

HJ0004S2001

1 Delete the Senate Standing Committee Amendment (HJ0004SS001/AC)
2 entirely and further amend as follows:
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4 Page 1-line 1 Delete "petitioning" insert "declaring the
5 state's interest to petition".
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7 Page 1-line 6 Delete "petitioning" insert "willing to
8 petition".
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10 Page 1-line 8 After "budget" insert "under the
11 circumstances described herein".
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13 Page 1-line 13 Before "That" insert "The legislature of the
14 state of Wyoming agrees with and generally
15 supports the adoption of a balanced budget
16 amendment substantially in the following
17 form: (a)".
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19 Page 2-line 10 Delete "." insert ";".
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21 Page 2-line 12 Delete "**Section 2.**" insert "(b)"; before
22 "That" insert "Subject to the conditions in
23 section 2 of this act,".
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25 Page 3-line 4 Delete "." insert ";".
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27 Page 3-line 6 Delete "**Section 3.**" insert "(c)"; before
28 "That" insert "Subject to the conditions in
29 section 2 of this act,".
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31 Page 3-after line 12 Insert and renumber:
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33 "**Section 2.** (a) The state of Wyoming stands in a
34 relatively unique position apart from most other states in the
35 following respects:
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37 (i) The large percentage of land ownership by the
38 federal government is greater than forty-eight percent (48%) of
39 all the surface lands and greater than sixty-six percent (66%)
40 of subsurface minerals in the state;
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42 (ii) Federal monies received by this state in
43 compensation for the large percentage of land owned by the
44 federal government including, but not limited to, payment in

1 lieu of taxes (PILT), federal mineral royalties and other
2 payments are inadequate to compensate the state for its lost
3 revenues;

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5 (iii) With a population of less than six hundred
6 thousand (600,000), Wyoming maintains an extensive network of
7 highway systems including more than three thousand six hundred
8 fifty (3,650) lane miles of transcontinental interstate
9 highways;

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11 (iv) The small size of the state of Wyoming's budget
12 is insignificant compared to the size of the budget in larger
13 states and would only fund the operations of the most populous
14 state's government for a period of less than two (2) weeks;

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16 (v) The state of Wyoming should not suffer
17 significant further harm as a result of participation in the
18 convention in relation to the large percentage of federal land
19 and mineral ownership.

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21 **Section 3.** The Wyoming legislature will convene in a
22 special or regular session to adopt the amendment in section 1
23 of this act provided that the state can secure adequate
24 assurances that the state's relatively unique stature is
25 protected and recognized.

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27 **Section 4.** The governor's office is directed to
28 communicate with other states supporting a balanced budget
29 amendment, along with the state's federal delegation, to secure
30 a measure of security that either the state's share of federal
31 mineral royalties, payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) and other
32 federal payments will not be reduced to balance the budget, or
33 that the federal lands, including surface and minerals, which
34 are not managed by the United States as a national park,
35 designated national monument or wilderness area designated under
36 the national wilderness preservation system, be conveyed to the
37 state commensurate with other states before final adoption of
38 such balanced budget amendment."

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40 Page 3-line 14 Delete "4" insert "5". NICHOLAS,
41 PERKINS