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Prime Sponsor: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development Interim Committee
Catch Title: Wyoming energy authority amendments.
Subject: Specifying the role and purposes of the Wyoming Energy Authority.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The Wyoming Energy Authority commenced on July 1, 2020 as the successor entity to the Wyoming Pipeline Authority and the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority. Among other things, the Energy Authority was created to diversify and expand Wyoming's economy through the production, development, and transmission of energy and natural resources.
- The act amends the purposes of the Energy Authority to include as a purpose the support of efforts to maintain and expand the rare-earth-minerals industry, the critical-materials industry, the trona industry, and other mineral industries in Wyoming.
- The act amends the definition of "energy project" to expressly include geothermal and pumped hydro-energy projects.
- The act clarifies that projects concerning rare-earth minerals, critical materials, and trona can utilize the current bonding capacity available through the Energy Authority.

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