

WORKING DRAFT

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Wyoming business council.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming business council; modifying
2 eligible projects and expenditures under the business ready
3 community program and the community facilities program;
4 clarifying provisions of the community facilities program;
5 and providing for an effective date.

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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. 9-12-601(b) and 9-12-801(d)(i), by
10 creating a new paragraph (iii) and by renumbering paragraph
11 (iii) as (iv), (e) by creating a new paragraph (i) and by
12 renumbering paragraphs (i) and (ii) as (ii) and (iii) are
13 amended to read:

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1 **9-12-601. Wyoming business ready community program;**
2 **purpose; creation; rulemaking.**

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4 (b) The council shall establish and administer a
5 Wyoming business ready community program as provided by
6 this article. Any city, town or county may submit an
7 application to the council for a grant or loan under the
8 program on forms prescribed by and subject to rules
9 promulgated by the council. Grants or loans may be applied
10 for by a joint powers board with the approval of all
11 participating agencies to the joint powers agreement.
12 Grants and loans may be made by the council for economic or
13 educational development infrastructure projects, including
14 the purchase of land, buildings, facilities,
15 telecommunications infrastructure, rights of way, airports,
16 sewer and water projects, roads, ~~landscaping, recreational~~
17 ~~and convention facilities~~ or other infrastructure
18 determined by the council to be consistent with the
19 purposes of this article. In adopting rules and making
20 grants and loans under this article the council shall
21 require all projects to be related to economic or
22 educational development infrastructure, which shall not
23 include rehabilitation or expansion of existing
24 infrastructure unless the council determines the

1 rehabilitation or expansion is necessary to meet the
2 purposes of this article. All grants, loans or cooperative
3 agreements made under this article shall be referred by the
4 council to the state loan and investment board for final
5 approval or disapproval. The state loan and investment
6 board may adopt rules as necessary to implement its duties
7 under this article.

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9 **9-12-801. Wyoming community facilities program;**
10 **purpose; creation; administration by council; rulemaking**
11 **authority; eligible projects.**

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13 (d) Grants or loans may be recommended by the council
14 and awarded by the state loan and investment board for
15 economic development community facilities projects which
16 provide:

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18 (i) Convention facilities and space for
19 community gatherings and functions;

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21 (iii) Landscaping;

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1 ~~(iii)~~(iv) Other functions or uses determined by
2 the council to be consistent with the purposes of this
3 article.

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5 (e) In adopting rules and recommending grants and
6 loans under this article, the council shall require all
7 projects to be related to economic development or
8 enhancement of quality of life in a community. Projects
9 may consist of:

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11 (i) Construction of new infrastructure to an
12 existing facility, development and rehabilitation of
13 infrastructure serving an existing facility, rehabilitation
14 of an existing facility, and purchase of an existing
15 facility;

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17 ~~(i)~~(ii) The expansion, renovation or remodeling
18 of existing surplus government facilities;

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20 ~~(ii)~~(iii) The purchase of an interest in or
21 cooperative agreements for the expansion, renovation or
22 conversion of existing school facilities to the extent the
23 existing facilities exceed statewide school building and
24 facility adequacy standards established by the school

1 facilities commission under W.S. 21-15-115. No ownership
2 interest to the project or existing facility under a
3 project shall remain with the school district upon
4 expenditure of any funds under this program for any
5 project.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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