

SENATE FILE NO. SF0033

Bio-security laboratory task force.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Geis and Representative(s) Brown
and Hageman

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the department of agriculture; creating
2 a task force to study bio-security laboratory issues, needs
3 and coordination in Wyoming and among various state and
4 federal agencies; requiring a report; providing an
5 appropriation; and providing for an 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) There is created an executive task force to study
12 Wyoming bio-security laboratory issues and coordination
13 between Wyoming and other state and federal agencies.

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15 (b) The task force shall be comprised of:

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1 (i) The governor, or his designee;

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3 (ii) The director of the Wyoming department of
4 agriculture, who shall be the chairman of the task force;

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6 (iii) A representative of the Wyoming board of
7 agriculture, appointed by the chairman of the Wyoming board
8 of agriculture;

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10 (iv) A representative of the Wyoming department
11 of game and fish, appointed by the director of the Wyoming
12 department of game and fish;

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14 (v) A representative of the Wyoming livestock
15 board, appointed by the chairman of the Wyoming livestock
16 board;

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18 (vi) A representative of the Wyoming department
19 of environmental quality, appointed by the director of the
20 Wyoming department of environmental quality;

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22 (vii) A representative of the Wyoming department
23 of health, appointed by the director of the Wyoming
24 department of health;

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2 (viii) A representative of the Wyoming office of
3 homeland security, appointed by the director of the Wyoming
4 office of homeland security; and

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6 (ix) A representative of the University of
7 Wyoming, appointed by the president of the University of
8 Wyoming.

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10 (c) The task force shall:

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12 (i) Consult with the United States department of
13 agriculture/agriculture research service arthropod-borne
14 animal diseases research laboratory;

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16 (ii) Familiarize itself with the various
17 governmental jurisdictions, regulations and homeland
18 security requirements of a bio-security laboratory;

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20 (iii) Conduct a comprehensive review of other
21 state and federal collaborative bio-security laboratories
22 to determine structural and fiscal potentials or
23 constraints;

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1 (iv) Consider current limitations of other state
2 bio-security laboratories, overlapping uses, possible
3 jurisdictional gaps and requisite autonomies of each bio-
4 security laboratory;

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6 (v) Consider advantages of collaborative uses of
7 joint structures.

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9 (d) The task force may contract with a consultant to
10 assist in the facilitation of the task force duties and may
11 consult with any other state, local or federal agencies,
12 public or private stakeholders as the task force deems
13 appropriate.

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15 (e) The task force shall disseminate requests,
16 including through electronic media, for the active
17 participation of private groups and organizations in the
18 study.

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20 (f) No later than September 1, 2006, the task force
21 shall submit a report to the joint agriculture, public
22 lands and water resources interim committee. The report
23 shall detail the task force's findings, recommend any
24 preferable alternatives and recommend any statutory changes

1 that may be required to implement the task force's final
2 recommendations.

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4 (g) Staff support for the task force shall be
5 provided by the Wyoming department of agriculture and by
6 any state agency upon request.

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8 (h) In addition to the appropriation contained in
9 section 2 of this act, the Wyoming department of
10 agriculture may utilize existing resources and apply for
11 any federal or private grants that may be available to
12 augment funding for the task force study and report
13 required under this act.

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15 (j) This act shall terminate April 1, 2007.

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17 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
18 fund to the Wyoming department of agriculture one hundred
19 thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to fund interim meetings and
20 activities of the task force and to contract with
21 appropriate professionals as necessary to complete the
22 duties assigned to the task force in section 1 of this act.

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1 **Section 3.** 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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