ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. 0071

ENROLLED ACT NO. 6, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2002 SPECIAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming council for women's issues; placing the council for women's issues within the Wyoming business council as specified; transferring funds as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-601 and 9-2-602 are renumbered and amended as 9-12-501 and 9-12-502 to read:

ARTICLE 5 WYOMING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

9-2-601 9-12-501. Creation; areas of attention.

- (a) The Wyoming council for women's issues is created within the department of employment Wyoming business council. The council for women's issues shall focus attention on the status of women in Wyoming with emphasis on the following areas:
 - (i) Employment practices;
 - (ii) Educational opportunities;
 - (iii) Home and community;
 - (iv) Legal rights and responsibilities.
- (b) As used in this article, unless otherwise specified, "council" means the Wyoming council for women's issues.

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9-2-602 9-12-502. Membership; term; appointments; vacancies; removal; officers; acceptance of gifts and donations; expenses.

- Effective July 1, 2000, The council shall be composed of fourteen (14) members, each of whom shall serve for a term of six (6) years. The governor shall make the appointments and fill any vacancies for unexpired terms. The governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. The council shall be composed of one (1) woman from each of the judicial districts in the state, four (4) persons chosen at large and the director of the department of employment chief executive officer of the Wyoming business council or his designee who shall be an ex officio member. Not more than nine (9) members shall be from the same political party. Of the initial members appointed from each of the judicial districts, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years and three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years.
- (b) The council shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its members. The department of employment Wyoming business council may employ a secretary on a part-time basis to assist the council. The council may accept gifts and donations.
- (c) Members of the council shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- Section 2. The members of the Wyoming council for women's issues serving on the council before the effective date of this act shall continue to serve for the remainder of their term on and after the effective date of this act,

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except that on and after the effective date of this act, the chief executive officer of the Wyoming business council shall serve as ex officio member in lieu of the director of the department of employment. Any employee of the council for women's issues shall be transferred to the Wyoming business council.

Section 3. Any funds appropriated to the department of employment for the Wyoming council for women's issues shall be transferred to the Wyoming business council and expended as provided in this act.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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Speaker of the House	President of the Senate
Governor	
TIME APPROVED: DATE APPROVED:	
I hereby certify that this act orio	ginated in the House.
Chief Clerk	