

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0329

Executive training institute/graduate school of business.

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Senator(s) Coe and Larson

A BILL

For

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing for planning and
2 siting of an executive training, conference and institutes
3 center; providing for the subsequent development of a
4 graduate school; establishing a joint legislative/executive
5 oversight committee and a steering committee; providing an
6 appropriation; providing for reports; specifying
7 legislative intent; and providing for an 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.**

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13 (a) There is established a joint legislative/executive
14 oversight committee consisting of the members of the state
15 building commission or their designees, the president of the
16 senate, speaker of the house of representatives, the

1 chairmen of the house and senate education committees or
2 their designees, a member of the senate appointed by the
3 president of the senate and a member of the house appointed
4 by the speaker of the house. The president of the senate
5 and speaker of the house shall be co-chairmen of the joint
6 legislative/executive oversight committee. The president of
7 the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming and the
8 president of the University of Wyoming shall serve as ex
9 officio members of the joint legislative/executive
10 committee, but shall not vote. There is created a steering
11 committee. The steering committee shall consist of the
12 following members:

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14 (i) The dean of the college of business at the
15 University of Wyoming, who shall serve as chair;

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17 (ii) The dean of the outreach school at the
18 University of Wyoming;

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20 (iii) A member of the advisory board to the
21 University of Wyoming's college of business appointed by the
22 chairman of the board;

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1 (iv) The chairman of the board of the University
2 of Wyoming foundation or his designee;

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4 (v) The cochairman of the Wyoming business
5 council selected by the council, or his designee;

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7 (vi) Five (5) members appointed by the joint
8 legislative/executive oversight committee with distinguished
9 credentials and experience in business or academics.

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11 (b) The oversight and steering committees shall
12 evaluate and recommend an appropriate site in Teton County,
13 Wyoming, suitable to construct and operate an executive
14 training, conference and institutes center in preparation
15 for the establishment of a premier graduate school of
16 business.

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18 (c) With the approval of the steering committee, the
19 University of Wyoming is authorized to expend funds
20 appropriated under subsection 3(a) of this act and
21 authorized for expenditure by the joint
22 legislative/executive oversight committee for all expenses,
23 including travel and consultants, reasonable and necessary
24 for the steering committee to provide its report to the

1 joint legislative/executive oversight committee required
2 under subsection (d) of this section. The steering
3 committee shall:

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5 (i) Develop a plan for the content of the
6 executive training program, which shall include the mission,
7 academic program, financial plan and executive campus design
8 with state of the art technology;

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10 (ii) Identify and pursue opportunities to
11 establish relationships with other nationally recognized
12 business schools for the operation of the executive
13 training, conference and institutes center;

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15 (iii) Develop a business plan for determining
16 the appropriate executive training tuition levels, with the
17 ability to offer reduced tuition to Wyoming business
18 professionals;

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20 (iv) Develop criteria, costs and options for an
21 appropriate site of the executive training center and the
22 premier graduate school of business. Site options shall be
23 developed with consultation with the board of county

1 commissioners of Teton County, the council of the city of
2 Jackson and public input from Teton County;

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4 (v) Determine the need for building and other
5 facilities, including faculty and student housing, to
6 implement the plans for the center and graduate school. In
7 consultation with the construction management section of the
8 department of administration and information, the University
9 of Wyoming's facilities planning office and offices of
10 conferences shall assist the steering committee in
11 developing the building and facility needs under this
12 paragraph;

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14 (vi) Develop a preliminary plan for the content
15 of the graduate school educational program, which may
16 include areas of concentration in environment and natural
17 resources and entrepreneurship as components of business
18 development and management strategies;

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20 (vii) Develop a preliminary graduate school
21 tuition plan for determining appropriate tuition levels,
22 with the ability to provide slots for University of Wyoming
23 graduates at a reduced tuition rate;

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1 (viii) Develop a proposed budget for implementing
2 its recommendations.

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4 (d) The steering committee shall report its plan for
5 the executive training, conference and institutes center and
6 its plans for the graduate school of business to the joint
7 committee no later than October 1, 2005.

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9 (e) The joint committee shall submit the plan together
10 with any recommendations for additional legislation
11 necessary to implement the plan, including building,
12 facilities and staffing needs, to the legislature not later
13 than December 1, 2005.

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15 **Section 2.** The natural beauty, cultural and lifestyle
16 amenities of Teton County and its resident business leaders
17 make it the ideal location for a premier, internationally
18 recognized graduate school of business and executive
19 training center. Wyoming's mineral resources have provided
20 the financial resources to invest in the development of
21 business leadership for Wyoming's future. The University of
22 Wyoming has nationally recognized strengths in natural
23 resources and strong undergraduate, graduate and distance
24 learning programs in business. It is the intent of the

1 legislature to take advantage of the opportunity provided by
2 the unique features of a Teton County location, the strength
3 of the University of Wyoming's existing programs and the
4 availability of the state financial resources to make a
5 significant new investment in higher education. This
6 investment will provide an extraordinary opportunity for
7 Wyoming students and business executives, and students and
8 business executives around the world, to pursue executive
9 training and graduate education through the University of
10 Wyoming.

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12 **Section 3.**

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14 (a) There is appropriated from the general fund one
15 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the
16 joint legislative/executive oversight committee for the
17 purpose of this act. This appropriation may be expended
18 for:

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20 (i) Procuring the services of one (1) or more
21 consultants with extensive knowledge and experience in the
22 academic and business fields;

(ii) The expenses incurred by the University of Wyoming, subject to the approval of the steering committee, and the travel expenses of the members of the joint committee, steering committee and designated academic team necessary for the preparation of the report to the joint committee.

8 (b) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207(a) no part of this
9 appropriation shall lapse to the general fund as of June 30,
10 2006.

12 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

17 (END)