

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0271

Public shooting ranges funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hinckley, Diercks, Luthi,  
Morgan and Samuelson and Senator(s) Jennings

## A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public shooting ranges; providing for  
2 awarding of grants for development of public shooting range  
3 facilities and programs as specified; providing for an  
4 advisory board; providing for rules and regulations;  
5 providing initial appropriations and for the continuous  
6 appropriation of funds; and providing for an effective  
7 date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 23-1-1001 through 23-1-1007 are  
12 created to read:

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## ARTICLE 10

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## PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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1           **23-1-1001. Definitions.**

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3           (a) As used in this article:

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5                   (i) "Board" means the Wyoming public shooting  
6 range development advisory board created by W.S. 23-1-1003;

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8                   (ii) "Public shooting program" means a program  
9 conducted at a public shooting range which increases the  
10 public appreciation, enjoyment or development of skills in  
11 shooting disciplines;

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13                   (iii) "Public shooting range" means a shooting  
14 range that is available and accessible to the general  
15 public at least fifty percent (50%) of the time that it is  
16 open for use. If a facility is owned, managed and operated  
17 by a nongovernmental organization, the facility shall  
18 provide unlimited public memberships or day use fees at a  
19 reasonable rate as determined by the commission to qualify  
20 as a public shooting range under this article;

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22                   (iv) "Shooting range" means an indoor or outdoor  
23 facility for shooting disciplines including trap, skeet and  
24 sporting clays, facilities for practice firing of air gun,

1 rim fire, center fire, small bore and large bore rifles,  
2 pistols or handguns, black powder firearms or facilities  
3 for practice firing of archery equipment.

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5 **23-1-1002. Powers and duties; rules and regulations;**  
6 **funds and grant awards; development of public shooting**  
7 **facilities and programs.**

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9 (a) The commission shall:

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11 (i) Adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
12 implement this article;

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14 (ii) Receive and disburse funds authorized by  
15 this article, including funds appropriated by the  
16 legislature, or from private gifts or grants to be used for  
17 purposes of this article;

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19 (iii) Ensure that any grant award and any  
20 disbursement of grant funds are utilized in accordance with  
21 this article;

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23 (iv) Upon request from a public shooting range  
24 facility or local government, assist in the planning and

1 development of public shooting range facilities and  
2 programs;

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4 (v) Assist in the planning and development of  
5 programs to educate the public on the shooting disciplines.

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7 **23-1-1003. Wyoming shooting range development**  
8 **advisory board created.**

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10 There is created the Wyoming shooting range development  
11 advisory board. The board shall advise the commission in  
12 determining the award of grants under W.S. 23-1-1007.

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14 **23-1-1004. Wyoming shooting range development**  
15 **advisory board; members; expenses.**

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17 (a) The Wyoming shooting range development advisory  
18 board shall consist of five (5) members, as follows:

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20 (i) The director of the department or his  
21 designee;

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23 (ii) The hunter education coordinator with the  
24 department;

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2 (iii) One (1) member of the commission or his  
3 designee;

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5 (iv) Two (2) members of the shooting sports  
6 community appointed by the governor.

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8 (b) The terms of members appointed under paragraph  
9 (a)(iv) of this section shall be for four (4) years. Of  
10 the initial appointees under paragraph (a)(iv) of this  
11 section, one (1) member shall be appointed for two (2)  
12 years and one (1) member shall be appointed for four (4)  
13 years. The governor may remove any member appointed under  
14 paragraph (a)(iv) of this section as provided in W.S.  
15 9-1-202. A vacancy on the board shall be filled for the  
16 balance of the unexpired term. The board shall select one  
17 (1) of its members to serve as chairman.

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19 (c) The board shall meet not less than two (2) times  
20 each year. Members shall serve without compensation but  
21 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the  
22 performance of their official duties in the manner and  
23 amounts provided by law for state employees. Members who  
24 are government employees or public officials shall be

1 considered on official business of their agency when  
2 performing duties as members of the board.

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4 **23-1-1005. Board; duties and responsibilities.**

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6 (a) The Wyoming shooting range development advisory  
7 board shall:

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9 (i) Review innovative program grants and grant  
10 proposals for the development of new public shooting range  
11 facilities and the expansion of existing public shooting  
12 range facilities;

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14 (ii) Advise the commission on criteria for grant  
15 categories and grant applications, which shall be  
16 implemented through rules and regulations promulgated by  
17 the commission to meet the following public purposes:

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19 (A) To meet the demands of Wyoming's  
20 shooting sports population for public shooting range  
21 facilities;

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23 (B) To enhance the availability of public  
24 shooting programs;

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(C) To be cost effective in the provision of public shooting range facilities and programs; and

(D) To increase public access, including access for persons with disabilities to public shooting range facilities.

(iii) Consult with and advise the commission on the awarding of grants pursuant to W.S. 23-1-1007;

(iv) Consult with and advise the commission in the promulgation of reasonable rules and regulations in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act to implement the provisions of this article; and

(v) Consider other necessary matters.

**23-1-1006. Wyoming shooting range development account; establishment of account; use of funds.**

(a) A separate account is established which shall be referred to as the Wyoming public shooting range development account. The account shall consist of those

1 funds designated to the account by law and other  
2 contributions, grants, gifts, bequests and donations to the  
3 account.

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5 (b) The funds deposited in the Wyoming public  
6 shooting range development account are continuously  
7 appropriated to and shall be administered by the commission  
8 with the advice and counsel of the Wyoming public shooting  
9 range development advisory board to fund grants in  
10 accordance with W.S. 23-1-1007 and to pay expenses of the  
11 board authorized under W.S. 23-1-1004(c).

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13 **23-1-1007. Disbursement of grants.**

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15 (a) From the funds available for distribution, the  
16 board may advise the commission on the awarding of grants  
17 and the commission may award grants to public shooting  
18 range facilities throughout the state to support the  
19 purposes specified in W.S. 23-1-1005(a)(ii), in accordance  
20 with rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.

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22 (b) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-4-207, unobligated or  
23 unencumbered funds retained by the commission under this  
24 section shall not lapse at the end of a fiscal period and



1 shall remain available for distribution as provided in this  
2 section.

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4 **Section 2.** W.S. 23-1-302(a) by creating new  
5 paragraphs (xxx) and (xxxi) is amended to read:

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7 **23-1-302. Powers and duties.**

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9 (a) The commission is directed and empowered:

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11 (xxx) To promulgate rules and regulations in  
12 consultation with the Wyoming public shooting range  
13 development advisory board created under W.S. 23-1-1003, to  
14 establish a formula for distribution of funds available for  
15 distribution under W.S. 23-1-1007;

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17 (xxxi) To maintain, manage and be responsible  
18 for the awarding of grants and distribution of the funds  
19 appropriated for distribution under W.S. 23-1-1007.

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21 **Section 3.**

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23 (a) There is appropriated four million three hundred  
24 eighty thousand dollars (\$4,380,000.00) for the fiscal year

1 commencing July 1, 2005 and one million five hundred eighty  
2 thousand dollars (\$1,580,000.00) for the fiscal year  
3 commencing July 1, 2006 from the general fund to the  
4 Wyoming public shooting range development account  
5 established pursuant to W.S. 23-1-1006.

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7 (b) Of the monies deposited in the account, eighty  
8 thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) each fiscal year may be used  
9 by the Wyoming game and fish commission to promote public  
10 awareness of the availability of grants from the account  
11 and to administer and monitor the development of new and  
12 existing public shooting range facilities and programs.

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14 (c) By September 1, 2005, and annually thereafter,  
15 the commission shall provide a report to the joint travel,  
16 recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim  
17 committee specifying a detailed list of the projects funded  
18 and the amount provided for each project from the account.

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1       **Section 4.**   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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