

ENROLLED ACT NO. 116, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2009 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to Wyoming Big Horn basin nature and discovery center; providing funding for project planning for a center on state park land to be located near the entrance to Hot Springs state park; requiring a lease agreement; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; providing for reversion of appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the budget reserve account to the state loan and investment board to be expended as provided in this act. None of this appropriation shall be expended until a joint powers board is created by Hot Springs County and the town of Thermopolis for purposes of constructing and managing the Big Horn Basin nature and discovery center. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of funding the project planning and investigating economic viability and funding options for the Wyoming Big Horn basin nature and discovery center to be located on state park land near the entrance to Hot Springs state park. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose.

(b) The design and construction of the discovery center shall follow the process for design and construction contracts with public entities provided in W.S. 16-6-701 through 16-6-708.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, no funds will be expended until the joint powers board has

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entered into a lease agreement pursuant to W.S. 36-8-304 with the department of state parks and cultural resources that authorizes the construction of the Wyoming Big Horn basin nature and discovery center located on state park land near the entrance to Hot Springs state park.

(d) By December 1, 2009, the joint powers board created by Hot Springs County and the town of Thermopolis shall report to the joint travel, recreation wildlife and cultural resources interim committee and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee on the planning, economic viability and funding options of the discovery center.

(e) Any unexpended, unencumbered or unobligated funds appropriated by this act shall lapse to the budget reserve account on June 30, 2010.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2009.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk