

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0321

Clean coal research.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Lockhart and Senator(s)
Townsend

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to clean coal technology; creating an
2 abandoned mine land funds reserve account; creating a clean
3 coal research task force; requiring a report; providing
4 appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-11-1210 is created to read:

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10 **35-11-1210. Abandoned mine land funds reserve**
11 **account.**

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13 (a) There is created the abandoned mine land funds
14 reserve account.

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1 (b) All funds received from the federal government,
2 from the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
3 Amendments of 2006, Section 411(h), pursuant to 2007 H.R.
4 6111, shall be deposited into the abandoned mine land funds
5 reserve account.

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7 (c) All funds and all interest generated on the
8 funds, shall remain in the abandoned mine land funds
9 reserve account until appropriated by the legislature.

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11 (d) The funds under subsection (b) of this section
12 are separate from and in addition to the funds distributed
13 to Wyoming for the abandoned mine land program under W.S.
14 35-11-1201 through 35-11-1209.

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16 **Section 2.**

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18 (a) There is created a clean coal research task force
19 consisting of thirteen (13) members. The task force
20 members shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman.

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22 (b) Ten (10) members of the task force shall be
23 members of the Wyoming energy resources council created
24 pursuant to W.S. 21-17-117(e) or their designees.

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2 (c) Three (3) members of the task force shall be
3 appointed by the governor from the following communities:

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5 (i) One (1) member from the coal production
6 industry;

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8 (ii) One (1) member with coal enhancement or
9 beneficiation experience; and

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11 (iii) One (1) member from the electricity
12 generation industry.

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14 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the
15 chairman to review and evaluate methods to enhance research
16 into clean coal technologies, including review of the
17 potential for creating a clean coal technology research
18 facility in the state.

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20 (e) The task force shall issue a report to the
21 governor and the joint minerals, business and economic
22 development interim committee no later than September 30,
23 2007 including, but not limited to, the following
24 recommendations:

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2 (i) Recommendations regarding the best methods
3 for funding research into clean coal technologies in
4 Wyoming;

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6 (ii) Recommendations regarding the siting and
7 administration of a facility dedicated to research into
8 clean coal technologies.

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

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17 (g) The task force shall exist until September 30,
18 2007. Members of the task force shall not receive a salary
19 but shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel and
20 per diem expenses in the manner and amount provided for
21 state employees under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103.

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23 **Section 3.**

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

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6 (b) There is appropriated five million dollars
7 (\$5,000,000.00) from the general fund to a separate account
8 for the purpose of clean coal technology research. Funds
9 deposited in the account shall only be expended upon
10 appropriation by the legislature. Notwithstanding W.S.
11 9-2-1008 or 9-4-207, unexpended funds shall not revert on
12 June 30, 2008.

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14 (c) Funds expended under subsections (a) and (b) of
15 this section shall be repaid to the general fund from the
16 abandoned mine land funds reserve account as funds become
17 available in that account, but not later than June 30,
18 2008.

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

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