

Bill No.: HB0207 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **21LSO-0635**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0067

Chapter No.: 112

Prime Sponsor: Haroldson

Catch Title: **Coal fired generation facility closures-litigation funding.**

Subject: Appropriating funds for litigation associated with laws inhibiting Wyoming's ability to export coal or operate coal-fired electric generation facilities.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act appropriates one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000.00) from the general fund to the Attorney General for purposes of pursuing litigation against other states (and other states' agencies) that enact and enforce laws that impermissibly impede Wyoming's ability to export coal or that cause the early retirement of coal-fired electric generation facilities.
- The act requires the Attorney General to report annually until 2030 to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee on the expenditure of any of the appropriated funds for litigation and the status of any litigation initiated or concluded using the appropriated funds and any recommendations for further legislation or funding that may be necessary.
- The act makes various legislative findings that note the importance and economic impact of coal in Wyoming and in the United States, the disproportionate impact other states' laws have had on Wyoming coal, and the need to consider litigation to protect Wyoming's economic interests.

Comments:

- The act requires the Attorney General to report to the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee annually until 2030 on the status of any funds expended and any litigation commenced or concluded using the funds appropriated in this act.

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