

SENATE FILE NO. SF0126

Wyoming main street program-2.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, J. and Peterson and
Representative(s) Berger, Hammons, Harvey
and Quarberg

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the economic development; transferring
2 the Wyoming main street program to the Wyoming business
3 council as specified; eliminating the main street pilot
4 program; requiring a report; modifying requirements of the
5 program; transferring funds; transferring positions; and
6 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.** W.S. 9-12-905 is created to read:

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12 **9-12-905. Main street program.**

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14 (a) The council with advice from the board shall
15 determine the number of municipalities to participate in
16 the Wyoming main street program. The council shall select

1 program participants that represent different geographical
2 regions or populations. The council shall hold at least one
3 (1) public hearing before making selections under this
4 subsection.

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6 (b) In making its selection pursuant to subsection
7 (b) of this section, the council, with the assistance of
8 the board, shall develop criteria for use in selecting
9 program participants which relate to at least the following
10 issues:

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12 (i) Private and public sector interest in and
13 commitment to revitalization of a business area selected by
14 the municipality;

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16 (ii) Potential private sector investment in a
17 business area selected by the municipality;

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19 (iii) Local organizational and financial
20 commitment to employ a program manager for not less than
21 three (3) years;

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23 (iv) Local assistance in paying for the services
24 of a design consultant recommended by the advisory board;

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2 (v) Local commitment to assist in training
3 programs to direct activities related to business areas in
4 municipalities that do not participate in the Wyoming main
5 street program.

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7 **Section 2.** W.S. 11-45-101 as 9-12-901, 11-45-103 and
8 11-45-104 as 9-12-903 and 9-12-904 are amended and
9 renumbered to read:

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11 ~~11-45-101~~ 9-12-901. **Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this article:

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15 (i) "Board" means the Wyoming main street
16 advisory board;

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18 (ii) "Business area" means a commercial area
19 existing at the time services under the Wyoming main street
20 program are requested by a municipality;

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22 (iii) "Municipality" means a city, town, county
23 or district;

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1 ~~(iv) "Pilot program" means a temporary program~~
2 ~~to last for no longer than three (3) years created by the~~
3 ~~department for the purpose of providing the board and the~~
4 ~~department experience in conducting the Wyoming main street~~
5 ~~program.~~

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7 ~~(v)~~ (iv) "Revitalization" means the process of
8 engaging in activities to increase economic activity while
9 preserving and building upon a location's historically
10 significant characteristics.

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12 ~~11-45-103~~ 9-12-903. **Duties of the board.**

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14 (a) The board shall:

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16 (i) Assist the ~~department~~ council in developing
17 a plan to operate the Wyoming main street program;

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19 (ii) Annually review the program and report
20 findings and recommendations, including recommendations for
21 future legislation, to the governor;

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23 (iii) Provide a comprehensive evaluation of the
24 Wyoming main street ~~pilot~~ program annually to the joint

1 minerals, business and economic development interim
2 committee, ~~if a pilot program is commenced, and after the~~
3 ~~expiration of the pilot program, provide to the interim~~
4 ~~committee a review of the Wyoming main street program in~~
5 ~~the same manner as in paragraph (ii) of this subsection~~ no
6 later than September 1 of each year. The report shall
7 include findings and recommendations, including
8 recommendations for future legislation.

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10 ~~11-45-104~~ 9-12-904. **Duties of the council.**

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12 (a) The ~~department~~ council shall establish and
13 administer a Wyoming main street program to coordinate
14 state and local participation in programs offered by the
15 national main street center, created by the national trust
16 for historic preservation, to assist municipalities in
17 planning, managing and implementing programs for the
18 revitalization of business areas.

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20 (b) In carrying out subsection (a) of this section,
21 the ~~department~~ council shall:

1 (i) Enter into contracts to obtain business area
2 revitalization services; ~~provided by the national main~~
3 ~~street center;~~

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5 (ii) Subject to legislative authorization,
6 employ any staff necessary to operate the Wyoming main
7 street program;

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9 (iii) With advice from the board, develop a plan
10 describing the objectives of the Wyoming main street
11 program and methods by which the ~~department~~ council shall:

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13 (A) Coordinate the activities of that
14 program with private and public sector revitalizations of
15 business areas;

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17 (B) Solicit and use private sector funding
18 for revitalization of business areas;

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20 (C) Assist municipalities engaged in the
21 revitalization of their business areas.

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23 (iv) Coordinate with other state and local
24 public and private entities that provide services to

1 municipalities undertaking projects for the revitalization
2 of business areas;

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4 (v) Provide training, technical assistance and
5 information on the revitalization of business areas to
6 municipalities which do not participate in the Wyoming main
7 street program;

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9 (vi) Administer a revolving loan fund consisting
10 of available federal, state and private sector funding.
11 The fund shall be used to provide a source of monies for
12 ~~storefront renovations~~ building exterior improvements. The
13 ~~department~~ council shall have authority to seek and accept
14 federal, state and private funding for purposes of
15 establishing the revolving loan fund and all such federal,
16 state and private funds so received are continuously
17 appropriated to the ~~department~~ council for purpose of this
18 paragraph.

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20 (c) The ~~department~~ council shall promulgate rules
21 necessary to carry out the provisions of this ~~chapter~~
22 article.

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24 **Section 3.** W.S. 11-45-102 is renumbered as 9-12-902.

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2 **Section 4.** W.S. 11-45-105 is repealed.

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4 **Section 5.**

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6 (a) It is the intention and direction of the
7 legislature that:

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9 (i) All duties of the department of agriculture
10 with respect to the Wyoming main street program be
11 transferred to the Wyoming business council. Effective
12 July 1, 2007, all duties of the department of agriculture
13 with respect to the Wyoming main street program not assumed
14 by the Wyoming business council are terminated;

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16 (ii) Any contract, agreement or obligation
17 entered into or assumed by the department of agriculture
18 with respect to the Wyoming main street program, if the
19 execution or assumption was within the lawful powers of the
20 department of agriculture, be assumed by the Wyoming
21 business council;

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23 (iii) Any rule adopted by the department of
24 agriculture with respect to the Wyoming main street program

1 remain in effect unaltered as rule of the Wyoming business
2 council until amended or repealed by the Wyoming business
3 council.

5 **Section 6.** There is transferred from the department
6 of agriculture to the Wyoming business council any
7 appropriated or unexpended funds not otherwise obligated
8 and any other property, if any, exclusively dedicated to
9 the Wyoming main street program.

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11 **Section 7.** There is transferred one (1) full-time
12 equivalent position and one (1) part-time equivalent
13 position from the department of agriculture to the Wyoming
14 business council for the purposes of administering the
15 Wyoming main street program.

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17 **Section 8.** This act is effective July 1, 2007.

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