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**(Wyo.)- Senate Panel Advances UW President Search Bill**



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Some University of Wyoming faculty members want to have a say in selecting the next UW president.

Nevertheless, the Senate Education Committee has endorsed a bill that would allow the selection of UW and state community college presidents to be closed to the public.

The unanimous vote by the panel Friday sends House Bill 223 to the full Senate for debate.

The bill was proposed after media outlets in the state protested the decision by the UW Board of Trustees to hold a confidential 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. Opponents contend the names of the finalists should be made public.