



NEW: Legislature may ask feds to lead on GMO labeling

CHEYENNE (WTE) - Wyoming lawmakers are considering a proposal that would ask the federal government to take the lead on how genetically modified foods are labeled.

The Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee is scheduled to vote later this month on a resolution asking Congress to pass legislation creating a national policy for the labeling of the products.

The move comes as several other states have passed laws or are considering laws that would require companies to label products that contain genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

Several groups and national advocates have argued there should be more transparency with a technology they say is untested.

But supporters of Wyoming's proposed resolution say genetically engineered foods and ingredients are overwhelming safe and are an important part of Wyoming's economy.

They also argue that a "patchwork" of different state laws would be difficult and costly to meet.

Read more about the proposal in Saturday's Wyoming Tribune Eagle.

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