



**HB0122**

**Wyoming rural health transformation program.**

Sponsored By: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to the federal rural health transformation program funds; establishing the Wyoming rural health transformation program; creating an advisory committee; creating a perpetuity fund; authorizing investments as specified; creating an expenditure account; continuously appropriating an annually required distribution; providing for governance, fiscal controls, accountability and reporting requirements; authorizing expenditures, initiatives, grants and awards; providing for deposits and appropriations; requiring rulemaking; directing studies; and providing for an effective date.

2/8/2026 Bill Number Assigned  
2/9/2026 H Received for Introduction  
2/10/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H02 - Appropriations 61-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Jarvis, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Nicholas, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

**Excused:** Representative Kelly

**Ayes** 61    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 1    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/12/2026 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 7-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft, Sherwood, Smith, S

**Ayes** 7    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/12/2026 H Placed on General File

**HB0122HS001/ADOPTED**

Page 24-line 8 Delete "program" and insert "programs authorized in W.S. 35-25-706". BEAR, CHAIRMAN

2/16/2026 H COW:Passed  
2/17/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed  
2/19/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 57-0-5-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, K, Chestek, Clouston, Connolly, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Fornstrom, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Knapp, Larsen, L, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Posey, Provenza, Riggins, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Sherwood, Singh, Smith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter, Wylie, Yin

**Excused:** Representative(s) Banks, Campbell, E, Jarvis, Kelly, Nicholas

**Ayes** 57    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 5    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/19/2026    S Received for Introduction  
2/23/2026    S Introduced and Referred to S02 - Appropriations  
2/25/2026    S02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 4-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Driskill, French, Gierau, Laursen

**Excused:** Senator Salazar

**Ayes** 4    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 1    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/25/2026    S Placed on General File  
2/26/2026    S COW:Passed  
2/27/2026    S 2nd Reading:Laid Back  
3/2/2026    S 2nd Reading:Passed  
3/3/2026    S 3rd Reading:Laid Back

**HB0122S3001/FAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 27-after line 12    Insert and renumber as necessary:

**"Section 5.**

(a) If needed to reach or implement an agreement with the federal government to enable Wyoming to receive federal rural health transformation funds, the governor may authorize deviations from the percentages, shares, allocations and distributions set forth in W.S. 35-25-702, 35-25-704, 35-25-706 and 35-25-707, as created by section 1 of this act, and section 4 of this act. The department of health shall, within thirty (30) days of any adjustment of percentages under this subsection, notify the legislative service office and the joint labor, health and social services interim committee of the adjustment.

(b) In authorizing deviations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the governor shall give special consideration to whether the proposed agreement with the federal government that makes the deviations necessary meaningfully aids Wyoming in addressing the long-term problems created by high fixed costs for health care related services.

(c) The governor may, and if an agreement with the federal government cannot be reached pursuant to this act, the governor shall, in consultation with the attorney general, cause a legal analysis to be performed that considers whether reimbursement for Medicare, Medicaid and other services paid by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services is illegally discriminatory against Wyoming providers. The analysis shall analyze any inadequate consideration given to Wyoming's high fixed costs due to Wyoming's low population and large distances and the impact of low case volumes on fixed costs. For private Wyoming providers, the analysis shall include consideration of whether the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services is behaving like a utility regulator but engaging in the illegal taking of private property by preventing providers from realizing an adequate recovery of costs and an adequate rate of return."

Page 27-line 14    Delete **"Section 5."** and insert **"Section 6."**. SCOTT

3/4/2026    S 3rd Reading:Passed 26-5-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Gierau, Hicks, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Love, Nethercott, Olsen, Pappas, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

**Nays:** Senator(s) Barlow, Hutchings, Ide, Mckeown, Pearson

**Ayes** 26    **Nays** 5    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

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