

[BUDGET AFFECTED]

Budget(s) : **Addition to 300 Sections**

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Page 146-After line 11 Insert the following new section and
renumber as necessary:

"[COMMUNITY COLLEGES FUNDING - TASK FORCE STUDY]

Section 355.

(a) There is created a community college planning task
force to consist of the following:

(i) Two (2) members of the house appropriations
committee and one (1) member of the house education committee
appointed by the speaker of the house. The speaker of the house
shall designate a member appointed under this paragraph to serve
as a cochairman of the task force;

(ii) Two (2) members of the senate appropriations
committee and one (1) member of the senate education committee
appointed by the president of the senate. The president of the
senate shall designate a member appointed under this paragraph
to serve as a cochairman of the task force;

(iii) Three (3) members appointed by the governor as
follows:

(A) The executive director of the Wyoming
community college commission;

(B) One (1) commissioner of the Wyoming
community college commission; and

(C) One (1) trustee from a community college
district.

(b) The task force shall review and evaluate the existing
community college system and its financing and develop
recommendations to:

1 (i) Create a system which allocates and prioritizes
2 community college programs to insure a cost effective and
3 efficient delivery of education statewide which minimizes
4 duplication;

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6 (ii) Identify options for funding community college
7 capital construction and on-going operations; and

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9 (iii) Explore a statewide community college system in
10 respect to governance, structure, revenue generation and funding
11 distribution.

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13 (c) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative
14 service office. The task force shall meet not less than four
15 (4) times in different geographic areas of the state.

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17 (d) Legislative members of the task force shall receive
18 compensation, per diem and travel expenses in the manner and
19 amount as prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101. Remaining task force
20 members who are not state employees shall receive the per diem
21 and mileage at the rate paid members of the Wyoming legislature
22 under W.S. 28-5-101 for each day of actual task force meetings
23 and travel to those meetings.

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25 (e) The task force shall report its findings and
26 recommendations to the joint appropriations interim committee by
27 October 1, 2015. The joint appropriations interim committee may
28 sponsor any legislation necessary to implement task force
29 recommendations in the 2016 legislative session.

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31 (f) Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) is appropriated
32 from the general fund to the legislative service office for the
33 period commencing on the effective date of this section and
34 ending December 31, 2015, as necessary to fund the community
35 college planning task force in carrying out its duties under
36 this section.

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38 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
39 renumber as necessary. HARSHMAN, CONNOLLY