

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0253

Health care commission.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Landon, Madden, Millin,  
Steward and Zwonitzer, Dn. and Senator(s)  
Johnson and Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government and the  
2 Wyoming health care commission; providing for legislative  
3 liaisons to the commission; amending the duties of the  
4 commission as specified; extending the sunset date of the  
5 commission; providing an appropriation; and providing for  
6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2801(b), 9-2-2802(a)(i),  
11 9-2-2803(a) and by creating new subsections (g) and (h) and  
12 9-2-2804 are amended to read:

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14 **9-2-2801. Health care commission created; membership;**  
15 **salary; meetings; advisory committees.**

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1           (b) The commission shall consist of eleven (11)  
2 members appointed by the governor. In addition, the  
3 director of the department of health or the director's  
4 designee and the insurance commissioner or the  
5 commissioner's designee shall be ex officio members of the  
6 commission. In addition, the speaker of the house shall  
7 appoint two (2) representatives, with not more than one (1)  
8 member from the same political party, and the president of  
9 the senate shall appoint two (2) senators, with not more  
10 than one (1) member from the same political party, to serve  
11 as liaisons to facilitate planning and communication among  
12 the commission, the joint labor, health and social services  
13 interim committee and the legislature. Legislative  
14 liaisons shall be entitled to attend commission meetings  
15 but shall have no vote.

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17           **9-2-2802. Director; appointment; duties; additional**  
18 **staff; qualifications.**

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20           (a) The governor, with the consent of the commission,  
21 shall appoint a director who shall serve at the pleasure of  
22 the commission. The director shall:

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1 (i) Serve as administrative head of the  
2 commission and as a liaison among the governor's office,  
3 the legislature, the commission and the public;  
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5 9-2-2803. Health care commission duties; report; open  
6 meetings; attorney general to represent; rulemaking.  
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8 (a) In carrying out the directives of the  
9 legislature, the commission shall develop strategies to  
10 improve health care and reduce health care costs for  
11 Wyoming citizens by holding public meetings throughout the  
12 state, hearing from experts and other interested parties,  
13 studying and researching other states' actions on health  
14 care reform, studying and utilizing Wyoming data and  
15 considering current and past efforts. ~~and future~~  
16 ~~possibilities that can be useful in decision making by~~  
17 ~~addressing issues related to health care access, quality~~  
18 ~~and cost.~~  
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20 (g) By July 1 of each year, the commission shall  
21 provide to the joint labor, health and social services  
22 interim committee a list of prioritized recommendations to  
23 improve the health care of Wyoming citizens. The  
24 commission shall specifically identify any recommendation

1 requiring the enactment of legislation and any  
2 recommendation requiring additional research by and funding  
3 of consultants in order for the commission to make specific  
4 recommendations that will result in improvements to the  
5 health care system in Wyoming. The commission may also  
6 include advisory recommendations of policy initiatives  
7 regarding, but not limited to:

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9 (i) Procedures and policies for planning,  
10 coordinating and developing statewide health related  
11 resources or programs;

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13 (ii) Monitoring to assess whether health care is  
14 being delivered statewide in an optimal manner;

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16 (iii) Monitoring to assess whether legislated  
17 policy initiatives are being delivered in an optimal  
18 manner;

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20 (iv) Providing guidance in the development of  
21 programs to enhance a statewide, integrated health care  
22 delivery system;

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1           (v) Providing health related information  
2 supportive of existing health related agencies and  
3 programs;

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5           (vi) Recommending policy to act as a catalyst  
6 and synthesizer of health policy in the public and private  
7 sectors;

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9           (vii) Providing the governor and legislature  
10 with measures of accountability for state funded health  
11 projects.

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13           (h) The commission shall continue to monitor health  
14 reform projects, including but not limited to:

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16           (i) Integrated health care pilot projects;

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18           (ii) Patient safety organizations;

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20           (iii) Health care access project design.

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22           **9-2-2804. Termination of article.**

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1 W.S. 9-2-2801 through 9-2-2803 are repealed effective June  
2 30, ~~2009~~2013.

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4 **Section 2.** There is appropriated five hundred forty-  
5 seven thousand one hundred forty-seven dollars  
6 (\$547,147.00) from the general fund to the health care  
7 commission. This appropriation shall be for the period  
8 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending  
9 June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended  
10 for the purpose of commission studies and administration.  
11 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this  
12 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
13 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
14 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
15 by law on June 30, 2010. An amount equal to twice this  
16 appropriation shall be included in the department's 2011-  
17 2012 standard biennial budget request.

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19 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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