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SENATE FILE NO.

Wyoming business council-repeal.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Laursen, D

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of the government;
2 repealing and terminating the Wyoming business council;
3 repealing the Wyoming Economic Development Act and
4 renumbering portions of the act; specifying requirements
5 and conditions for the repeal and termination; transferring
6 specified functions of the Wyoming business council to
7 other state entities; making conforming amendments;
8 repealing obsolete provisions; requiring reports;
9 specifying applicability; authorizing positions; providing
10 an appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

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

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1 **Section 1.**

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3 (a) On July 1, 2026, the Wyoming business council is
4 repealed, terminated and shall cease to function, subject
5 to the requirements of this act.

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7 (b) On the effective date of this section, the Wyoming
8 business council shall:

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10 (i) Not accept any new applications for grants,
11 loans, bonds or other funding for any programs operated by
12 the Wyoming business council or for any programs for which
13 the council has been delegated administration or operation;

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15 (ii) Not process any pending applications for
16 grants, loans, bonds or other funding for any programs
17 operated by the Wyoming business council or for any
18 programs for which the council has been delegated
19 administration or operation;

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21 (iii) Not approve any grants or disburse any
22 grant funds for grants not approved or executed before the
23 effective date of this section. For purposes of this

1 paragraph, the business council may disburse grant funds
2 encumbered or obligated before the effective date of this
3 section until July 1, 2026;

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5 (iv) Not approve any loans or bonds or disburse
6 any funds for loans or bonds not approved or executed
7 before the effective date of this section;

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9 (v) Take all actions necessary to transfer the
10 functions and programs specified in section 2 of this act
11 in accordance with section 2 of this act;

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13 (vi) Take all actions necessary to effectuate
14 this act and wind up all activities of the Wyoming business
15 council not later than July 1, 2026.

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17 (c) On the effective date of this section, no new
18 capital construction project as defined in W.S. 9-2-
19 3001(b)(ii) specified for or on behalf of the Wyoming
20 business council shall commence or begin construction.
21 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair any
22 project commenced or in progress as of the effective date
23 of this section.

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2 (d) Not later than April 30, 2026, the business
3 council shall report to the joint appropriations committee,
4 the joint minerals, business and economic development
5 interim committee, the governor, the state budget
6 department and the Wyoming energy authority on all of the
7 following:

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9 (i) The total amount of grant funds obligated for
10 disbursement but not disbursed for grants approved and
11 executed before the effective date of this section,
12 itemized by program;

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14 (ii) The number of loans executed by the business
15 council before the effective date of this section that are
16 still outstanding as of the date of the report required
17 under this subsection. In reporting information under this
18 paragraph, the business council shall itemize each loan by
19 program and report the recipient of each outstanding loan,
20 the terms and conditions of each outstanding loan, the
21 repayment schedule for each loan and the amount remaining
22 to be repaid for each outstanding loan;

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1 (iii) The number of bonds executed by the
2 business council before the effective date of this section
3 that are still outstanding as of the date of the report
4 required under this subsection. In reporting information
5 under this paragraph, the business council shall report
6 each outstanding bond, the terms and conditions of each
7 outstanding bond and any amount remaining to be paid or
8 repaid for each outstanding bond;

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10 (iv) All real and personal property owned or held
11 by the business council as of the date of the report
12 required under this subsection. Information reported under
13 this paragraph shall include the program or function for
14 which the property is owned or held;

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16 (v) Each program and function administered or
17 operated by the business council specified in section 2(c)
18 of this act;

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20 (vi) Each set or group of funds received by the
21 business council specified in section 2(c) of this act;

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1 (vii) All actions taken by the business council
2 to wind up the activities of the council and effectuate
3 this act;

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5 (viii) All actions taken by the business council
6 to transfer the functions and programs specified with
7 section 2 of this act in accordance with section 2 of this
8 act;

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10 (ix) Whether any further legislative changes are
11 needed to effectuate this act and the purposes of this act.

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13 (e) On July 1, 2026, the state budget department shall
14 assume all duties, assets, liabilities, investments, equity
15 positions, ownership interests and other interests of the
16 Wyoming business council with respect to all existing
17 loans, grants and other obligations of the Wyoming business
18 council executed before the effective date of this section,
19 subject to the transfers specified in section 2 of this
20 act. The state budget department shall administer the
21 grants and loans in accordance with the terms and
22 conditions of those grants and loans and in accordance with

1 all applicable laws as those laws existed before their
2 repeal on July 1, 2026.

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4 (f) On July 1, 2026:

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6 (i) All unexpended, unobligated funds held by the
7 Wyoming business council or that are in accounts
8 administered by the business council shall revert to the
9 account or source from which the funds were appropriated to
10 the Wyoming business council or the accounts administered
11 by the business council, except as otherwise provided in
12 this subsection;

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14 (ii) All unexpended, unobligated funds in the
15 economic development account created in W.S. 9-12-
16 301(a)(iii), the economic development enterprise fund
17 account created in W.S. 9-12-305 and the large project
18 account created in W.S. 9-12-308(a) shall be transferred by
19 the state auditor to the state budget department for
20 administration in accordance with this act;

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22 (iii) All unexpended, unobligated funds within
23 the Wyoming workforce development-priority economic sector

1 partnership subaccount created in W.S. 9-12-1404(a)(iii),
2 as repealed by this act, shall be transferred by the state
3 auditor to the Wyoming workforce development-priority
4 economic sector account created in W.S. 9-2-2611(p), as
5 created by this act;

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7 (iv) All unexpended, unobligated funds within the
8 broadband development subaccount created in W.S. 9-12-
9 1404(a)(ii), as repealed by this act, shall be transferred
10 by the state auditor to the broadband development account
11 created in W.S. 9-1-225, as created by this act;

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13 (v) All funds appropriated to the Wyoming
14 business council during the 2026 budget session shall
15 revert to the account, fund or source from which the funds
16 were appropriated;

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18 (vi) All real and personal property held by the
19 business council shall pass to and be vested in the state,
20 consistent with W.S. 9-12-103(c), as repealed by this act.
21 For purposes of this paragraph, the state agencies and
22 entities specified in this act shall administer the
23 property transferred under this paragraph in accordance

1 with the requirements of this act. The Wyoming energy
2 authority, the state budget department and the office of
3 the governor shall take all actions necessary to effectuate
4 the transfer of property specified in this paragraph.

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6 (g) On July 1, 2026, the authorization for any full-
7 time positions, part-time positions and at-will employment
8 contract positions authorized for or allocated to the
9 Wyoming business council, including any positions
10 authorized during the 2026 budget session, shall cease and
11 be terminated.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) The Wyoming energy conservation improvement
16 program created in W.S. 9-12-1201 through 9-12-1203 is
17 hereby transferred to the Wyoming energy authority on July
18 1, 2026. All property, equipment, obligations and
19 unexpended funds of the Wyoming energy conservation
20 improvement program shall be transferred from the Wyoming
21 business council to the Wyoming energy authority on July 1,
22 2026, except as provided in this section.

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1 (b) The Wyoming minerals to value added products
2 program created in W.S. 9-20-101 through 9-20-104 is hereby
3 transferred to the Wyoming energy authority on July 1,
4 2026. All property, equipment, obligations and unexpended
5 funds of the Wyoming minerals to value added products
6 program are transferred from the Wyoming business council
7 to the Wyoming energy authority on July 1, 2026, except as
8 provided in this section.

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10 (c) Unless otherwise provided by this act, on July 1,
11 2026, the following functions and programs, and all
12 property, equipment, obligations and unexpended funds of
13 the following functions and programs, are hereby
14 transferred to the state budget department:

15

16 (i) Any funds held or invested by or for the
17 Wyoming business council for any programs for which the
18 business council has statutory authority or other delegated
19 authority to operate and administer, and the associated
20 programs and functions connected to or funded by those
21 funds;

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1 (ii) Any funds received by the business council
2 from any nonstate source for disbursement or expenditure
3 for any purpose, program or function for which the business
4 council has statutory authority or other delegated
5 authority to operate and administer, and the associated
6 programs and functions connected to or funded by those
7 funds;

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9 (iii) The administration of any funds or accounts
10 held or administered by the Wyoming business council
11 containing funds or created within the revolving investment
12 fund created under article 16, section 12 of the Wyoming
13 constitution;

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15 (iv) Any other program, function or group of
16 funds assigned to the business council by law not otherwise
17 transferred or repealed in this act;

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19 (v) Any other program, function or group of funds
20 delegated by another state agency or entity to the business
21 council, or for which the business council has assumed
22 authority, administration or oversight, not otherwise
23 transferred or repealed in this act.

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2 (d) The following shall apply to the reorganization
3 specified in subsections (a) through (c) of this section:

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5 (i) No plan of reorganization under W.S. 9-2-
6 1707(a)(iii) for the transfer of the programs and functions
7 specified in this section shall be required;

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9 (ii) Upon the transfer of the programs and
10 functions specified in this section, the agencies specified
11 in this section to assume those programs and functions
12 shall assume all duties and authorities granted under
13 Wyoming law related to the programs and functions assumed.

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15 **Section 3.**

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17 (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed to impair
18 any existing contracts, agreements or other obligations of
19 the Wyoming business council executed before the effective
20 date of this section.

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22 (b) Beginning July 1, 2026, the state budget
23 department shall, to the greatest extent authorized by law,

1 fulfill existing agreements, contracts and other
2 obligations of the Wyoming business council in accordance
3 with the requirements of this act. To the extent that the
4 Wyoming business council has outstanding contracts,
5 agreements or other obligations that cannot be assumed
6 lawfully by the state budget department as provided in this
7 act, the office of the governor shall assume those
8 contracts, agreements or other obligations.

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10 **Section 4.** W.S. 9-1-225 is created to read:

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12 **9-1-225. Broadband development account.**

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14 (a) The broadband development subaccount created in
15 W.S. 9-12-1404(a)(ii) is hereby continued as the broadband
16 development account. Funds within this account may be
17 expended by the governor or the governor's designee to:

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19 (i) Provide funding for agreements for the
20 provision of broadband services in Wyoming;

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22 (ii) Provide the state's share of any matching
23 funds required for the state to receive federal funds under

1 any federal broadband program including, but not limited
2 to, the broadband equity, access and deployment program
3 established by the federal Infrastructure Investment and
4 Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58; 135 Stat. 429.

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6 **Section 5.** W.S. 9-1-202(a), 9-2-1004 by creating new
7 subsections (d) and (e), 9-2-2601(d), 9-2-2604(c), 9-2-
8 2610(a)(xii) and (xvi), 9-2-2611(a), (c), (m), (o)(ii) and
9 by creating a new subsection (p), 9-2-2906(b)(xii), 9-2-
10 3001(b)(i), 9-4-715(n)(intro), 9-12-1002(a)(intro), 9-23-
11 102(a)(i), 9-23-105(f)(intro), (i)(intro) and (ii) and (h),
12 9-23-106(g), 10-3-601(c), 10-7-103(c)(ii), 11-10-
13 115(a)(vi), 15-1-709, 17-11-104(a)(iv), 17-11-110(a), 21-
14 16-1905(b), 21-18-104, 27-13-102(a)(intro), 37-5-503(j) and
15 by creating a new subsection (k), 37-5-504(a)(xiii), 39-15-
16 105(a)(viii)(S)(III)(4), 39-16-105(a)(viii)(H)(III)(4) and
17 40-11-102(b), (c) and by creating a new subsection (d) are
18 amended to read:

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20 **9-1-202. Removal of appointive officers and**
21 **commissioners; reason for removal to be filed.**

22

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and
2 except as otherwise provided in this section, any person
3 may be removed by the governor, at the governor's pleasure,
4 if appointed by the governor to serve as head of a state
5 agency, department or division, or as a member of a state
6 board or commission. ~~The governor may only remove a member~~
7 ~~of the Wyoming business council as provided in W.S. 9-12-~~
8 ~~103.~~

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10 **9-2-1004. Duties of the department; receipt of**
11 **monthly statements of income, revenues and expenditures of**
12 **state agencies and offices; authority to contract;**
13 **purposes; administration of funds.**

14
15 (d) Beginning July 1, 2026, the department shall
16 administer funds within the revolving investment fund
17 created under article 16, section 12 of the Wyoming
18 constitution previously administered by the Wyoming
19 business council. Funds within the revolving investment
20 fund and specified within this subsection shall not be
21 expended except upon legislative appropriation.

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1 (e) Beginning July 1, 2026, the department shall
2 administer any outstanding grants, loans, bonds and other
3 obligations assumed or entered into by the Wyoming business
4 council before the repeal of the Wyoming business council.
5 Not later than November 1, 2026 and each November 1
6 thereafter, the department shall report to the joint
7 appropriations committee and the joint minerals, business
8 and economic development interim committee on the status of
9 outstanding grant funds to be disbursed, outstanding loans,
10 outstanding bonds and other obligations assumed by the
11 board under this subsection. The report shall specify each
12 grant, loan, bond and other obligation still outstanding
13 and the amount, terms and conditions of each grant, loan,
14 bond and other obligation.

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16 **9-2-2601. Department of workforce services; duties**
17 **and responsibilities; agreements with other agencies**
18 **authorized; definition; merger with department of**
19 **employment.**

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21 (d) The department shall administer expenditures from
22 the workforce development training fund as provided in W.S.
23 9-2-2604. The department shall administer expenditures from

1 the Wyoming workforce development-priority economic sector
2 partnership ~~subaccount within the economic diversification~~
3 account as provided in W.S. 9-2-2609 through 9-2-2611. ~~and~~
4 ~~9-12-1404.~~

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6 **9-2-2604. Workforce development training fund**
7 **established.**

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9 (c) Expenditures from the workforce development
10 training fund for purposes authorized in subsection (b) of
11 this section shall be approved by the director of the
12 department of workforce services based on procedures,
13 criteria and performance measures established by
14 regulations. ~~Notification of expenditures approved under~~
15 ~~paragraphs (b) (iii) and (iv) of this section and a copy of~~
16 ~~the training fund application shall be provided to the~~
17 ~~Wyoming business council.~~ The director of the department of
18 workforce services shall report annually to the governor
19 and the legislature on the expenditures made from the
20 training fund in the preceding fiscal year and the results
21 of the activities funded by the training fund.

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23 **9-2-2610. Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this act:

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4 (xii) "Priority economic sector business" means
5 an employer engaged in establishing or expanding operations
6 within a priority economic sector identified in the twenty
7 (20) year comprehensive economic diversification strategy
8 approved by the governor ~~pursuant to W.S. 9-12-1402~~ in
9 Wyoming that through the employment of knowledge or labor
10 add value to a product, process or export service that
11 results in the creation of new wealth;

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13 (xvi) "Wyoming workforce development-priority
14 economic sector partnership ~~subaccount~~account" or
15 ~~"subaccount"~~"account" means the ~~subaccount~~account created
16 in W.S. ~~9-12-1404(a)(iii)~~9-2-2611(p);

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18 **9-2-2611. Priority economic sector business workforce**
19 **training programs; eligibility.**

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21 (a) The department, in consultation with the
22 coordinator of economic diversification shall administer
23 the Wyoming workforce development-priority economic sector

1 partnership program. Using available monies within the
2 Wyoming workforce development-priority economic sector
3 partnership ~~subaccount~~account, the department may contract
4 to provide training funds for education or skills based
5 training for employees for priority economic sector
6 businesses in new jobs. The funds shall be provided to
7 eligible training providers in accordance with contracts
8 between the department, priority economic sector business
9 employers and eligible training providers, for the purpose
10 of providing employees with education and training required
11 for jobs in new or expanding priority economic sector
12 businesses in the state.

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14 (c) An applicant shall provide a match of at least
15 one dollar (\$1.00) for every one dollar (\$1.00) requested
16 from the ~~subaccount~~account. The match may include new
17 loans and investments and expenditures for direct project
18 related costs such as new equipment and buildings. The
19 department may consider recent purchases of fixed assets
20 directly related to the proposal on a case-by-case basis. A
21 purchase of fixed assets directly related to the proposed
22 training activities that have been made within ninety (90)

1 days after submission of the application may be considered
2 eligible by the department.

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4 (m) ~~The Wyoming business council shall assist the~~
5 ~~department with review of information provided under~~
6 ~~paragraphs (h) (i) and (ii) of this section, as requested by~~
7 ~~the department.~~ If the department determines that an
8 applicant meets the criteria established in this section
9 and has complied with the applicable procedures and review
10 processes established by the department, the department may
11 recommend funding for a priority economic sector business
12 workforce development program and the disbursement of funds
13 under contract to the eligible training provider. The
14 recipient eligible training provider shall use funds
15 received under the program in accordance with the
16 provisions of the contract. No funding shall be provided
17 for any program without the written opinion of the attorney
18 general certifying the legality of the transaction and all
19 documents connected therein. Upon recommendation of the
20 department, certification by the attorney general, and
21 approval by the governor or his designee, funding from the
22 Wyoming workforce development-priority economic sector

1 partnership ~~subaccount~~account may be distributed to the
2 eligible training provider.

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4 (o) The department shall:

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6 (ii) Report annually to the joint appropriations
7 committee on the expenditures made from the Wyoming
8 workforce development-priority economic sector partnership
9 ~~subaccount~~account in the preceding fiscal year and the
10 results of each partnership project's activities.

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12 (p) The Wyoming workforce development-priority
13 economic sector partnership subaccount created in W.S. 9-
14 12-1404(a)(iii) is hereby continued as the Wyoming
15 workforce development-priority economic sector partnership
16 account. Funds within this account may be expended:

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18 (i) As approved by director of the department of
19 workforce services for administrative costs incurred by the
20 department of workforce services associated with
21 administration of the Wyoming workforce development-
22 priority economic sector partnership program under W.S. 9-
23 2-2609 through 9-2-2611; and

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(ii) As approved by the governor or the governor's designee to provide funding for agreements entered into pursuant to W.S. 9-2-2609 through 9-2-2611.

9-2-2906. Office of the state chief information officer and director; authority; duties of department.

(b) The department shall carry out the following coordination and management functions:

(xii) Enhance statewide broadband adoption and coordination among all governmental users; ~~in coordination with the Wyoming business council and its broadband advisory council;~~

9-2-3001. State construction department created; definitions.

(b) As used in this article:

(i) "Agency" means any school district, state office, department, board, council, commission, separate

1 operating agency, institution or other instrumentality or
2 operating unit of the state excluding the University of
3 Wyoming, ~~the Wyoming business council~~ and the Wyoming
4 department of transportation. "Agency" shall include a
5 Wyoming community college if the community college is
6 conducting a capital construction project using state funds
7 that requires approval by the community college commission
8 or authorization by the legislature under W.S. 21-18-
9 205(g);

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11 **9-4-715. Permissible investments.**

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13 (n) The state treasurer shall not invest state funds
14 for a specific public purpose authorized or directed by the
15 legislature in excess of a total of one billion dollars
16 (\$1,000,000,000.00), excluding investments made pursuant to
17 W.S. 37-5-406 or 37-5-605. By November 1 of each calendar
18 year, the state treasurer, in consultation with the board,
19 the Wyoming water development office, ~~the Wyoming business~~
20 ~~council~~ and the office of state lands and investments,
21 shall provide a report to the select committee on capital
22 financing and investments and the investment funds
23 committee on all state funds invested for a specific public

1 purpose authorized or directed by the legislature. The
2 report shall include:

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4 **9-12-1002. General powers and duties of the board;**
5 **rulemaking authority.**

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7 (a) The board shall be responsible for implementing
8 the tourism program, ~~and functions assigned to the Wyoming~~
9 ~~business council under the Wyoming Economic Development~~
10 ~~Act,~~ including the expenditure of all funds appropriated
11 for the tourism program and shall:

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13 **9-23-102. Definitions.**

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15 (a) As used in this act:

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17 (i) "Agency" means any school district, state
18 office, department, board, council, commission, separate
19 operating agency, institution or other instrumentality or
20 operating unit of the state excluding the University of
21 Wyoming, community college districts, ~~the Wyoming business~~
22 ~~council~~ and the Wyoming department of transportation;

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1 **9-23-105. Selection procedures; emergency waiver.**

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3 (f) Every agency, the University of Wyoming, each
4 community college district, ~~the Wyoming business council~~
5 and the Wyoming department of transportation shall base
6 selection of a firm for professional services in accordance
7 with the following:

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9 (i) Except as provided in paragraph (ii) of this
10 subsection and subsection (g) of this section, the agency,
11 the University of Wyoming, each community college district,
12 ~~the Wyoming business council~~ and the Wyoming department of
13 transportation shall select firms that are resident firms
14 as defined by this act. Consideration between firms shall
15 be based upon:

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17 (ii) Nonresident firms may be selected if no
18 firms on file, together with any applications submitted for
19 the project, are resident firms as defined by this act or
20 if the resident firms are determined not qualified by the
21 agency, the University of Wyoming, each community college
22 district, ~~the Wyoming business council~~ or the Wyoming
23 department of transportation. Consideration of qualified

1 nonresident firms shall be based upon the considerations
2 listed in subparagraphs (i)(A) through (G) of this
3 subsection.

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5 (h) Whenever an emergency arises requiring
6 professional services, the principal representative of an
7 agency, the University of Wyoming, the community college
8 district, ~~the Wyoming business council~~ and the Wyoming
9 department of transportation may waive any applicable
10 requirement of W.S. 9-23-104 and this section if the
11 requirement endangers the health, welfare or safety of the
12 public.

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14 **9-23-106. Contract procedure.**

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16 (g) If selection of a resident firm is required under
17 this act, the contract for professional services entered
18 into by an agency, the University of Wyoming, each
19 community college district, ~~the Wyoming business council~~ or
20 the Wyoming department of transportation shall contain a
21 certification by the resident firm providing professional
22 services that the firm will comply with W.S. 9-23-
23 102(a)(vi)(B). This subsection shall not be construed to

1 require a firm to comply with W.S. 9-23-102(a)(vi)(B) if
2 the proposed project is exempt from residence firm
3 selection by W.S. 9-23-105(g) or if selection of a resident
4 firm is waived in accordance with W.S. 9-23-105(h).

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6 **10-3-601. Wyoming air services enhancement;**
7 **legislative findings; Wyoming aeronautics commission**
8 **authority to contract for services; requirements.**

9

10 (c) The commission has primary responsibility and may
11 consult with or delegate to the aeronautics division of the
12 Wyoming department of transportation, ~~Wyoming business~~
13 ~~council~~ or other entities as necessary, to develop criteria
14 and contracts for financial aid under this section.

15

16 **11-10-115. State fair board; membership; terms;**
17 **compensation.**

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19 (a) There is created the state fair board consisting
20 of the following members:

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1 (vi) One (1) voting member appointed by the
2 governor ~~from the Wyoming business council~~ who is a
3 representative of Wyoming business interests;
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5 **15-1-709. Advice and information.**
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7 The ~~executive director of the Wyoming business council and~~
8 ~~the~~ University of Wyoming shall furnish advice and
9 information in connection with a project when requested to
10 do so by a county or municipality.
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12 **17-11-104. Powers of corporation generally.**
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14 (a) In furtherance of its purposes the corporation
15 shall, subject to the restrictions and limitations herein
16 contained, have the following powers:
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18 (iv) To cooperate with and avail itself of the
19 facilities of the United States department of commerce, ~~the~~
20 ~~Wyoming business council created by W.S. 9-12-103~~ and any
21 other similar state or federal governmental agencies; and
22 to cooperate with and assist, and otherwise encourage
23 organizations in the various communities of the state in

1 the promotion, assistance, and development of the business
2 prosperity and economic welfare of such communities or of
3 this state or of any part thereof;

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5 **17-11-110. Board of directors.**

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7 (a) The business and affairs of the corporation shall
8 be managed and conducted by a board of directors, which
9 shall consist of not less than five (5) nor more than seven
10 (7) members. ~~One (1) member of the board shall be the chief~~
11 ~~executive officer of the Wyoming business council or other~~
12 ~~person designated by the council.~~ The board of directors
13 may exercise all the powers of the corporation except such
14 as are conferred by law or by the articles of incorporation
15 or the bylaws of the corporation upon the shareholders or
16 members.

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18 **21-16-1905. Administration; rules and regulations.**

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20 (b) The commission shall promulgate rules necessary
21 to implement this article in consultation with the
22 University of Wyoming, the department of workforce
23 services, ~~the Wyoming business council~~ and other

1 stakeholders, including industry representatives. The rules
2 shall provide for a preference to award scholarships which
3 considers workforce shortages and economic development
4 needs of the communities, regions and the state. First
5 preference shall be given to students who received a
6 scholarship under this article in the immediately preceding
7 academic term and remain eligible to receive a scholarship
8 under W.S. 21-16-1904(c). Second preference shall be given
9 to students who have secured an industry sponsorship.
10 Preference may be given to students based on the length of
11 their Wyoming residency. Preference may be given to
12 students without a degree.

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14 **21-18-104. Small business development centers.**

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16 The small business development centers shall be operated by
17 the University of Wyoming. The university shall specify the
18 organizational structure of the network of centers. ~~in~~
19 ~~consultation with the Wyoming business council created by~~
20 ~~W.S. 9-12-103. The university shall integrate the~~
21 ~~operations of the centers with the Wyoming business council~~
22 ~~to the fullest extent permitted by federal law.~~

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1 **27-13-102. Powers and duties; rules and regulations.**

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3 (a) The division shall, in conjunction with the
4 department of education, ~~the business council,~~ the
5 department of workforce services, the workforce development
6 council, the University of Wyoming and the community
7 college commission, establish and maintain a plan to
8 implement the occupational transfer and retraining programs
9 and services for displaced workers created under this act.
10 The plan shall designate:

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12 **37-5-503. Purposes; report; duties.**

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14 (j) Before any appropriation is made to the
15 authority, the authority shall submit its budget for review
16 as provided by W.S. 9-2-1010 through 9-2-1014. Any
17 appropriation to the authority shall be expended only for
18 administrative purposes, which shall include planning and
19 research, and for purposes of operating the programs
20 specified in W.S. 37-5-701 through 37-5-703 and 37-5-801
21 through 37-5-804.

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23 (k) The authority shall operate and administer:

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(i) The Wyoming energy contracting program, pursuant to W.S. 37-5-701 through 37-5-703;

(ii) The Wyoming minerals to value added products program, pursuant to W.S. 37-5-801 through 37-5-804.

37-5-504. Powers of the authority.

(a) The authority may:

(xiii) Work in consultation and coordination with entities ~~including the Wyoming business council~~ to develop, promote and identify markets for natural resources associated with energy and facilitate supply for those markets;

39-15-105. Exemptions.

(a) The following sales or leases are exempt from the excise tax imposed by this article:

1 (viii) For the purpose of exempting sales of
2 services and tangible personal property as an economic
3 incentive, the following are exempt:

4

5 (S) Subject to meeting the applicable
6 provisions of this subparagraph, the following purchases by
7 a data processing services center as defined in W.S. 39-15-
8 101(a) (xliv):

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10 (III) For the purpose of claiming the
11 exemptions in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this
12 subparagraph, the purchaser shall demonstrate to the
13 department that he:

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15 (4) Has ~~received certification~~
16 ~~from the Wyoming business council~~ provided sufficient
17 documentation to the department for the department to
18 determine that the purchaser has created or will create a
19 number of jobs in Wyoming that is appropriate to the size
20 and stage of development of the data processing services
21 center; ~~as determined by the Wyoming business council;~~

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23 **39-16-105. Exemptions.**

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2 (a) The following purchases or leases are exempt from
3 the excise tax imposed by this article:

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5 (viii) For the purpose of exempting sales of
6 services and tangible personal property as an economic
7 incentive, the following are exempt:

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9 (H) Subject to meeting the applicable
10 provisions of this subparagraph, the following purchases by
11 a data processing services center as defined in W.S. 39-15-
12 101(a) (xliv):

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14 (III) For the purpose of claiming the
15 exemptions in subdivisions (I) and (II) of this
16 subparagraph, the purchaser shall demonstrate to the
17 department that he:

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19 (4) Has ~~received certification~~
20 ~~from the Wyoming business council~~ provided sufficient
21 documentation to the department for the department to
22 determine that the purchaser has created or will create a
23 number of jobs in Wyoming that is appropriate to the size

1 and stage of development of the data processing services
2 center; ~~as determined by the Wyoming business council;~~

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4 **40-11-102. Application by public corporation to**
5 **establish and operate zone; designation of agency to apply**
6 **on behalf of state.**

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8 (b) The ~~Wyoming business council~~ governor is ~~the~~
9 ~~public entity~~ hereby designated and authorized to apply, on
10 behalf of the state of Wyoming, for foreign trade zone
11 authority, sub-zone authority or port of entry pursuant to
12 the act of congress and regulations issued pursuant to the
13 act.

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15 (c) The designation of the ~~Wyoming business council~~
16 governor to apply on behalf of the state of Wyoming for
17 foreign trade zone or sub-zone authority shall not prohibit
18 other public corporations from applying for foreign trade
19 zone authority pursuant to the act of congress.

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21 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
22 alter or abrogate any foreign trade zone authority, sub-

1 zone authority or port of entry applied for by the Wyoming
2 business council before July 1, 2026.

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4 **Section 6.** W.S. 9-12-1201 through 9-12-1203 are
5 amended and renumbered as 37-5-701 through 37-5-703 and 9-
6 20-101 through 9-20-104 are amended and renumbered as 37-5-
7 801 through 37-5-804 to read:

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ARTICLE 7

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WYOMING ENERGY PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

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12 ~~9-12-1201~~ 37-5-701. **Definitions.**

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14 (a) As used in this article:

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16 (i) "Agency" means a branch, agency, department,
17 board, instrumentality or institution of the state of
18 Wyoming, a county, a municipal corporation, a school
19 district, a community college district, the University of
20 Wyoming, the cooperative tribal governing body, the Eastern
21 Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, a joint powers
22 board formed pursuant to this act or a special district

1 specifically involved in providing facilities or functions
2 enumerated in W.S. 16-1-104(c);

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4 (ii) "Energy conservation measure" means an
5 energy study, audit, improvement or equipment that is
6 designed to provide energy, water and operational cost
7 savings at least equivalent to the amount expended by a
8 facility owner for such energy study, audit, improvement or
9 equipment over a period of not more than twenty (20) years
10 after the date such improvement or equipment is installed
11 or becomes operational;

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13 (iii) "Energy performance contract" means the
14 contract that allows a facility owner to accomplish energy
15 or water efficiency projects without upfront capital costs
16 or capital appropriations. An energy performance contract
17 shall not be considered to be a contract for public
18 improvement pursuant to W.S. 15-1-113;

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20 (iv) "Energy services company" means the
21 contractor not organized under the auspices of a utility
22 regulated by the public service commission with
23 demonstrated technical, operational, financial and

1 managerial capabilities to design and implement energy
2 conservation measures and the ability to secure necessary
3 financial measures to ensure related guarantees for
4 operational cost savings and who is responsible for the
5 audit, design, implementation, measurement, verification
6 and guarantee of savings for individual projects;

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8 (v) "Facility owner" means an agency or group of
9 agencies, a public hospital or other public entity
10 responsible for an individual facility or group of
11 facilities;

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13 (vi) "Investment grade energy audit" means the
14 detailed engineering investigation and report of a
15 facility's current energy and water consuming equipment
16 inventory, condition, operation, maintenance and
17 performance, energy baseline, potential energy and water
18 efficiency upgrades, life cycle costs and risks for future
19 performance that provides the justification for the energy
20 performance contract project;

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22 (vii) "Wyoming energy conservation improvement
23 program" means the ~~Wyoming business council~~ state energy

1 office program within the Wyoming energy authority designed
2 to enable and support development and implementation of
3 energy performance contract projects.

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5 ~~9-12-1202~~ 37-5-702. **Energy performance contracting.**

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7 The ~~council~~ Wyoming energy authority shall establish a
8 Wyoming energy conservation improvement program ~~which~~ that
9 provides support development and implementation of energy
10 performance contract projects to facility owners
11 voluntarily participating in the program. In order to
12 participate in the program, facility owners and energy
13 services companies shall be subject to the provisions of
14 this article and rules adopted pursuant to this article.

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16 ~~9-12-1203~~ 37-5-703. **Energy performance contracting.**

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18 (a) Upon receipt of a request from a facility owner,
19 the Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority shall provide
20 the facility owner with a list of energy service companies
21 interested in providing services to the facility owner and
22 qualified by the Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority

1 to participate in the Wyoming energy conservation
2 improvement program.

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4 (b) The energy services company participating in the
5 Wyoming energy conservation improvement program shall
6 provide an investment grade audit showing the estimated
7 energy and operational cost savings that would result from
8 the proposed energy conservation measures. Before
9 executing any contract or lease purchase agreement under
10 subsection (c) of this section, the energy services company
11 shall provide the facility owner with plans for the
12 proposed energy conservation measures prepared by an
13 engineer licensed to practice in Wyoming.

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15 (c) Notwithstanding W.S. 15-1-113 and subject to the
16 provisions of subsection (e) of this section, a facility
17 owner may enter into an installment payment contract or
18 lease purchase agreement for an energy or water
19 conservation measure which meets the criteria of this
20 section. Any documents related to negotiations entered
21 into pursuant to this section with individual energy
22 services companies by an agency or facility owner shall be
23 considered trade secrets pursuant to the provisions of the

1 Wyoming Public Records Act, W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205.
2 After a contract has been executed by an agency, the
3 contract and all proposals from energy service companies
4 shall be open records available for public inspection in
5 accordance with the Wyoming Public Records Act.

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7 (d) Energy performance contracts entered into
8 pursuant to the Wyoming energy conservation improvement
9 program shall require the energy services company to
10 provide to the facility owner an annual reconciliation of
11 the guaranteed energy savings. If the reconciliation
12 reveals a shortfall in annual energy savings, the energy
13 services company shall be liable for compensation to the
14 facility owner for such shortfall under the provisions of
15 the energy performance contract. If the reconciliation
16 reveals an excess in annual energy savings, the excess
17 savings shall be retained by the facility owner and shall
18 not be used to cover potential energy savings shortages in
19 subsequent contract years.

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21 (e) An energy performance contract entered into
22 pursuant to the Wyoming energy conservation improvement
23 program may provide for financing, including tax exempt

1 financing, by a third party. The contract for third party
2 financing may be separate from the energy performance
3 contract. A separate contract for third party financing
4 shall include a provision that the third party financier
5 shall not be granted rights or privileges that exceed the
6 rights and privileges available to the energy services
7 company.

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9 (f) The Wyoming ~~business council~~energy authority may
10 provide support under the Wyoming energy conservation
11 improvement program as requested by facility owners for
12 purposes of this section. The ~~Wyoming business council~~
13 ~~state energy office~~authority may fix, charge and collect
14 reasonable fees for any administrative support and
15 resources or other services provided by the ~~Wyoming~~
16 ~~business council~~authority pursuant to this subsection.

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18 (g) If the facility owner fails to appropriate or
19 receive an appropriation of money for a periodic payment
20 due for improvements made through an energy performance
21 contract, any security interest in any property created
22 pursuant to the energy performance contract, may be

1 enforced by the holder of such a security interest against
2 the property.

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4 (h) The term of an energy performance contract shall
5 not exceed twenty (20) years after the date on which the
6 work required by the energy performance contract to
7 implement all energy conservation measures is completed.

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9 (j) The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority
10 shall submit to the joint minerals, business and economic
11 development interim committee by October 1, an annual
12 report on the energy performance contracting performed
13 under the Wyoming energy conservation improvement program.
14 The report shall include the number of applications
15 submitted, the number of facility owners, the number of
16 energy performance contracts, the results of the investment
17 grade energy audits and the results of the energy
18 performance contracts.

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ARTICLE 8

21

WYOMING MINERALS TO VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS PROGRAM

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~~9-20-101~~ 37-5-801. **Definitions.**

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2 (a) As used in this ~~article~~act:

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4 (i) "Account" means the minerals to value added
5 product program account created pursuant to W.S. ~~9-20-~~
6 ~~104(a)~~37-5-804(a);

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8 (ii) "Minerals to value added products facility"
9 includes a commercial scale mineral to liquid fuels or
10 other value added products facilities but shall not include
11 any facility which will derive fifty percent (50%) or more
12 of its anticipated revenues from the generation of
13 electricity;

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15 (iii) "Program" means the minerals to value
16 added products program created pursuant to W.S. ~~9-20-102(a)~~
17 37-5-802(a);

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19 (iv) "Tolling fee" means a negotiated fee for
20 the conversion of a feedstock mineral provided by the state
21 of Wyoming under a contract with the operator of a value
22 added facility;

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1 (v) "This act" means W.S. ~~9-20-101~~ 37-5-801
2 through ~~9-20-104~~ 37-5-804.

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4 ~~9-20-102~~ 37-5-802. Wyoming mineral to value added
5 product program; rulemaking authority.

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7 (a) There is created the Wyoming minerals to value
8 added products program. The program is intended to aid
9 economic development of the state by providing mineral
10 product input guarantees to enable the recruitment and
11 operation of commercial scale minerals to value added
12 products facilities, which have demonstrated proof of
13 performance.

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15 (b) The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority
16 shall establish and administer the program under this act.
17 Any commercial scale minerals to value added products
18 facility shall submit a proposal to the governor. The
19 governor may provide recommendations for the size and
20 parameters of the proposed contract. An application to
21 participate in the program shall then be submitted to and
22 reviewed by the Wyoming ~~business council under the process~~
23 ~~set forth in W.S. 9-12-601 through 9-12-603~~ energy

1 authority board. The application shall be submitted on
2 forms prescribed by, and subject to rules promulgated by,
3 the Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority. In
4 determining whether to recommend a contract for approval,
5 the ~~Wyoming business council~~ authority shall consider if
6 the applicant has demonstrated a business plan, balance
7 sheet, sufficient cash flow, commitments to sell the
8 finished product and other indices necessary to demonstrate
9 the applicant's ability to perform under the contract as
10 determined by rule ~~and regulation~~ of the ~~Wyoming business~~
11 ~~council~~ authority.

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13 (c) The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority
14 shall provide recommendations for terms and conditions
15 contained in a proposed contract. The ~~Wyoming business~~
16 ~~council's~~ authority's recommendations shall be forwarded to
17 the state loan and investment board for final consideration
18 of the application.

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20 (d) After an application to participate in the
21 program is approved by the state loan and investment board,
22 the Wyoming ~~business council~~ authority may complete
23 negotiations to contract to supply not more than twenty

1 percent (20%) of the expected mineral supply to the
2 facility for the duration of the contract. Total contract
3 amounts for any one (1) facility shall be set by rule of
4 the state loan and investment board based on the provisions
5 of this act and the expected return to the state of
6 Wyoming, but in no event shall a contract exceed fifty
7 million dollars (\$50,000,000.00).

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9 (e) All complete applications to participate in the
10 minerals to value added products program established under
11 this act which conform to the criteria established by this
12 act and rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, shall
13 be considered. The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy
14 authority shall review the application and may communicate
15 directly with the applicant. A determination by the state
16 loan and investment board to approve or disapprove an
17 application under this act is not appealable.

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19 (f) If the Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority
20 receives multiple applications to enter a contract under
21 the program, consideration shall be given to whether the
22 applicant has demonstrated a past record of producing jobs

1 in Wyoming and whether the applicant has and is likely to
2 maintain a nexus to the state of Wyoming.

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4 ~~9-20-103~~ 37-5-803. **Criteria and procedures for**
5 **contracts.**

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7 (a) In determining whether to recommend or approve a
8 contract under this act, the Wyoming ~~business council~~
9 energy authority and state loan and investment board shall
10 consider if:

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12 (i) There are sufficient funds in the account to
13 fully fund the contract and all other outstanding
14 commitments to the account;

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16 (ii) The contract establishes the terms and
17 conditions of the contract as required by this act,
18 including, but not necessarily limited to:

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20 (A) The duration of the contract to provide
21 feedstock minerals, including the end date for the
22 contract;

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1 (B) Criteria to determine proof of
2 performance on the part of the minerals to value added
3 products facility prior to expenditure of funds by the
4 state of Wyoming under the contract;

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6 (C) Tolling fees for the conversion of the
7 state's feedstock to a value added product;

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9 (D) Procedures and mechanisms for the sale
10 of the finished product produced under the contract and the
11 deposit of the proceeds of those sales to the account as
12 provided in W.S. ~~9-20-104~~ 37-5-804.

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14 (b) Contracts considered under this act shall be
15 subject to the following procedures:

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17 (i) The proposed contract shall be submitted to
18 the Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority for review
19 and determination; ~~under the process set forth in W.S. 9-~~
20 ~~12-601 through 9-12-603;~~

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22 (ii) The Wyoming ~~business council's~~ energy
23 authority's recommendations shall be forwarded to the state

1 loan and investment board for final consideration of the
2 contract.

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4 (c) The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority
5 shall only recommend, and the state loan and investment
6 board shall only approve, entering into contracts under
7 this act for minerals to value added products facility
8 projects ~~which~~ that meet the following minimum
9 requirements:

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11 (i) Are anticipated to have a beneficial
12 economic impact to the state of Wyoming and provide the
13 following minimum public benefits:

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15 (A) The creation of a substantial expansion
16 of permanent jobs in the county or counties in which the
17 project will be located;

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19 (B) A substantial increase in the assessed
20 valuation of the county or counties in which the projects
21 will be located;

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1 (C) A substantial increase in the sales,
2 property or other tax revenues to the county or counties
3 where the project will be located;

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5 (D) Promotion of a stable, balanced and
6 diversified economy; and

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8 (E) Private investment in the county or
9 counties in buildings, equipment and direct project
10 infrastructure of not less than three (3) times the amount
11 of any contract.

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13 (ii) Provide adequate consideration for the
14 state of Wyoming to enter the contract;

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16 (iii) The feedstock materials supplied under the
17 contract shall have been produced substantially in Wyoming;

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19 (iv) The contract shall not create debt of the
20 state of Wyoming beyond the current year's taxes;

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22 (v) The facility to which the feedstock
23 materials is to be supplied has not previously been

1 supplied with feedstock materials from a contract entered
2 into under the program; and

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4 (vi) The terms of the contract are such that the
5 state of Wyoming is likely to realize a positive return on
6 its investment under the contract.

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8 (d) No contract shall be entered into under this act
9 without the written opinion of the attorney general
10 certifying the legality of the transaction and all
11 documents connected therewith.

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13 (e) The governor, Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy
14 authority or state loan and investment board is authorized
15 to employ such experts as necessary to fully evaluate an
16 application and negotiate the terms and conditions of a
17 contract under this act. If experts are retained, the cost
18 for the experts shall be paid by the applicant.

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20 (f) The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority may
21 contract with such experts as necessary to assist in the
22 performance of its obligations under any contract entered

1 into, including assistance with feed stock purchases and
2 the sale of value added products.

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4 ~~9-20-104~~ 37-5-804. Wyoming mineral to value added
5 product program account; purpose; creation; rulemaking.

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7 (a) There is created a minerals to value added
8 products program account. Funds in the account shall be
9 used exclusively to promote minerals to value added
10 products facilities as provided in this act.

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12 (b) Funds appropriated by the legislature for the
13 program shall be deposited into the account. All funds in
14 the account are continuously appropriated for contracts and
15 other expenses authorized under this act. The total
16 principal balance of outstanding contracts shall not exceed
17 the amounts appropriated by the legislature plus revenues
18 accrued and collected less any losses, currently available
19 in the account.

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21 (c) Any unexpended balance in the account shall be
22 invested by the state treasurer and the interest earned
23 shall be credited to the account.

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2 (d) Revenues generated from any contract entered into
3 under this act shall be deposited into the account and
4 continuously appropriated to the Wyoming ~~business council~~
5 energy authority to be expended solely for the purpose of
6 administering this act and contracts authorized hereunder,
7 except as provided in subsection (e) of this section.

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9 (e) The Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority
10 shall report by November 1 of each year to the joint
11 appropriations committee and the joint minerals, business
12 and economic development interim committee on the status
13 and condition of the program and the account. The report
14 required under this subsection, and all its contents, shall
15 be a public record. In addition to factors listed in this
16 subsection, the Wyoming ~~business council's~~ energy
17 authority's report shall include the account fund balance
18 and anticipated potential expenditures, including
19 contracts, under the program for the next three (3) fiscal
20 years, respectively. The joint appropriations committee
21 shall then determine whether to introduce legislation to
22 appropriate a portion, or all, of the funds in the account

1 for purposes other than the program. The report shall
2 further include:

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4 (i) A review of rules adopted by the Wyoming
5 ~~business council~~ energy authority or state loan and
6 investment board during the reporting period;

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8 (ii) The portfolio of contracts entered into
9 under the program;

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11 (iii) A risk analysis of the portfolio;

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13 (iv) Any other relevant information as
14 determined by the state loan and investment board or the
15 Wyoming ~~business council~~ energy authority.

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17 **Section 7.** W.S. 9-2-2018(e)(iii), 9-2-2610(a)(iv), 9-
18 12-101 through 9-12-106, 9-12-108 through 9-12-308, 9-12-
19 601 through 9-12-603, 9-12-801 through 9-12-804, 9-12-901
20 through 9-12-905, 9-12-1002(b), 9-12-1101 through 9-12-
21 1105, 9-12-1301 through 9-12-1508, 9-12-1510, 26-4-103(m),
22 35-12-110(b)(xvi), 37-5-502(c)(ii) and 41-2-
23 117(a)(i)(J)(II) are repealed.

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STAFF COMMENT

For reference, the following statutes and programs are repealed in this bill draft. A very brief description of the statutes repealed follows:

- W.S. 9-2-2018(e)(iii): a reference to certain considerations of the Wyoming Business Council during reorganization plans for the Department of Workforce Services (likely obsolete).
- W.S. 9-2-2610(a)(iv): A definition of the ENDOW council, which is repealed in this act.
- W.S. 9-12-101 through 9-12-114: General provisions related to the creation and function of the Wyoming Business Council; startup-Wyoming investments.
- W.S. 9-12-201 and 9-12-202: The Wyoming Business Council's assumption of the Science, Energy, and Technology Authority and associated financial aid.
- W.S. 9-12-301 through 9-12-308: Wyoming Partnership Challenge Loan Program; Large Project Loan Program.
- W.S. 9-12-601 through 9-12-603: Business Ready Community Program.
- W.S. 9-12-801 through 9-12-804: Wyoming Community Facilities Program.
- W.S. 9-12-901 through 9-12-905: Community Workforce Housing Program.
- W.S. 9-12-1002(b): A requirement for the Tourism Board to assign a member to attend all Wyoming Business Council meetings.
- W.S. 9-12-1101 through 9-12-1105: Main Street Program.
- W.S. 9-12-1301 through 9-12-1312: Wyoming Small Business Investment Credit Program.
- W.S. 9-12-1401 through 9-12-1405: Economically Needed Diversity Options for Wyoming (ENDOW) Program.
- W.S. 9-12-1501 through 9-12-1510: Broadband Development Program.
- W.S. 26-4-103(m): a reference of tax credits through the Wyoming Small Business Investment Credit Program, which is repealed in this act.

- 1 • W.S. 35-12-110(b)(xvi): A requirement for the
- 2 Industrial Siting Council to solicit information from
- 3 the Wyoming Business Council on proposed industrial
- 4 siting facilities.
- 5 • W.S. 37-5-502(c)(ii): The Chief Executive Officer of
- 6 the Wyoming Business Council serves ex officio on the
- 7 Wyoming Energy Authority Board.
- 8 • W.S. 41-2-117(a)(i)(J)(II): The Chief Executive
- 9 Officer of the Wyoming Business Council (or a
- 10 designee) serves as a consultant without vote on the
- 11 Water Development Commission.

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16 **Section 8.**

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 18 (a) There is authorized two (2) full-time positions
 19 for the state budget department for purposes of
 20 implementing this act. These positions shall be effective
 21 for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30,
 22 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that these full-
 23 time positions be included in the standard budget of the
 24 state budget department for the immediately succeeding
 25 fiscal biennium.

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 27 (b) There is appropriated [XXXX dollars (\$0.00)] from
 28 the general fund to the state budget department for
 29 purposes of funding the full-time positions authorized in

1 subsection (a) of this section. This appropriation shall be
2 for the period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30,
3 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
4 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
5 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
6 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the
7 intent of the legislature that this appropriation be
8 included in the standard budget of the state budget
9 department for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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11 **Section 9.**

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13 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this
14 section, this act is effective July 1, 2026.

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16 (b) Sections 1 through 3 and 9 of this act are
17 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
18 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
19 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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21 (END)