

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0222

Hathaway program employment task force.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dv., Hammons,
Harvey and Zwonitzer, Dn. and Senator(s)
Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; creating a joint
2 legislative and executive task force to develop
3 recommendations for retaining and attracting University of
4 Wyoming and community college graduates; imposing reporting
5 requirements; providing an appropriation; authorizing a
6 position; and providing for 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.**

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12 (a) There is created a joint legislative and
13 executive task force on Wyoming employment opportunities
14 for graduates of the University of Wyoming and Wyoming
15 community colleges.

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1 (b) The task force shall be comprised of:

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3 (i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate,
4 appointed by the president of the senate, one (1) from
5 among the membership of the senate education committee and
6 one (1) from the senate minerals, business and economic
7 development committee;

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9 (ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
10 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, one
11 (1) from among the membership of the house education
12 committee and one (1) from the house minerals, business and
13 economic development committee;

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15 (iii) Ten (10) members appointed by the
16 governor, including:

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18 (A) Two (2) members of the executive branch
19 of government, at least one (1) of whom shall be a member
20 of the governor's staff;

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22 (B) One (1) individual representing the
23 interests of communities throughout the state;

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1 (C) Two (2) students enrolled at the
2 University of Wyoming;

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4 (D) Two (2) students enrolled at a Wyoming
5 community college, each enrolled at a separate college;

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7 (E) One (1) individual representing the
8 Wyoming business council; and

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10 (F) Two (2) individuals representing the
11 young adult, post secondary education degree holding
12 workforce in Wyoming, both of whom have completed a post
13 secondary education degree program within the five (5) year
14 period preceding the effective date of this act, and not
15 less than one (1) of whom has received a degree from an
16 out-of-state post secondary education institution.

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18 (c) One (1) of the senate representatives designated
19 by the senate president shall serve as the chairman of the
20 task force.

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22 (d) The task force shall:

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24 (i) Meet not less than four (4) times;

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2 (ii) Conduct research on the current demographic
3 climate in Wyoming and surrounding states for employment
4 opportunities for graduates of the University of Wyoming
5 and Wyoming community colleges;

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7 (iii) Develop comprehensive analyses, strategies
8 and recommendations with respect to the initiatives,
9 private and public, that will be necessary to retain or
10 attract University of Wyoming and Wyoming community college
11 graduates to live and work within the state;

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13 (iv) Report its findings and recommendations to
14 the joint minerals, business and economic development
15 interim committee not later than November 1, 2007.

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17 (e) Members of the task force shall be paid as
18 follows:

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20 (i) Legislators serving on the task force shall
21 be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as provided in
22 W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the
23 task force;

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1 (ii) State employees serving on the task force
2 shall receive no additional compensation for serving on the
3 task force, but shall be paid as provided in W.S. 9-3-102
4 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses incurred for
5 their official duties as members of the task force;

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7 (iii) All other members of the task force shall
8 receive a salary of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per
9 day and shall be paid as provided in W.S. 9-3-102 and
10 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses incurred for their
11 official duties as members of the task force.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) For the period commencing on the effective date
16 of this act and ending June 30, 2008, there is appropriated
17 sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) from the general
18 fund as follows:

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20 (i) Fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000.00) to
21 the governor's office to fund all expenses of the meetings of
22 the task force except for those expenses covered under
23 paragraph (ii) of this subsection, and to fund contractual
24 expenses for an at-will contract employee to assist the task

1 force with its duties under section 1 of this act. Not more
2 than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be expended
3 to fund the at-will contract position authorized by
4 subsection (b) of this section;

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6 (ii) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the
7 legislative service office to cover the expenses of
8 legislators attending task force meetings.

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10 (b) The governor's office is authorized one (1) at-will
11 contract position for the period beginning April 1, 2007 and
12 ending no later than March 30, 2008, to assist the task force
13 created by section 1 of this act in meeting its assigned
14 duties.

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16 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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21 (END)