

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0329

Executive training institute/graduate school of business.

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Senator(s) Coe and Larson

## A BILL

## For

1 AN ACT relating to education; providing for a feasibility  
2 study, planning and siting of an executive training,  
3 conference and institutes center; providing for the  
4 potential development of a graduate school; establishing a  
5 joint legislative/executive oversight committee and a  
6 steering committee; providing an appropriation; providing  
7 for reports; specifying legislative intent; and providing  
8 for an effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.**

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14 (a) There is established a joint legislative/executive  
15 oversight committee consisting of the members of the state  
16 building commission or their designees, the president of the

1 senate, speaker of the house of representatives, the  
2 chairmen of the house and senate education committees or  
3 their designees, a member of the senate appointed by the  
4 president of the senate and a member of the house appointed  
5 by the speaker of the house. The president of the senate  
6 and speaker of the house shall be co-chairmen of the joint  
7 legislative/executive oversight committee. The president of  
8 the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming and the  
9 president of the University of Wyoming shall serve as ex  
10 officio members of the joint legislative/executive  
11 committee, but shall not vote. There is created a steering  
12 committee. The steering committee shall consist of the  
13 following members:

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15 (i) The dean of the college of business at the  
16 University of Wyoming, who shall serve as chair;

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18 (ii) The dean of the outreach school at the  
19 University of Wyoming;

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21 (iii) A member of the advisory board to the  
22 University of Wyoming's college of business appointed by the  
23 chairman of the board;

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1           (iv) The chairman of the board of the University  
2 of Wyoming foundation or his designee;

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4           (v) The cochairman of the Wyoming business  
5 council selected by the council, or his designee;

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7           (vi) Five (5) members appointed by the joint  
8 legislative/executive oversight committee with distinguished  
9 credentials and experience in business or academics.

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11           (b) The University of Wyoming is authorized to expend  
12 funds appropriated under subsection 3(a) of this act for all  
13 expenses, including travel and consultants, reasonable and  
14 necessary for the steering committee to provide its report  
15 to the joint legislative/executive oversight committee  
16 required under subsection (c) of this section. The steering  
17 committee shall:

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19           (i) Develop a plan for the content of the  
20 executive training program, which shall include the mission,  
21 academic program, financial plan and executive campus design  
22 with state of the art technology;

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1           (ii) Identify and pursue opportunities to  
2 establish relationships with other nationally recognized  
3 business schools for the operation of the executive  
4 training, conference and institutes center;

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6           (iii) Develop a business plan for determining  
7 the appropriate executive training tuition levels, with the  
8 ability to offer reduced tuition to Wyoming business  
9 professionals;

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11           (iv) Develop criteria, costs and options,  
12 including evaluation of existing facilities, for an  
13 appropriate site of the executive training center and the  
14 premier graduate school of business. Site options shall be  
15 developed with consultation with the board of county  
16 commissioners of Teton County, the council of the city of  
17 Jackson and public input from Teton County;

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19           (v) Determine the need for building and other  
20 facilities, including faculty and student housing, to  
21 implement the plans for the center and graduate school. In  
22 consultation with the construction management section of the  
23 department of administration and information, the University  
24 of Wyoming's facilities planning office and offices of

1 conferences shall assist the steering committee in  
2 developing the building and facility needs under this  
3 paragraph;

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5 (vi) Develop a preliminary plan for the content  
6 of the graduate school educational program, which may  
7 include areas of concentration in environment and natural  
8 resources and entrepreneurship as components of business  
9 development and management strategies;

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11 (vii) Develop a preliminary graduate school  
12 tuition plan for determining appropriate tuition levels,  
13 with the ability to provide slots for University of Wyoming  
14 graduates at a reduced tuition rate;

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16 (viii) Develop a proposed budget for implementing  
17 its recommendations and identify funding sources;

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19 (ix) After developing the plans and budget  
20 specified under paragraphs (i) through (viii) of this  
21 subsection, hold not less than five (5) public hearings at  
22 regionally dispersed locations throughout the state, to  
23 receive public comments and recommendations with respect to  
24 those plans and the proposed budget.

1           (c) The steering committee shall report its plan for  
2 the executive training, conference and institutes center and  
3 its plans for the graduate school of business to the joint  
4 committee no later than October 1, 2005. If recommended by  
5 the steering committee, the oversight and steering  
6 committees shall evaluate and recommend an appropriate site  
7 in Teton County, Wyoming, suitable to construct and operate  
8 an executive training, conference and institutes center in  
9 preparation for the establishment of a premier graduate  
10 school of business.

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12           (d) The joint committee shall submit the plan together  
13 with any recommendations for additional legislation  
14 necessary to implement the plan, including building,  
15 facilities and staffing needs, to the legislature not later  
16 than December 1, 2005.

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18           **Section 2.** The natural beauty, cultural and lifestyle  
19 amenities of Teton County and its resident business leaders  
20 make it the ideal location for a premier, internationally  
21 recognized graduate school of business and executive  
22 training center. Wyoming's mineral resources have provided  
23 the financial resources to invest in the development of  
24 business leadership for Wyoming's future. The University of

1 Wyoming has nationally recognized strengths in natural  
2 resources and strong undergraduate, graduate and distance  
3 learning programs in business. It is the intent of the  
4 legislature to take advantage of the opportunity provided by  
5 the unique features of a Teton County location, the strength  
6 of the University of Wyoming's existing programs and the  
7 availability of the state financial resources to make a  
8 significant new investment in higher education. This  
9 investment will provide an extraordinary opportunity for  
10 Wyoming students and business executives, and students and  
11 business executives around the world, to pursue executive  
12 training and graduate education through the University of  
13 Wyoming.

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15 **Section 3.**

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17 (a) There is appropriated from the general fund one  
18 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the  
19 steering committee for the purpose of this act. This  
20 appropriation may be expended for:

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22 (i) Procuring the services of one (1) or more  
23 consultants with extensive knowledge and experience in the  
24 academic and business fields;

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(ii) The expenses incurred by the University of Wyoming, subject to the approval of the steering committee, and the travel expenses of the members of the joint committee, steering committee and designated academic team necessary for the preparation of the report to the joint committee.

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9 (b) Any unencumbered, unexpended and unobligated  
10 amounts appropriated under this section shall revert on  
11 June 30, 2006, to the general fund.

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

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