

SENATE FILE NO. SF0065

Applied agricultural research funding program.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson and Emerich and
Representative(s) Semlek

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the department of agriculture;
2 establishing the agricultural research funding program as
3 specified; providing rulemaking authority; providing an
4 appropriation; requiring a report; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-2-208 is created to read:

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11 **11-2-208. Agricultural research funding program.**

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13 (a) The director shall, through rule and regulation,
14 establish a process to solicit applications from the
15 agricultural industry in the state for applied agricultural
16 resource projects.

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2 (b) The director, with approval from the board, may
3 accept an application for applied research submitted under
4 this section and shall contract with the University of
5 Wyoming or other appropriate educational institution to
6 conduct the research as provided in the application.

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8 (c) In soliciting and reviewing applications under
9 this section, the director and the board shall:

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11 (i) Consult with producers and nonprofit
12 organizations representing Wyoming agricultural producers;

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14 (ii) Consider the potential impacts of the
15 research in strengthening Wyoming's agricultural industry
16 and agricultural production;

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18 (iii) Consider the time for anticipated
19 completion of the research;

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21 (iv) Consider the educational institution which
22 will conduct the research, giving preference to educational
23 institutions located within the state;

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1 (v) Ensure that the research results will be
2 widely disseminated to the appropriate sectors of Wyoming
3 agriculture;

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5 (vi) Establish requirements for matching funds
6 from the educational institution involved in the research
7 and give preference to those projects which include
8 additional private funding in support of the projects.

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10 **Section 2.**

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12 (a) There is appropriated two hundred thousand
13 dollars (\$200,000.00) from the general fund to the
14 department of agriculture. This appropriation shall be for
15 the period beginning with the effective date of this act
16 and ending June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall only be
17 expended for the purpose of contracting with educational
18 institutions pursuant to the agricultural research funding
19 program established under this act. Notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be
21 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
22 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
23 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,

1 2014. This appropriation shall not be included in the
2 department's 2015-2016 standard biennial budget request.

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4 (b) Not later than November 30, 2013, the director of
5 the department of agriculture shall provide a report to the
6 joint agriculture, public lands and water resources interim
7 committee on the expenditure of any funds appropriated
8 under this section pursuant to the agricultural research
9 funding program created by this act.

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11 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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13 (END)