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(Wyo.)-Wyoming Lottery Bill Advances To Senate Floor



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A Senate committee has endorsed a bill that would bring the lottery to Wyoming.

The Senate Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee voted 3-2 Tuesday in support of House Bill 77. The bill, which has already passed the House, goes to the Senate floor for debate.

The proposal allows the state to offer a state lottery or join a multi-state lottery, such as the Powerball. Proceeds would go to local cities, towns and counties, but the amount of money that would be raised isn't clear.

Proponents say Wyoming residents are spending a lot of money buying lottery tickets in other states that have lotteries.

Opponents say lotteries are a form of gambling and tax that would most hurt the poorest citizens who play the game.