

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0113

Government reorganization-dept. of tourism and recreation.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to government reorganization; creating a  
 2 department of tourism and recreation; specifying department  
 3 components; requiring a report; providing for the  
 4 subsequent reorganization of the department; and providing  
 5 for effective dates.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2019 is created to read:

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11 **9-2-2019. Department of tourism and recreation**  
 12 **created; director appointed; structure.**

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14 (a) As part of the reorganization of Wyoming state  
 15 government, there is created the Wyoming department of  
 16 tourism and recreation. The provisions of the Wyoming  
 17 Government Reorganization Act of 1989, W.S. 9-2-1701

1 through 9-2-1708, apply to this section, except the  
2 requirement under W.S. 9-2-1707(a)(iii) that public  
3 hearings regarding the reorganization plan required under  
4 subsection (b) of this section be conducted by at least two  
5 (2) interim committees of the legislature shall not apply.

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7 (b) The administrative head of the department shall  
8 be a director appointed by the governor not later than  
9 April 1, 2005. The director shall prepare a plan for  
10 reorganization of the agencies, programs and functions  
11 specified in this section and submit it to the governor for  
12 approval. The department reorganization plan, as approved  
13 by the governor, shall be submitted to the joint travel,  
14 recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim  
15 committee no later than October 15, 2005 and made available  
16 to the public. The committee shall hold at least one (1)  
17 public hearing regarding the plan before the 2006 budget  
18 session of the legislature convenes. The joint travel,  
19 recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim  
20 committee shall report to the legislature by December 1,  
21 2005, its recommendations on the plan, including necessary  
22 legislation with respect to the plan. The plan, as  
23 approved by the act of the legislature, shall be  
24 implemented not later than July 1, 2006.

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2 (c) The department reorganization plan shall consider  
3 whether the following functions or programs are assigned  
4 from or to the agency or department under a Type 2  
5 transfer:

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7 PROGRAM; FROM; TO

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9 (i) Wyoming tourism board; Business council;  
10 Tourism and recreation;

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12 (ii) State trails program; State parks and  
13 cultural resources; Tourism and recreation.

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15 (d) As used in this section:

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17 (i) "Business council" means the Wyoming  
18 business council created by W.S. 9-12-103;

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20 (ii) "State parks and cultural resources" means  
21 the department of state parks and cultural resources  
22 created by W.S. 9-2-2017;

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1           (iii) "Tourism and recreation" means the  
2 department of tourism and recreation created by this act.

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4           (e) In developing the plan required under W.S.  
5 9-2-1707(a)(iii), the director shall consider:

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7           (i) The cost-effectiveness of any recommended  
8 transfer;

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10           (ii) Whether the transfer will result in a more  
11 efficient provision of services to customers;

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13           (iii) The benefit that the recommended transfer  
14 would create with respect to attracting tourists to Wyoming  
15 to partake in the recreational activities available within  
16 the state;

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18           (iv) The benefit that the recommended transfer  
19 would have in expanding the scope of activities available  
20 from, and duties of, the state trails program;

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22           (v) The benefit that would result from the  
23 department of tourism and recreation overseeing and  
24 developing long range planning of recreation policy in the

1 state, including working with the United States forest  
2 service and the federal bureau of land management in a  
3 cooperative agency status.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-1703(a)(iii) and  
6 9-2-1704(a)(intro) are amended to read:

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8 **9-2-1703. Definitions.**

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10 (a) As used in this act:

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12 (iii) "Department" means one (1) of not more  
13 than ~~fourteen (14)~~ sixteen (16) principal administrative  
14 operating units of state government as created by separate  
15 legislation establishing a department and in accordance  
16 with this act;

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18 **9-2-1704. Reorganization plan; structure; time frame.**

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20 (a) Pursuant to this act and other laws establishing  
21 individual departments, the entire executive branch of  
22 state government shall be organized into not more than  
23 ~~fifteen (15)~~ sixteen (16) principal departments except for

1 the offices of the following officials and except as  
2 provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of this section:

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4 **Section 3.** W.S. 9-12-107 is repealed.

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6 **Section 4.**

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8 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
9 section, this act is effective immediately upon completion  
10 of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided  
11 by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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13 (b) Section 3 of this act is effective July 1, 2006.

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15 (END)