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(Wyo.)- Senate Panel Advances Sexual Orientation Bill



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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - A Wyoming Senate committee has advanced a bill that would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 4-to-1 Wednesday morning to endorse the bill sponsored by Laramie Democrat Chris Rothfuss. It now heads to the Senate floor.

Rothfuss has said that it's critical for Wyoming to offer equal treatment for gays and lesbians as the state seeks to recruit high-tech businesses.

A House committee earlier this week recommended approval of a bill that would allow same-sex domestic partnerships. If the bill becomes law, it would essentially give gays and lesbians the legal rights of heterosexual married couples.