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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Health care access project design.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services
Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care and the administration of
2 government; providing for a health care access
3 demonstration project as specified; providing for a request
4 for proposals; providing for a contingent joint legislative
5 and executive oversight committee to succeed the health
6 care commission in overseeing the project; providing for a
7 report; providing appropriations; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.**

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1 (a) The Wyoming health care commission shall issue a
2 request for proposals from interested consulting firms,
3 organization or individuals to design a detailed health
4 care access project to improve access to health care and
5 the quality of care delivered in a rural environment while
6 lowering health care costs.

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8 (b) Proposals in response to the request authorized
9 by subsection (a) of this section shall include the
10 following minimum requirements:

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12 (i) Selection of a project target population
13 taking into consideration the ability to transfer the
14 project design to another, possibly larger, population at a
15 future date;

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17 (ii) Utilization of the medical home model in
18 the delivery of health care services;

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20 (iii) Improved reimbursement rates for
21 participating providers to cover the costs associated with
22 services required in a medical home model. Participating

1 providers shall include primary care physicians, advanced
2 practice registered nurses and physician assistants;

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4 (iv) Demonstrated methods of improved access to
5 health care;

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7 (v) Emphasis on improved quality of care and on
8 preventive services;

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10 (vi) Cost containment strategies;

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12 (vii) Utilization of incentives and promotion of
13 personal responsibility for improving health outcomes;

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15 (viii) Mechanisms to strengthen delivery of
16 primary care;

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18 (ix) Strategies for providing a continuum of
19 care for seriously ill patients identified in the target
20 population;

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22 (x) Projected project costs and savings;

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1 (xi) Objective data collection and evaluation
2 methods specific to paragraphs (i) through (x) of this
3 subsection.

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5 (c) The request for proposals shall be prepared by
6 the Wyoming health care commission and issued by the
7 department of administration and information, general
8 services division. The commission shall review all
9 proposals and select one (1) or more of the proposals for
10 detailed technical analysis, to include fiscal analysis.
11 Upon completion of the detailed technical analysis, the
12 commission shall recommend one (1) or more of the proposals
13 to the governor and the joint labor health and social
14 services interim committee. The recommendation shall
15 include a description of project design criteria and an
16 itemization of all project costs to be included in any
17 legislative appropriation for the project. The
18 recommendation may include technical analysis of any
19 already implemented access project. The commission's
20 recommendation and report shall be made no later than
21 November 1, 2009.

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23 **Section 2.**

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2 (a) If the Wyoming health care commission sunsets as
3 currently scheduled on June 30, 2009, responsibilities
4 assigned to the commission under this act shall be
5 performed by an oversight committee, subject to the
6 following:

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8 (i) The oversight committee shall consist of:

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10 (A) One (1) representative of the
11 governor's office appointed by the governor;

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13 (B) One (1) representative of the
14 department of health appointed by the director;

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16 (C) One (1) representative of the insurance
17 department appointed by the commissioner;

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19 (D) One (1) senator appointed by the
20 president of the senate and one (1) representative
21 appointed by the speaker of the house;

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1 (E) One (1) person appointed before June
2 30, 2009 by the health care commission and who was a member
3 of the health care commission;

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5 (F) One (1) member of the joint labor,
6 health and social services interim committee appointed by
7 the chairmen of the committee.

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9 (ii) Members of the committee shall select a
10 chairman and a vice chairman;

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12 (iii) The committee shall meet at the call of
13 the chairman and shall convene its first meeting no later
14 than July 30, 2009. The committee shall review, evaluate
15 the status of the health care commission's work on the
16 project and shall complete the tasks provided in section 1
17 of this act;

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19 (iv) The committee shall issue a final report to
20 the governor and the joint labor, health and social
21 services interim committee no later than November 1, 2009,
22 as provided in subsection (c) of section 1 of this act;

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1 (v) The committee shall be staffed by the
2 governor's office. The committee may contract for
3 administrative and research services to aid in preparation
4 of the committee report;

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6 (vi) The committee shall exist until March 15,
7 2010;

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9 (vii) Members of the committee shall be paid as
10 follows:

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12 (A) Legislative members of the committee
13 shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as
14 provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as
15 members of the committee;

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17 (B) State employees serving on the
18 committee shall receive no additional compensation for
19 serving on the committee, but shall be paid as provided in
20 W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses
21 incurred for their official duties as members of the
22 committee;

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1 (C) All other members of the committee
2 shall not receive a salary but shall be paid as provided in
3 W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses
4 incurred for their official duties as members of the
5 committee.

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7 **Section 3.**

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9 (a) There is appropriated two hundred forty thousand
10 dollars (\$240,000.00) from the general fund to the
11 governor's office. This appropriation shall be for the
12 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
13 ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be
14 expended for the purpose of staffing and funding meetings
15 of the oversight committee created by this act and to
16 contract with appropriate professionals as necessary to
17 complete the committee study. Notwithstanding any other
18 provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
19 transferred or expended for any other purpose. Funds
20 appropriated under this subsection shall not revert until
21 June 30, 2010.

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1 (b) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars
2 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
3 service office. This appropriation shall be for the period
4 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
5 June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended
6 for the purpose of paying salary, per diem and mileage for
7 legislative members of the oversight committee created by
8 this act and per diem and mileage for legislative
9 appointees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
10 this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
11 any other purpose. Funds appropriated under this
12 subsection shall not revert until June 30, 2010.

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

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