

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0295

Western states energy and environment symposium.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Simpson, Buchanan, Lubnau,
Meyer and Stubson and Senator(s) Bebout,
Burns, Coe and Schiffer

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the western states energy and
2 environment symposium; authorizing a western states energy
3 and environment symposium as specified; requiring the
4 University of Wyoming school of energy resources to develop
5 plans and funding for the symposium; authorizing
6 legislative participation in the planning as specified;
7 requiring a report; providing appropriations; and providing
8 for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.**

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14 (a) The University of Wyoming school of energy
15 resources, with the assistance of one (1) member of the
16 Wyoming house of representatives appointed by the speaker

1 of the house, one (1) member of the Wyoming senate
2 appointed by the president of the senate, one (1) member
3 representing the energy industry, and one (1) member
4 representing general business shall develop plans and
5 funding for a western states energy and environment
6 symposium to be held in the summer or fall of 2009. The
7 school of energy shall:

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9 (i) Establish a public/private partnership to
10 develop plans and funding for the western states energy and
11 environment symposium;

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13 (ii) Solicit private funding to supplement
14 public funding appropriated under this act for the western
15 states energy and environment symposium;

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17 (iii) Invite the following persons or
18 representatives to attend and participate in the western
19 states energy and environment symposium:

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21 (A) Legislators and executive branch
22 members from the governments of the thirteen (13) western
23 states that are members of the council of state
24 governments-west;

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(B) Experts from all key energy industries;

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(C) Experts from conservation,
environmental and other concerned interest groups;

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(D) Top experts in the field of energy
development, environment and economics;

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(E) State or regional chambers of commerce
and business roundtables;

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(F) Any other persons the school of energy
resources may determine have an interest in participating
in the western states energy and environment symposium,
including members of the general public.

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(iv) Solicit peer reviewed papers on energy
development and use, and environmental protection;

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(v) Solicit participation by national and
regional organizations and think tanks, including but not
limited to the national conference of state legislatures,

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1 council of state governments and national governors
2 association;

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4 (vi) Work to develop a cost/benefit economic
5 analysis assessing the challenges of energy development and
6 environmental protection within the intermountain states,
7 including an analysis of:

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9 (A) Renewable energy development and use;

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11 (B) Fossil fuel development and use;

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13 (C) Nuclear energy development, extraction
14 and use;

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16 (D) Carbon management and impacts on cost
17 of energy development and use;

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19 (E) Air quality in the context of energy
20 development and use;

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22 (F) Projected demands and costs of energy.

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1 (vii) Submit a report no later than October 31,
2 2009 to the legislatures, governors and congressional
3 delegations of participating states and to all participants
4 in the conference.

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6 (b) Legislative members assisting the school of
7 energy resources under subsection (a) of this section shall
8 receive salary and reimbursement for per diem and travel
9 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as
10 provided in W.S. 28-5-101.

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12 (c) The school of energy resources may contract with
13 consultants as necessary to facilitate the western states
14 energy and environment symposium and its purposes.

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16 (d) The western states energy and environment
17 symposium may be held within Wyoming or in any other state
18 that may be participating in the symposium.

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20 **Section 2.**

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22 (a) There is appropriated one hundred sixty thousand
23 dollars (\$160,000.00) from the general fund to the
24 University of Wyoming school of energy resources. This

1 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
2 effective date of this act and ending December 31, 2009.
3 This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose
4 of providing the staffing, technical support, including
5 contracting with consultants as necessary, and costs of
6 planning and conducting the western states energy and
7 environment symposium authorized under section 1 of this
8 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
9 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
10 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
11 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
12 by law on December 31, 2009.

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14 (b) There is appropriated ninety thousand dollars
15 (\$90,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
16 service office. This appropriation shall be for the period
17 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
18 December 31, 2009. Notwithstanding any other provision of
19 law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or
20 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
21 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
22 revert as provided by law on December 31, 2009. This
23 appropriation shall be used for:

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1 (i) Salary and per diem expenses of legislative
2 members appointed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
3 section for the performance of their duties under this act;

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5 (ii) Payment of the actual expenses of Wyoming
6 legislators who attend the western states energy and
7 environment symposium in the summer or fall of 2009.

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

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