

SENATE FILE NO. SF0086

Insurance and tort reform study.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Goodenough, Caller, Job, Mockler and Vasey and Representative(s) Gentile, Hastert and Robinson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to insurance; creating a joint legislative
2 executive committee to study insurance reform and
3 alternatives to tort reform; providing an appropriation;
4 providing for a report; and providing for an effective
5 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) There is created a joint legislative executive
12 committee to study issues relating to insurance reform and
13 alternatives to tort reform. The committee shall consist
14 of:

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1 (i) Five (5) members from the house of
2 representatives, with not more than three (3) members from
3 the same political party. The members shall be appointed by
4 the speaker of the house, who shall also appoint a
5 cochairman of the committee;

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7 (ii) Five (5) members from the senate, with not
8 more than three (3) members from the same political party.
9 The members shall be appointed by the president of the
10 senate, who shall also appoint a cochairman of the
11 committee;

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13 (iii) The governor or his designee.

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15 (b) The committee shall study issues specified in
16 this subsection relating to insurance and tort reform. The
17 insurance department and any state agency shall provide
18 information and other support to the committee as
19 requested. The legislative service office shall staff the
20 committee. The committee shall report to the management
21 council its findings, including any recommendations for
22 statutory changes. The report shall be provided not later
23 than November 1, 2004. The committee shall study:

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1 (i) Self insurance pools;

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3 (ii) Reinsurance issues;

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5 (iii) Subsidies for doctors in health care
6 crisis areas;

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8 (iv) The necessity for additional power for the
9 insurance commissioner;

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11 (v) Any other issues the committee deems
12 appropriate and necessary for this study.

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14 (c) The committee shall have the ability to contract
15 for consultants or administrative services as required to
16 aid in preparation of the report.

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18 (d) There is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the legislative service office fifty thousand dollars
20 (\$50,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary for
21 purposes of this act.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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