

(Wyo.)-State Debate Moves Toward Loosening Gun Regulations

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - While national leaders are calling for stricter gun regulations in the wake of the Newtown shootings, debate in Wyoming is moving the opposite direction.

Incoming House Speaker Tom Lubnau, R-Gillette, is drafting legislation to end gun-free zones in government buildings. Lubnau says details are still in the works but the measure could include allowing teachers and other staff to have guns in schools.

Pointing to the bow-and-arrow attack at Casper College, Lubnau says the issue is not weapons but about preparing a defense from "very bad people who want to do some very bad things."

Other lawmakers, including Rep. Kendell Kroeker, R-Casper, support measures to loosen gun restrictions in the upcoming session that begins Jan. 8