

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Wyoming tourism board.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the
2 Wyoming tourism board; granting rule making authority;
3 transferring tourism promotion to the Wyoming tourism board
4 as specified; transferring funds; and providing for an
5 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. 9-12-901 and 9-12-902 are created to
10 read:

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12 **9-12-901. Wyoming tourism board; creation;**
13 **composition; appointment; terms; compensation.**

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1 (a) There is created the Wyoming tourism board. The
2 board shall serve as the leading proponent of Wyoming's
3 tourism and hospitality industry and shall provide
4 governance and oversight for the division of travel and
5 tourism.

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7 (b) The board shall be comprised of nine (9) members
8 who shall who shall be employed in or associated closely
9 with the travel industry. No more than five (5) members
10 shall be from the same political party. The board shall be
11 appointed by the governor, and approved with the advice and
12 consent of the senate, in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101
13 through 28-12-103, as follows:

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15 (i) One (1) member shall be from tourism
16 appointment district 1, consisting of Albany, Carbon and
17 Laramie counties;

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19 (ii) One (1) member shall be from tourism
20 appointment district 2, consisting of Converse, Goshen,
21 Natrona, Niobrara and Platte counties;

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1 (iii) One (1) member shall be from tourism
2 appointment district 3, consisting of Campbell, Crook
3 Johnson, Sheridan and Weston counties;

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5 (iv) One (1) member shall be from tourism
6 appointment district 4, consisting of Lincoln, Sublette,
7 Sweetwater and Uinta counties;

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9 (v) One (1) member shall be from tourism
10 appointment district 5, consisting of Big Horn, Fremont,
11 Hot Springs, Park, Teton and Washakie counties;

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13 (vi) Four (4) members shall be at-large members
14 appointed to provide geographic and tourism industry
15 balance.

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17 (c) Each appointed member shall serve for three (3)
18 years, except that for the initial appointments three (3)
19 members shall be appointed for two (2) years and three (3)
20 members shall be appointed for one (1) year.

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22 (d) The board shall select a chairman and a vice-
23 chairman from among its members.

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1 (e) The governor may remove any member as provided by
2 W.S. 9-1-202.

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4 (f) Members of the board shall receive mileage and
5 per diem for attending board meetings or other meetings as
6 assigned by the board, in the same amount as state
7 legislators and shall receive no other compensation for
8 serving on the board.

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10 (g) For purposes of this article, "board" means the
11 Wyoming tourism board.

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13 **9-12-902. General powers and duties of the board;**
14 **rulemaking authority.**

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16 (a) The board shall be responsible for implementing
17 the tourism program and functions assigned to the Wyoming
18 business council under the Wyoming Economic Development Act
19 and shall:

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21 (i) Assemble and distribute information
22 concerning the scenic and recreational opportunities and
23 resources of Wyoming;

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1 (ii) Encourage close cooperation between public
2 and private agencies engaged in stimulating recognition of
3 Wyoming recreational resources;

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5 (iii) Implement programs to promote tourism in
6 Wyoming.

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8 (b) The board shall assign a member to attend all
9 regularly scheduled meetings of the Wyoming business
10 council.

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12 (c) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations
13 necessary to implement this article.

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15 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-12-107(a) and 2006 Wyoming Session
16 Laws, Chapter 35, Section 85, footnote 1 are repealed.

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18 **Section 3.** There is transferred from the Wyoming
19 business council to the tourism board created by this act
20 all remaining funds appropriated by 2006 Wyoming Session
21 Laws, Chapter 35, Section 85 under the tourism program.

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23 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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