

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0296

Low income energy assistance program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Reese, Bucholz, Goggles,
Harshman, Hastert, Luthi, Pedersen,
Robinson, Thompson, Warren and Zwonitzer and
Senator(s) Decaria, Johnson, Massie,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to low income energy assistance; specifying
2 eligibility; providing an appropriation; and providing for
3 an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1. Appropriation.**

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9 (a) For the remainder of the fiscal biennium, ending
10 July 1, 2006, there is appropriated from the general fund
11 to the department of family services one million five
12 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) for the low income
13 energy assistance program. This appropriation shall be
14 used to fund this program at a level of two hundred fifty
15 percent (250%) of the federal poverty level. All available

1 federal funds allocated for the program shall be expended
2 first. After all federal funds have been expended, the
3 department may expend the appropriation from the state
4 general fund to the extent necessary to provide the
5 assistance authorized by this act. Any unobligated,
6 unexpended funds remaining on June 30, 2006 shall revert to
7 the budget reserve account.

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9 (b) The department of family services shall include a
10 request for funds in the 2007-2008 standard budget request
11 to continue with funding for the low income energy
12 assistance program at a level of two hundred fifty percent
13 (250%) of the federal poverty level.

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

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20 (END)