

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0014

ENROLLED ACT NO. 23, SENATE

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2012 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to business development; requiring the Wyoming business council to contact the department of energy and other entities regarding next generation nuclear plants and hybrid energy system facilities as specified; providing an appropriation; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) The Wyoming business council, in consultation with the governor, shall contact the United States department of energy and other entities regarding the possibility of locating within the state of Wyoming any next generation nuclear plant project under consideration by the department of energy under its nuclear energy research initiative. In addition, the Wyoming business council shall investigate the feasibility of locating hybrid energy system facilities that include the use of other forms of energy resources in Wyoming including, without limitation, coal and coal gasification, natural gas, oil, wind and other renewable resources. The Wyoming business council shall also evaluate supply chain industries related to nuclear and hybrid energy systems facilities including, without limitation, those industries that provide equipment and feed stocks. This evaluation shall include, without limitation, consideration of whether the supply chain industries would limit the development of projects and opportunities for adding value to Wyoming resources.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2012, the Wyoming business council shall report the results of any discussions with the United States department of energy or

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other entities under this section to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee. The report shall include any suggested legislation which may encourage the location of a next generation nuclear plant, hybrid energy system facility or supply chain manufacturing facility project within the state of Wyoming.

(c) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming business council. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of conducting the investigations and providing the report as specified under this act. No portion of this appropriation shall be expended prior to an agreement between the Wyoming business council and the Idaho national laboratory or other entity that the Idaho national laboratory or other entity will expend an amount not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) in conducting the investigations and providing information for the report as specified under this act. Of this general fund appropriation, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be provided to the University of Wyoming for support from the college of engineering and applied sciences, the college of business, the school of energy resources and for coordination with the state geological survey. Of this general fund appropriation, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) may be used to contract with outside entities including nuclear reactor and next generation nuclear power facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2013.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk