

**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; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-901 and 9-12-902 are created to  
9 read:

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11 **9-12-901. Wyoming tourism board; creation;**  
12 **composition; appointment; terms; compensation.**

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14 (a) There is created the Wyoming tourism board. The  
15 board shall serve as the leading proponent of Wyoming's

1 tourism and hospitality industry and shall provide  
2 governance and oversight for the division of travel and  
3 tourism.

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5 (b) The board shall be comprised of nine (9) members  
6 who shall who shall be employed in or associated closely  
7 with the travel industry. The board shall be appointed by  
8 the governor, and approved with the advice and consent of  
9 the senate, in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through  
10 28-12-103, as follows:

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12 (i) One (1) member shall be from tourism  
13 appointment district 1, consisting of Albany, Carbon and  
14 Laramie counties;

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

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

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1           (iv) One (1) member shall be from tourism  
2 appointment district 4, consisting of Lincoln, Sweetwater  
3 and Uinta counties;

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5           (v) One (1) member shall be from tourism  
6 appointment district 5, consisting of Big Horn, Hot  
7 Springs, Park and Washakie counties;

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9           (vi) One (1) member shall be from tourism  
10 appointment district 6, consisting of Fremont, Sublette and  
11 Teton counties;

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13           (vii) Three (3) members shall be at-large  
14 members appointed to provide geographic and tourism  
15 industry 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  
19 Act, including the expenditure of all funds appropriated  
20 for the tourism program and shall:

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

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

(iii) Implement programs to promote tourism in Wyoming.

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

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

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

**Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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