

SENATE FILE NO. SF0086

Higher education appropriations.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to higher education; providing
2 appropriations for the Hathaway student scholarship program
3 and for a higher education endowment program; authorizing
4 additional positions to implement the scholarship program;
5 and 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.**

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11 (a) Five hundred fifty six thousand two hundred
12 dollars (\$556,200.00) is appropriated from the general fund
13 to the department of education to carry out the duties of
14 the department under the Hathaway scholarship program
15 pursuant to W.S. 21-16-1301 et seq. The department of
16 education is authorized four (4) full-time positions to
17 administer the program. These positions shall be funded

1 from amounts appropriated under this subsection. This
2 appropriation and authorized positions shall be effective
3 immediately upon the effective date of this act.

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5 (b) Thirteen million five hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$13,500,000.00) is appropriated from the common school
7 permanent fund reserve account created by W.S. 9-4-713(f)
8 to the Hathaway scholarship expenditure account for the
9 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006. This appropriation
10 shall be effective July 1, 2006. Funds appropriated under
11 this subsection shall only be deposited to the expenditure
12 account after all other funds within that account have been
13 expended and shall only be deposited to that account and
14 expended as needed to fund payments to eligible
15 institutions under the Hathaway scholarship program as
16 provided in W.S. 21-16-1301 et seq. After all such payments
17 are made for the 2006-2007 school year, any remaining funds
18 shall be deposited from this appropriation to the Hathaway
19 scholarship reserve account created by W.S. 21-16-1302(b).
20 None of the amount appropriated under this subsection shall
21 be used to calculate the balance of the common school
22 permanent fund reserve account for purposes of W.S.
23 9-4-713(f).

1 (c) There is appropriated from the common school
2 permanent fund reserve account created by W.S. 9-4-713(f) a
3 total of four million two hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$4,200,000.00) to be distributed as specified in this
5 subsection to permit the community colleges and the
6 University of Wyoming to begin to implement the plan for
7 the excellence in higher education endowment as submitted
8 by the excellence in higher education endowment committee
9 on October 1, 2005, during the biennium commencing July 1,
10 2006. The purpose of this appropriation is to permit the
11 community colleges and university to implement the plan
12 during the first two (2) years of a three (3) year phase-in
13 period. Of this appropriation:

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15 (i) One million four hundred thousand dollars
16 (\$1,400,000.00) shall be equally distributed among each of
17 Wyoming's seven (7) community colleges and shall be
18 expended exclusively for the purposes specified in W.S.
19 21-16-1203(b);

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21 (ii) Two million eight hundred thousand dollars
22 (\$2,800,000.00) shall be distributed to the University of
23 Wyoming and shall be expended exclusively for the purposes
24 specified in W.S. 21-16-1202(b).

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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