

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0027

Wyoming main street program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Parady, Cooper, McOmie, Petersen and Warren and Senator(s) Decaria

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; providing for the  
2 creation of a main street program as specified; providing  
3 for the creation of a main street advisory board; providing  
4 for membership and duties as specified; specifying duties  
5 of the Wyoming business council; providing an  
6 appropriation; authorizing positions; and providing for an  
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-801 through 9-12-805 are created  
12 to read:

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ARTICLE 8

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WYOMING MAIN STREET PROGRAM

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1           **9-12-801. Definitions.**

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3           (a) As used in this article:

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5                   (i) "Board" means the Wyoming main street  
6 advisory board;

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8                   (ii) "Business area" means a commercial area  
9 existing at the time services under the Wyoming main street  
10 program are requested by a municipality;

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12                   (iii) "Council" means the Wyoming business  
13 council created by W.S. 9-12-103;

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15                   (iv) "Municipality" means a city, town, county  
16 or district;

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18                   (v) "Pilot program" means a temporary program to  
19 last for no longer than three (3) years created by the  
20 Wyoming business council pursuant to W.S. 9-12-805 for the  
21 purpose of providing the board and the council experience  
22 in conducting the Wyoming main street program;

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1           (vi) "Revitalization" means the process of  
2 engaging in activities to increase economic activity while  
3 preserving and building upon a location's historically  
4 significant characteristics.

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6           **9-12-802. Wyoming main street advisory board.**

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8           (a) There is created a Wyoming main street advisory  
9 board. The board shall consist of seven (7) members  
10 appointed by the governor, not more than four (4) of whom  
11 shall be from the same political party. Board members  
12 shall elect from their membership a chairman, vice-chairman  
13 and secretary.

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15           (b) The governor may remove any member of the board  
16 as provided by W.S. 9-1-202.

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18           (c) Board members shall serve a three (3) year term  
19 provided that of the initial board, two (2) members shall  
20 be appointed for a one (1) year term, two (2) members for  
21 two (2) year terms and three (3) members for three (3) year  
22 terms. Vacancies on the board shall be filled by  
23 appointment of the governor for the unexpired term.

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1           (d) Members of the board shall receive the same per  
2 diem, expenses and travel allowance as members of the  
3 legislature while in actual attendance at meetings of the  
4 board and the performance of their duties relative thereto.

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6           (e) The council shall provide staff services as  
7 required by the board to carry out the board's duties.

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9           (f) The board shall meet as often as necessary to  
10 conduct business, but not less than three (3) times each  
11 year. Meetings shall be called by the chairman. A  
12 majority of members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

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14           **9-12-803. Duties of the board.**

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16           (a) The board shall:

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18                   (i) Assist the council in developing a plan to  
19 operate the Wyoming main street program;

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21                   (ii) Annually review the program and report  
22 findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
23 future legislation, to the governor;

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1           (iii) Provide a comprehensive evaluation of the  
2 Wyoming main street pilot program annually to the joint  
3 minerals, business and economic development interim  
4 committee, if a pilot program is commenced, and after the  
5 expiration of the pilot program, provide to the interim  
6 committee a review of the Wyoming main street program in  
7 the same manner as in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

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9           (iv) Promulgate rules necessary to carry out the  
10 provisions of this article;

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12           (v) Perform any other duty provided for under  
13 this article.

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15           **9-12-804. Duties of the council.**

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17           (a) The Wyoming business council shall establish and  
18 administer a Wyoming main street program to coordinate  
19 state and local participation in programs offered by the  
20 national main street center, created by the national trust  
21 for historic preservation, to assist municipalities in  
22 planning, managing and implementing programs for the  
23 revitalization of business areas.

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1           (b) In carrying out subsection (a) of this section,  
2 the council shall:

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4           (i) Enter into contracts to obtain business area  
5 revitalization services provided by the national main  
6 street center;

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8           (ii) Subject to legislative authorization,  
9 employ any staff necessary to operate the Wyoming main  
10 street program;

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12           (iii) With advice from the board, develop a plan  
13 describing the objectives of the Wyoming main street  
14 program and methods by which the council shall:

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16           (A) Coordinate the activities of that  
17 program with private and public sector revitalizations of  
18 business areas;

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20           (B) Solicit and use private sector funding  
21 for revitalization of business areas;

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23           (C) Assist municipalities engaged in the  
24 revitalization of their business areas.

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2 (iv) Coordinate with other state and local  
3 public and private entities that provide services to  
4 municipalities undertaking projects for the revitalization  
5 of business areas;

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7 (v) Provide training, technical assistance and  
8 information on the revitalization of business areas to  
9 municipalities which do not participate in the Wyoming main  
10 street program.

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12 **9-12-805. Pilot program.**

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14 (a) Upon recommendation of the board, the council may  
15 initiate a pilot program. The council may promulgate all  
16 rules and regulations necessary to carry out this section.

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18 (b) Upon initiation of a pilot program, the council  
19 with advice from the board shall select five (5)  
20 municipalities to participate in the Wyoming main street  
21 pilot program. The council shall select pilot program  
22 participants that represent different geographical regions  
23 or populations. The council shall hold at least one (1)

1 public hearing before making selections under this  
2 subsection.

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4 (c) The council shall commence the pilot program for  
5 the five (5) municipalities selected with the advice of the  
6 board for three (3) consecutive years. Upon the completion  
7 of the three (3) year period, the five (5) municipalities  
8 may continue to participate in the Wyoming main street  
9 program.

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11 (d) In making its selection pursuant to subsection  
12 (b) of this section, the council, with the assistance of  
13 the board, shall develop criteria for use in selecting  
14 pilot program participants which relate to at least the  
15 following issues:

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17 (i) Private and public sector interest in and  
18 commitment to revitalization of a business area selected by  
19 the municipality;

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21 (ii) Potential private sector investment in a  
22 business area selected by the municipality;

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1           (iii) Local organizational and financial  
2 commitment to employ a pilot program manager for not less  
3 than three (3) years;

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5           (iv) Local assistance in paying for the services  
6 of a design consultant recommended by the advisory board;

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8           (v) Local commitment to assist in training  
9 programs to direct activities related to business areas in  
10 municipalities that do not participate in the Wyoming main  
11 street program.

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13           (e) After conducting the pilot program for three (3)  
14 years, the council shall expand the Wyoming main street  
15 program to include other municipalities demonstrating a  
16 commitment to participate in the program.

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18           **Section 2.**

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20           (a) There is appropriated two hundred seventy-three  
21 thousand five hundred dollars (\$273,500.00), or as much  
22 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the  
23 Wyoming business council for the fiscal year beginning July  
24 1, 2004, to implement the purposes of this act.

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2 (b) The Wyoming business council is authorized one  
3 (1) full-time equivalent position and one (1) part-time  
4 equivalent position for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
5 2004, to implement the provisions of this act.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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