

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0071

Natural resources environmental education.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Childers and Simpson and
Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the federal natural policy account;
2 authorizing certain account expenditures as specified; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-4-218(a) by creating new paragraphs
8 (v) and (vi) is amended to read:

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10 **9-4-218. Federal natural resource policy account**
11 **created; purposes.**

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13 (a) There is created within the special revenue fund
14 an account known as the "federal natural resource policy
15 account." Funds within the account may be expended by the
16 governor on behalf of the state of Wyoming and its local

1 governments, to take any of the actions specified in this
2 subsection in response to federal land, water, air, mineral
3 and other natural resource policies which may affect the
4 tax base of the state, wildlife management, state species,
5 recreation, private property rights, water rights or
6 leasehold rights. Funds also may be expended for preparing
7 and participating in environmental impact statements and
8 environmental assessments, including analysis of economic
9 or social and natural or physical environmental effects on
10 the human environment. The governor may expend funds from
11 the federal natural resource policy account for:

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13 (v) Training seminars educating state and local
14 government officials and employees on the provisions and
15 requirements of the federal National Environmental Policy
16 Act of 1969 and related federal rules and regulations, and
17 on the processes used by federal agencies in administering
18 federal law;

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20 (vi) Educational programs provided by
21 nongovernmental groups and organizations to the public and
22 to the public schools, which are approved by the Wyoming
23 business council board of directors and provide
24 scientifically valid and proven information on natural

1 resource utilization. Amounts expended under this
2 paragraph shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars
3 (\$100,000.00) per year.

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5 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2004.

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