ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0157</u>

## ENROLLED ACT NO. 66, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2019 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to children and parents; creating standing for biological grandparents acting in loco parentis to petition for the termination of parental rights; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 14-2-310 by creating a new subsection (b) is amended to read:

## 14-2-310. Parties authorized to file petition.

(b) The petition for the termination of the parent-child relationship may be filed with the court by a biological or adoptive grandparent acting in loco parentis to the child, where the child has resided with the grandparent for a period of not less than one (1) year and the placement is not under the direction of a juvenile court or the department of family services.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2019.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk