

SENATE FILE NO. SF0147

Management council authority and legislative committees.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks, Dockstader, Driskill,
Gierau and Kinskey and Representative(s)
Gray, Greear and Olsen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; authorizing joint
2 interim committees to select interim topics; amending
3 authority of the management council to assign or reject
4 interim topics for joint interim committees; making
5 conforming amendments; amending provisions related to
6 studies that must be approved by management council as
7 specified; limiting management council authority as
8 specified; requiring management council policy changes; and
9 providing for an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-8-104(b) through (d) is amended to
14 read:

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1 28-8-104. Direction by legislature during sessions;
2 joint interim committees; requests for services;
3 establishment of priorities; appointment of select
4 committees; vacancies; enlarging committees; additional
5 requirements.

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7 (b) When the legislature is not in regular or special
8 session, the respective standing committees of the house
9 and senate shall function as joint interim committees. Each
10 of these interim committees shall select a prioritized list
11 of interim topics to consider during the interim.
12 Management Council may assign additional topics to a joint
13 interim committee for study. Joint interim committees may
14 request the office to perform specific studies and services
15 that will incur additional costs for the interim committee
16 conditioned only upon receipt of prior approval of the
17 committee's request by the management council. ~~All~~
18 ~~priorities based upon limitation of time and appropriation~~
19 ~~of the office shall be established by the management~~
20 ~~council and followed by the interim committees and~~
21 ~~individual legislators.~~ Management council shall only limit
22 the number and scope of interim topics to be studied by an
23 interim committee based on the availability of funding and

1 staffing as determined by the management council. Removal
2 of any topic under these constraints shall start with those
3 topics assigned the lowest priority by the interim
4 committee and move sequentially to the next lowest
5 priority. Any specific study or service that is approved by
6 the management council, including bill drafting and
7 prefiling, shall be done under the supervision of the
8 appropriate interim committee or the individual legislator.
9 Any joint interim committee may request management council
10 approval for additional meeting days or an increase in the
11 committee's budget, which management council shall not
12 unreasonably deny. In addition to other authority granted
13 and limitations imposed by this subsection, management
14 council may:

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16 (i) Assign additional topics to a joint interim
17 committee;

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19 (ii) Reassign topics selected by a joint interim
20 committee to another joint interim committee or a select
21 committee pursuant to subsection (c) of this section;

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1 (iii) Combine one (1) or more topics to be
2 studied by a joint interim committee.

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4 (c) The management council shall have the right, when
5 a joint interim committee is not performing ~~its assigned an~~
6 approved study or when a special study is desired, to
7 ~~appoint~~ create or designate a select committee of not less
8 than three (3) members ~~without regard to its house or~~
9 ~~senate makeup~~ to carry out the duties of the interim
10 committee or the special study. The following shall apply
11 to any select committee created by management council under
12 this subsection:

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14 (i) The president of the senate and the speaker
15 of the house of representatives shall appoint the same
16 number of members from the respective chambers as that
17 membership number is determined by management council;

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19 (ii) A select committee appointed under this
20 subsection shall only operate during the interim for which
21 it was appointed and may only be continued by the passage
22 of a standalone bill. The management council may sponsor a

1 bill for the sole purpose of continuing a select committee
2 first appointed under this subsection;

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4 (iii) Management council shall not establish any
5 special or select committee to study a topic in the interim
6 that deals with the same or a materially same subject as
7 any bill that failed to pass either chamber in the
8 immediately preceding session;

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10 (iv) If a bill is drafted at the request of a
11 select committee that addresses a subject that is within
12 the purview of a materially similar subject studied by a
13 joint interim committee, the bill shall be referred to the
14 joint interim committee for sponsorship, notwithstanding
15 any provisions to the contrary.

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17 (d) Upon request by a joint interim committee, the
18 management council ~~shall have the right to~~ may fill any
19 vacancy or enlarge any committee to facilitate the
20 consideration of any interim topics or ~~assigned~~ approved
21 studies conducted during the interim.

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1 **Section 2.** The management council shall update and
2 revise any necessary policies and procedures to fulfill the
3 requirements of this act.

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5 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
6 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
7 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
8 Constitution.

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