

WORKING DRAFT

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Environmental health study.

Sponsored by: Joint labor, health and social services
interim committee.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care; authorizing a study of
2 environmental health risks and dangers confronting the
3 citizens of Wyoming; specifying duties of the department of
4 health in conducting the study; requiring the cooperation
5 of state agencies as specified; requiring reports and
6 recommendations; providing an appropriation; and providing
7 for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) The department of health shall conduct a study of
14 natural and man-made environmental threats to the public
15 health and safety of the citizens of Wyoming. The study

1 shall include a catalog of environmental health issues
2 currently identified, the state and federal agencies to
3 whom those issues are currently assigned, those
4 environmental health threats identified but not clearly
5 assigned to a particular state agency and those
6 environmental health issues that are reasonably expected to
7 become more significant public health threats in the
8 foreseeable future.

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10 (b) In conducting the study, the department of health
11 shall consult with and have the cooperation of the
12 department of agriculture, the department of environmental
13 quality and any other state agency as appropriate, and
14 shall consult with public and private stakeholders as
15 appropriate.

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17 (c) The department shall produce a comprehensive plan
18 to coordinate and clarify agency responsibility for
19 environmental health issues. The report of the study and
20 plan with recommendations for any initial legislation shall
21 be submitted to the joint labor, health and social services
22 interim committee by October 15, 2005.

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1 (d) The department may contract with a consultant to
2 act as facilitator of the study described in subsection (a)
3 of this section. The department shall widely disseminate
4 requests, including through electronic media, for the
5 active participation of private groups and organizations in
6 the development of the plan. Before submitting the final
7 plan to the joint labor, health and social services interim
8 committee, the department shall issue drafts of the plans
9 for public review and hold at least one (1) public meeting
10 in a central location in the state to receive public
11 comments on each plan.

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13 (e) In addition to the appropriation contained in
14 subsection (f) of this section, the department of health
15 may utilize existing resources and apply for any federal or
16 private grants that may be available to augment funding for
17 the study and plan required under this act.

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19 (f) There is appropriated from the general fund to
20 the department of health fifty thousand dollars
21 (\$50,000.00) to implement the purposes of this act.

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23 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
24 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

1 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
2 Constitution.

3 (END)