

SENATE FILE NO. SF0088

Reclamation & remediation study.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Mockler and Decaria

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to environmental quality; providing for a
2 study to be made of the reclamation and remediation of
3 lands within the state of Wyoming; providing an
4 appropriation; requiring a report; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The joint minerals, business and economic
12 development interim committee shall conduct a study to
13 consider all remediation and reclamation avenues available
14 through state and federal programs which address the
15 adverse effects from any mineral, industrial, agricultural
16 or domestic use of any land in this state. The department
17 of environmental quality, the Wyoming oil and gas

1 conservation commission and the state mining inspector
2 shall assist the committee in the study. In conducting the
3 study, the committee shall consider:

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5 (i) The analysis by the listed agencies of all
6 the current land remediation programs in effect including
7 the cost of such programs, their effectiveness and whether
8 any of the programs overlap with each other;

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10 (ii) The creation of a land trust fund as a
11 source of future revenue for the remediation of land damage
12 and consider:

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14 (A) Potential sources of revenue for the
15 fund;

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17 (B) The proper uses of the fund; and

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19 (C) How the fund should best be sustained to
20 ensure its continued viability.

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22 (b) The committee shall, with the assistance of the
23 agencies listed in subsection (a) of this section, report

1 to the legislature its findings, including any suggested
2 legislation.

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4 **Section 2.** There is appropriated twenty thousand
5 dollars (\$20,000.00) from the general fund to the
6 legislative service office for the purposes of this act.

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

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