

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0087

State treasurer investments.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to investment of state funds; requiring a
2 specified percentage of the investment to be in
3 agricultural related loans; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-4-701(e) (intro) is amended to read:

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10 **9-4-701. Permissible investments; treasurer's rules**
11 **and regulations.**

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13 (e) The limitation on legislatively designated
14 investments under W.S. 9-4-712 applies to this investment.
15 To assist Wyoming's small businesses, the state treasurer
16 may invest or commit to invest and keep invested an amount
17 not to exceed fifty-five million dollars (\$55,000,000.00)

1 of any state permanent funds available for investment,
2 excluding permanent funds allocated for joint powers loans,
3 farm and ranch loans, water development loans, or real
4 estate mortgages, through the purchase of portions of Small
5 Business Administration ~~loans, Farmers Home Administration~~
6 ~~business and industry loans and Economic Development~~
7 ~~Administration loans~~ loan guarantees, USDA - Farm Service
8 Agency loan guarantees and USDA Rural Development loan
9 guarantees. Of the amounts invested pursuant to this
10 subsection, not less than forty percent (40%) shall be
11 invested in loans made to agricultural producers. No new
12 investments pursuant to this subsection shall be made after
13 December 31, 2006. Investment by the state treasurer shall
14 be limited to the portion of the loan that is guaranteed by
15 the Small Business Administration, ~~Farmers Home~~
16 ~~Administration or Economic Development Administration~~ USDA
17 - Farm Service Agency or USDA Rural Development. Any
18 assignment of loans to the state treasurer under this
19 subsection shall provide that the Small Business
20 Administration loan participant, ~~Farmers Home~~
21 ~~Administration~~ USDA - Farm Service Agency loan participant
22 or ~~Economic Development Administration~~ USDA Rural
23 Development loan participant originating the loan and any
24 assignee thereof shall service the loan and make payments

1 of principal and interest to the state treasurer as
2 provided by rule, and in the event of default of the loan
3 or the terms of the loan, be responsible for the collection
4 of the debt. For the first five (5) years of the loan, the
5 interest rates contained in the loans shall be as
6 established by the state treasurer but not less than the
7 yield of the five (5) year federal treasury bond at the
8 date of commitment. Following the first five (5) years of
9 the loan, the interest rate shall be adjusted to the then
10 current interest rate required in the note and loan
11 agreements. The state treasurer shall promulgate rules and
12 regulations governing the investment of state funds under
13 this subsection including the following:

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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(END)