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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Clean coal task force.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the clean coal task force; extending the
2 existence of the clean coal task force as specified;
3 requiring annual reports; authorizing funding of proposals
4 from appropriations from abandoned mine land funds as
5 specified; reappropriating funds to be used for clean coal
6 research; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
7 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.** W.S. 21-17-121 is created to read:

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1 (a) The clean coal research task force created
2 pursuant to 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
3 2 shall exist until June 30, 2013. . The task force shall
4 consist of the voting members of the Wyoming energy
5 resources council created pursuant to W.S. 21-17-117(e), or
6 their designees.

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8 (b) The task force shall meet at the call of the
9 chairman. The task force shall issue requests for
10 proposals for research projects into clean coal
11 technologies. The task force shall review and evaluate
12 proposals for research into clean coal technologies,
13 subject to the following:

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15 (i) Proposals may be received from academic
16 institutions and private industry proponents;

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18 (ii) Proposals shall be evaluated competitively
19 on their probable benefits to the state of Wyoming and coal
20 programs within this state;

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1 (iii) Proposals shall enhance and improve clean
2 coal technologies with an emphasis on methods of combusting
3 sub-bituminous coal at high altitudes.

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5 (c) The task force shall issue a report to the
6 governor and the joint minerals, business and economic
7 development interim committee annually, no later than
8 September 30, including, but not limited to,
9 recommendations regarding funding specific proposals for
10 research into clean coal technologies in Wyoming.

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12 (d) The task force shall be staffed by the governor's
13 office with support from the University of Wyoming school
14 of energy resources. The task force may contract for
15 administrative and research services to aid in preparation
16 of the task force report.

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18 (e) Members of the task force who are not legislators
19 shall not receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement
20 for necessary travel and per diem expenses in the manner
21 and amount provided for state employees under W.S. 9-3-102
22 and 9-3-103. Members of the task force who are legislators
23 shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as

1 provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as
2 members of the task force.

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4 (f) The clean coal task force may award funds in the clean
5 coal technology account to proposals for clean coal after
6 submitting the task force's recommendations to the joint
7 minerals, business and economic development interim

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9 **Section 2.** W.S. 39-14-802(b) is amended to read:

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11 **39-14-802. Clean coal research account created; funds**
12 **deposited; use of funds.**

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14 (b) Deposits into the account created by subsection
15 (a) of this section shall only be expended ~~upon~~
16 ~~appropriation by the legislature pursuant to W.S.~~
17 21-17-117(f). Funds deposited in the account shall not be
18 expended until a dollar for dollar match has been provided
19 from nonstate funds. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 or
20 9-4-207, unexpended funds shall not revert.

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22 **Section 3.** 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,
23 Section 320(a)(vii) is amended to read:

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Section 320.

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4 (a) No application to the federal office of
5 surface mining for grants from the state of
6 Wyoming's share of abandoned mine land funds from
7 the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
8 Amendments of 2006, Section 411(h)(i), pursuant
9 to 2007 H.R. 6111, shall be made except as
10 expressly authorized by the legislature. The
11 legislature authorizes the department of
12 environmental quality to submit grant
13 applications to the federal office of surface
14 mining for distribution of a portion of such
15 funds for the period ending June 30, 2009, for
16 the following projects:

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18 (vii) Three million eight hundred
19 thousand dollars (\$3,800,000.00) for clean coal
20 technology research to be deposited into the
21 account created under W.S. 39-14-802 to be
22 expended pursuant to ~~2007 Wyoming Session Laws,~~
23 ~~Chapter 186, Section 2(f) as created in Section~~

1 ~~325 of this act~~ W.S. 21-17-121(f) for the purpose
2 of clean coal technology research.

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4 **Section 4.** 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186,
5 Sections 2 and 3 and 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,
6 Section 325(b), Section 3(b) are repealed.

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8 **Section 5.**

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10 (a) Any funds remaining from the appropriation
11 provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
12 3(b), as amended by 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,
13 Section 325(b) are hereby reappropriated to the account
14 created under W.S. 39-14-802 for the purpose of clean coal
15 technology research.

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17 (b) Any funds remaining under the appropriation
18 provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
19 3(a) are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for
20 expenses incurred by the clean coal task force.

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22 (c) There is appropriated seven thousand five hundred
23 dollars (\$7,500.00) from the general fund to the

1 legislative service office for compensation of legislative
2 members serving on the clean coal task force.

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4 (d) Funds appropriated under subsections (b) and (c)
5 of this section are appropriated. This appropriation shall
6 be for the period beginning with the effective date of this
7 act and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
8 only be expended for the purpose of staffing the clean coal
9 task force and for expenses incurred by the clean coal task
10 force. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
11 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
12 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
13 remaining from this appropriation shall not revert as
14 provided by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
15 be included in the governor's and the legislative service
16 office's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget requests.

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18 **Section 6.** This act is effective immediately upon
19 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
20 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
21 Constitution.

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