

ENROLLED ACT NO. 121, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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AN ACT relating to clean coal technology; creating an account; creating a clean coal research task force; requiring a report; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 39-14-802 is created to read:

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

(a) There is created the clean coal research account into which shall be deposited revenues as provided by law. Interest on earnings from funds in the account shall be credited to the account.

(b) Deposits into the account created by subsection (a) of this section shall only be expended upon appropriation by the legislature.

Section 2.

(a) There is created a clean coal research task force consisting of the members of the Wyoming energy resources council created pursuant to W.S. 21-17-117(e), or their designees.

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

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

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

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

(c) The task force shall issue a report to the governor and the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee no later than September 30, 2007 including, but not limited to, recommendations regarding funding specific proposals for research into clean coal technologies in Wyoming.

(d) The task force shall be staffed by the governor's office with support from the University of Wyoming school of energy resources. The task force may contract for administrative and research services to aid in preparation of the task force report. The governor's office shall convene the task force no later than May 1, 2007.

(e) The task force shall exist until September 30, 2008. Members of the task force who are not legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel and per diem expenses in the manner and amount provided for state employees under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103. Members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the task force.

Section 3.

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(a) There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office for expenses incurred pursuant to this act.

(b) There is appropriated two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000.00) from the general fund to a separate account for the purpose of clean coal technology research. Funds deposited in the account shall not be expended until a dollar for dollar match has been provided from nonstate funds, and only upon appropriation by the legislature. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 or 9-4-207, unexpended funds shall revert on June 30, 2009.

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Section 4. 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 House.

Chief Clerk