

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0111

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; reappropriating funds to be used
4 for clean coal research; providing an appropriation; and
5 providing for an 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. 21-17-121 is created to read:

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11 **21-17-121. Clean coal research task force; members;**
12 **compensation; proposals; report.**

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14 (a) The clean coal research task force created
15 pursuant to 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
16 2 shall exist until June 30, 2013. The task force shall

1 consist of the voting members of the Wyoming energy
2 resources council created pursuant to W.S. 21-17-117(e), or
3 their designees.

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

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12 (i) Proposals may be received from academic
13 institutions and private industry proponents;

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15 (ii) Proposals shall be evaluated competitively
16 on their probable benefits to the state of Wyoming and coal
17 programs within this state;

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

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23 (c) The task force shall issue a report to the
24 governor and the joint minerals, business and economic

1 development interim committee annually, no later than
2 September 30, including, but not limited to,
3 recommendations regarding funding specific proposals for
4 research into clean coal technologies in Wyoming.

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6 (d) The task force shall be staffed by the governor's
7 office with support from the University of Wyoming school
8 of energy resources. The task force may contract for
9 administrative and research services to aid in preparation
10 of the task force report.

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12 (e) Members of the task force who are not legislators
13 shall not receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement
14 for necessary travel and per diem expenses in the manner
15 and amount provided for state employees under W.S. 9-3-102
16 and 9-3-103. Members of the task force who are legislators
17 shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as
18 provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as
19 members of the task force.

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21 (f) The clean coal task force may award funds in the
22 clean coal technology account to proposals for clean coal
23 after submitting the task force's recommendations to the

1 joint minerals, business and economic development interim
2 committee.

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

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6 **39-14-802. Clean coal research account created; funds**
7 **deposited; use of funds.**

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9 (b) Deposits into the account created by subsection
10 (a) of this section shall only be expended ~~upon~~
11 ~~appropriation by the legislature~~ pursuant to W.S.
12 21-17-121(f). Funds deposited in the account shall not be
13 expended until a dollar for dollar match has been provided
14 from nonstate of Wyoming public funds. Notwithstanding
15 W.S. 9-2-1008 or 9-4-207, unexpended funds shall not
16 revert.

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

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21 **Section 320.**

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23 (a) No application to the federal office of
24 surface mining for grants from the state of

1 Wyoming's share of abandoned mine land funds from
2 the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
3 Amendments of 2006, Section 411(h)(i), pursuant
4 to 2007 H.R. 6111, shall be made except as
5 expressly authorized by the legislature. The
6 legislature authorizes the department of
7 environmental quality to submit grant
8 applications to the federal office of surface
9 mining for distribution of a portion of such
10 funds for the period ending June 30, 2009, for
11 the following projects:

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13 (vii) Three million eight hundred
14 thousand dollars (\$3,800,000.00) for clean coal
15 technology research to be expended pursuant to
16 ~~2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section~~
17 ~~2(f) as created in Section 325 of this act~~ W.S.
18 21-17-121(f) for the purpose of clean coal
19 technology research.

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

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1 **Section 5.**

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3 (a) Any funds remaining from the appropriation
4 provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
5 3(b), as amended by 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,
6 Section 325(b) are hereby reappropriated to the account
7 created under W.S. 39-14-802 for the purpose of clean coal
8 technology research.

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10 (b) Any funds remaining under the appropriation
11 provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
12 3(a) are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for
13 expenses incurred by the clean coal task force.

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15 (c) There is appropriated seven thousand five hundred
16 dollars (\$7,500.00) from the general fund to the
17 legislative service office for compensation of legislative
18 members serving on the clean coal task force.

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20 (d) Funds appropriated under subsections (b) and (c)
21 of this section are appropriated for the period beginning
22 with the effective date of this act and ending June 30,
23 2010. These appropriations shall only be expended for the
24 purpose of staffing the clean coal task force and for

1 expenses incurred by the clean coal task force.
2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
3 appropriation under subsection (a) of this section shall
4 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and
5 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
6 appropriation shall not revert as provided by law on June
7 30, 2010. The appropriations under subsections (b) and (c)
8 of this section shall be included in the governor's and the
9 legislative service office's 2011-2012 standard biennial
10 budget requests.

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12 **Section 6.** This act is effective immediately upon
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
15 Constitution.

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17 (END)