

Chapter 123

CAPITOL BUILDING RESTORATION

Original Senate File No. 87

AN ACT relating to the administration of government; creating a joint legislative and executive task force to carry out capitol building rehabilitation and restoration as specified; creating the capitol building rehabilitation and restoration account; specifying use of funds in the account; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-5-109 is created to read:

9-5-109. Task force on capitol building rehabilitation and restoration; composition; duties; account created.

(a) There is created the joint legislative and executive task force on capitol building rehabilitation and restoration.

(b) The task force shall be comprised of:

(i) A representative of the five (5) statewide elected officials, as selected by those officials;

(ii) One (1) member of the senate and one (1) member of the public appointed by the president of the senate;

(iii) One (1) member of the house of representatives and one (1) member of the public appointed by the speaker of the house;

(iv) A staff member from the state historic preservation office appointed by the director of the department of state parks and cultural resources; and

(v) A member of the public appointed by the governor.

(c) The members of the task force shall appoint a chairman to preside over meetings.

(d) The task force shall:

~~(i) Oversee the design, planning and construction of rehabilitation and restoration of the capitol building as it determines appropriate for a modern working office building while preserving historic features of the building. The restoration and rehabilitation shall be designed and planned to be completed by December 31, 2012, [LANGUAGE SHOWN AS STRICKEN VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 14, 2008.]~~

(ii) Develop rehabilitation and restoration priorities for the state capitol building;

(iii) Contract for the performance of any function appropriate to carry out its duties, including the employment of consultants and other professionals;

(iv) Periodically report its findings and recommendations to the state building commission, the legislative management council and the joint appropriations interim committee;

~~(v) Submit specific project recommendations to the legislature for approval and authorization of expenditure of appropriations; and~~ **[LANGUAGE SHOWN AS STRICKEN VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 14, 2008.]**

(vi) Recommend to the management council statutory changes that may be required to implement project recommendations.

(e) Staff and support for the task force shall be provided by the department of administration and information. Members who are government employees or public officials shall be considered on official business of their agency when performing duties as members of the task force. Other members shall receive mileage and per diem in the same manner and amount as state legislators when performing duties. Mileage and per diem shall be paid by the appointing authority.

~~(f) In carrying out the rehabilitation and restoration of the capitol building, the task force shall not be subject to the provisions of W.S. 9-5-106 through 9-5-108.~~ **[LANGUAGE SHOWN AS STRICKEN VETOED BY GOVERNOR MARCH 14, 2008.]**

(g) The task force may suspend the expenditure of time or funds on the project if it is established that it would be in the public interest. The task force shall report the reason for any suspension activity to the legislature.

(h) The task force shall terminate on December 31, 2012.

(j) There is created the capitol building rehabilitation and restoration account. Funds in the account shall only be expended upon appropriation by the legislature to implement projects recommended by the task force and approved by the legislature. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds within the account shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e), 9-4-207(a) or any other provision of law, funds within the account shall not lapse or revert until directed by the legislature. Earnings on monies within the account shall be deposited to the account.

Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2012. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of paying salary, per diem and mileage for legislative members of the task force and per diem and mileage for legislative appointees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Funds appropriated under this subsection shall not revert until June 30, 2012.

(b) Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000.00) is appropriated and shall be transferred on July 1, 2008, from the capitol building restoration account created by 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 35, Section 300(g) as amended

by 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 136, Section 4, to the capitol building rehabilitation and restoration account created by this act.

(c) Twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) is appropriated and shall be transferred on July 1, 2008, from the capitol complex construction account created by 2006 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 35, Section 300(g) as amended by 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 136, Section 4, to the capitol building rehabilitation and restoration account created by this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2008.

Approved March 14, 2008.