harshman, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Macguire, Newsome, Nicholas, Obermueller, Olsen, Piiparinen, Roscoe, Schwartz, Simpson, Stith, Styvar, Walters, Western, Wilson, Yin, Zwonitzer

**Excused:** Representative(s) Crank, Northrup, Pelkey

**Ayes 23 Nays 34 Excused 3 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

## SF 68 Meat from harvested livestock or poultry

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Bebout, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Case, Coe, Dockstader, Driskill, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinskey, Kost, Landen, Moniz, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz, Von Flatern

**Nays:** Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Ellis, Rothfuss

**Excused:** Senator(s) Baldwin, Wasserburger

**Ayes 25 Nays 3 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Barlow, Blake, Brown, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clem, Clifford, Crank, Dayton-Selman, Duncan, Edwards, Eklund, Eyre, Flitner, Freeman, Furphy, Gray, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Harshman, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, Macguire, Miller, Newsome, Nicholas, Obermueller, Olsen, Paxton, Pelkey, Piiparinen, Pownall, Roscoe, Salazar, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Sweeney, Tass, Walters, Washut, Western, Wilson, Winter, Zwonitzer

**Nays:** Representative(s) Blackburn, Connolly, Schwartz, Yin

**Excused:** Representative Northrup

**Ayes 55 Nays 4 Excused 1 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

## HB 14 Mountain daylight time

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Barlow, Blackburn, Blake, Burkhart, Burlingame, Clausen, Clem, Clifford, Dayton-Selman, Duncan, Edwards, Flitner, Furphy, Greear, Haley, Hallinan, Henderson, Hunt, Jennings, Laursen Dan, Lindholm, Loucks, Miller, Paxton, Piiparinen, Pownall, Salazar, Simpson, Sommers, Stith, Styvar, Tass, Washut, Western, Yin

**Nays:** Representative(s) Connolly, Crank, Eklund, Eyre, Freeman, Gray, Harshman, Kinner, Kirkbride, Larsen Lloyd, Macguire, Newsome, Nicholas, Obermueller, Olsen, Pelkey, Roscoe, Schwartz, Sweeney, Walters, Wilson, Winter, Zwonitzer

**Excused:** Representative(s) Brown, Northrup

**Ayes 35 Nays 23 Excused 2 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Agar, Anderson, Anselmi-Dalton, Baldwin, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Case, Driskill, Gierau, Landen, Moniz, Rothfuss, Steinmetz, Von Flatern

**Nays:** Senator(s) Bebout, Coe, Dockstader, Ellis, Hicks, Hutchings, James, Kinskey, Kost, Nethercott, Pappas, Perkins Pres, Schuler, Scott, Wasserburger

**Ayes 15 Nays 15 Excused 0 Absent 0 Conflicts 0**



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