

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0101

Joint powers boards-natural gas service.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Western

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to local powers; authorizing joint powers  
2 boards to create and operate natural gas systems; and  
3 providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-1-104(c) by creating a new paragraph  
8 (xiii) and 37-1-101(a)(vi)(H)(II) are amended to read:

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10 **16-1-104. Joint powers, functions and facilities;**  
11 **city-county airport board; eligible senior citizen centers;**  
12 **cooperative public transportation programs.**

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14 (c) Specifically, without limiting but subject to the  
15 provisions of subsection (a) of this section, two (2) or more

1 agencies may jointly plan, own, lease, assign, sell, create,  
2 expand, finance and operate:

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4 (xiii) Municipal natural gas facilities and  
5 systems.

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7 **37-1-101. Definitions.**

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9 (a) As used in chapters 1, 2, 3, 12 and 17 of this  
10 title:

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12 (vi) "Public utility" means and includes every  
13 person that owns, operates, leases, controls or has power to  
14 operate, lease or control:

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16 (H) None of the provisions of this chapter  
17 shall apply to:

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19 (II) To public utilities owned and  
20 operated by a municipality of the state of Wyoming or owned  
21 and operated by a joint powers entity ~~whose individual member~~  
22 ~~entities are authorized by law to provide utility service and~~  
23 ~~are~~ formed pursuant to the Wyoming Joint Powers Act, W.S.

1 16-1-102 through 16-1-110, and comprised of two (2) or more  
2 municipalities, except as to that portion of a municipality  
3 owned and operated public utility or joint powers entity owned  
4 and operated public utility, if any, as may extend services  
5 outside the corporate limits of a municipality and except  
6 that if any municipal or joint powers utility owns an  
7 undivided interest in a facility for the production of  
8 electricity which is also partly owned by an agency subject  
9 to the jurisdiction of the public service commission, the  
10 sale of electricity in excess of the participating  
11 municipalities' or joint powers entities' need is subject to  
12 this act;

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2019.

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