

SENATE FILE NO. SF0164

Energy strategic plan.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Von Flatern, Anderson, Bebout and
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;
2 providing for the development, review, revision, adoption
3 and monitoring of a state biennial energy strategy;
4 creating an energy strategy committee; delegating duties to
5 the new committee, the Wyoming business council and the
6 governor; and 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. 9-1-225 is created to read:

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12 **9-1-225. Energy strategic plan; definitions;**
13 **committee; powers and duties.**

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15 (a) As used in this section:

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2 (i) "Biennial energy strategy" means the
3 coordinated and comprehensive biennial planning activities
4 of state departments, boards, commissions and agencies to
5 achieve excellence in energy development, production,
6 technological innovation, regulation and stewardship of
7 natural resources for the highest benefit of citizens. The
8 energy strategy shall include programs and initiatives
9 intended to:

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11 (A) Increase economic competitiveness,
12 expansion and diversification;

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14 (B) Provide for efficient and effective
15 regulation;

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17 (C) Provide for natural resource
18 conservation, reclamation and mitigation; and

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20 (D) Develop education, innovation and new
21 technologies.

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1 (ii) "Energy, natural resource and economic
2 development agencies" means the department of environmental
3 quality, Wyoming infrastructure authority, Wyoming pipeline
4 authority, oil and gas conservation commission, department
5 of agriculture, University of Wyoming, Wyoming business
6 council and other departments, boards and agencies as the
7 governor designates.

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9 (b) The governor shall:

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11 (i) Appoint an energy strategy committee
12 consisting of two (2) members of the Wyoming business
13 council board, one (1) member of the oil and gas
14 conservation commission board and one (1) member of the
15 Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust account board;

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17 (ii) Appoint or reappoint committee members for
18 staggered terms not to exceed four (4) years each;

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20 (iii) Be a member of the committee or appoint a
21 designee.

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23 (c) The Wyoming business council shall:

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2 (i) Convene the energy strategy committee,
3 representatives of the federal government and its agencies,
4 various individuals and interest and user groups to elicit
5 their views regarding the status of existing programs and
6 initiatives and the development of new recommendations for
7 a biennial energy strategy;

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9 (ii) Coordinate the efforts of the energy
10 strategy committee to review comments obtained under
11 paragraph (i) of this subsection and other sources of
12 information and to prepare a biennial energy strategy. The
13 biennial energy strategy shall identify energy, natural
14 resource and economic development agencies responsible for
15 executing initiatives.

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17 (d) The energy strategy committee shall:

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19 (i) Review, revise or adopt the biennial energy
20 strategy;

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22 (ii) Monitor implementation of the biennial
23 energy strategy by energy, natural resource and economic

1 development agencies and provide regular progress reports
2 to the joint minerals, business and economic development
3 interim committee;

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5 (iii) Recommend to the governor budget requests
6 from energy, natural resource and economic development
7 agencies as they carry out energy strategy initiatives;

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9 (iv) By August 30, 2018, and every two (2) years
10 thereafter, prepare and submit the biennial energy strategy
11 to the legislature, through the joint minerals, business
12 and economic development interim committee.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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16 (END)