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(Wyo.)- House Gives Initial OK To College President Bill



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A bill that would allow searches for University of Wyoming and state community college presidents to be closed to the public has cleared its first floor debate on the state House.

The House of Representatives advanced House Bill 223 on Tuesday. It faces to more votes in the chamber.

The bill was proposed after media outlets in the state protested the decision by the UW Board of Trustees to hold a secret search for a new president to replace retiring President Tom Buchanan.

Proponents of the bill argue the university could attract more quality candidates if the search is done confidentially and no names were released until the trustees choose a new president. Opponents contend the names of the finalists should be made public.