

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0071

Women's issues council.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Law and Senator(s) Coe

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming council for women's issues;
 2 placing the council for women's issues within the Wyoming
 3 business council as specified; and providing for an
 4 effective 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. 9-2-601 and 9-2-602 are renumbered
 9 and amended as 9-12-501 and 9-12-502 to read:

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ARTICLE 5

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WYOMING COUNCIL FOR WOMEN'S ISSUES

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

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(a) The Wyoming council for women's issues is created
 within the ~~department of employment~~ Wyoming business

1 council. The council for women's issues shall focus
2 attention on the status of women in Wyoming with emphasis
3 on the following areas:

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5 (i) Employment practices;

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7 (ii) Educational opportunities;

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9 (iii) Home and community;

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11 (iv) Legal rights and responsibilities.

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13 (b) As used in this article, unless otherwise
14 specified, "council" means the Wyoming council for women's
15 issues.

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17 ~~9-2-602~~ 9-12-502. **Membership; term; appointments;**
18 **vacancies; removal; officers; acceptance of gifts and**
19 **donations; expenses.**

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21 (a) ~~Effective July 1, 2000,~~ The council shall be
22 composed of fourteen (14) members, each of whom shall serve
23 for a term of six (6) years. The governor shall make the
24 appointments and fill any vacancies for unexpired terms.

1 The governor may remove any member as provided in W.S.
2 9-1-202. The council shall be composed of one (1) woman
3 from each of the judicial districts in the state, four (4)
4 persons chosen at large and the ~~director of the department~~
5 ~~of employment~~ chief executive officer of the Wyoming
6 business council or his designee who shall be an ex officio
7 member. Not more than nine (9) members shall be from the
8 same political party. Of the initial members appointed from
9 each of the judicial districts, three (3) members shall be
10 appointed for terms of two (2) years, three (3) members
11 shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years and three
12 (3) members shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years.

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14 (b) The council shall elect a chairman and
15 vice-chairman from its members. The ~~department of~~
16 ~~employment~~ Wyoming business council may employ a secretary
17 on a part-time basis to assist the council. The council may
18 accept gifts and donations.

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20 (c) Members of the council shall receive no
21 compensation but shall be reimbursed under W.S. 9-3-102 and
22 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
23 performance of their duties.

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1 **Section 2.** The members of the Wyoming council for
2 women's issues serving on the council before the effective
3 date of this act shall continue to serve for the remainder
4 of their term on and after the effective date of this act,
5 except that on and after the effective date of this act,
6 the chief executive officer of the Wyoming business council
7 shall serve as ex officio member in lieu of the director of
8 the department of employment. Any employee of the council
9 for women's issues shall be transferred to the Wyoming
10 business council.

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12 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2002.

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