

SENATE FILE NO. SF0136

Transportation funding task force.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Barrasso and Von Flatern and
Representative(s) Edwards and Hammons

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to transportation; creating a joint
2 legislative-executive task force to review issues related
3 to long term funding for highway construction and
4 maintenance; specifying membership and duties of the task
5 force; specifying scope of the review; requiring a report;
6 providing appropriations; 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.**

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13 (a) There is created a transportation funding task
14 force consisting of thirteen (13) members, including:

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1 (i) The director of the department of
2 transportation;

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4 (ii) The chairman of the transportation
5 commission;

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7 (iii) The state treasurer;

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9 (iv) Six (6) members appointed by the governor,
10 as follows:

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12 (A) Three (3) members from the highway
13 construction industry;

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15 (B) One (1) member from the hospitality
16 industry;

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18 (C) One (1) member from the oil and gas
19 industry;

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21 (D) One (1) member from the mining
22 industry.

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1 (v) Four (4) members of the legislature,
2 including the chairs of the house and senate
3 transportation, highway and military affairs committees,
4 one (1) senator appointed by the president of the senate
5 and one (1) representative appointed by the speaker of the
6 house.

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8 (b) Members of the task force shall select a chairman
9 and a vice chairman.

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11 (c) The task force shall meet at the call of the
12 chairman and shall convene its first meeting no later than
13 May 1, 2007. The task force shall review and evaluate
14 current and long term funding methods for state highway
15 construction and maintenance.

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17 (d) The task force shall issue a final report to the
18 governor and joint appropriations interim committee no
19 later than June 1, 2008, which shall include:

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21 (i) A summary of current highway funding and a
22 review of state and federal statutes and regulations
23 related to highway funding;

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1 (ii) Options and recommendations for the
2 department of transportation to enhance the effectiveness
3 of current highway funding;

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5 (iii) Options and recommendations to increase
6 highway funding using current or new sources of revenue.

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8 (e) The task force shall be staffed by the governor's
9 office. The task force may contract for administrative and
10 research services to aid in preparation of the task force
11 report.

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13 (f) The task force shall exist until March 15, 2009.

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15 (g) Members of the task force shall be paid as
16 follows:

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18 (i) Legislative members of the committee shall
19 be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as provided in
20 W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the
21 committee;

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23 (ii) State employees serving on the task force
24 shall receive no additional compensation for serving on the

1 task force, but shall be paid as provided in W.S. 9-3-102
2 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses incurred for
3 their official duties as members of the task force;

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5 (iii) All other members of the task force shall
6 not receive a salary but shall be paid as provided in W.S.
7 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for travel and per diem expenses
8 incurred for their official duties as members of the task
9 force.

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11 **Section 2.**

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13 (a) There is appropriated from the general fund to
14 the governor's office two hundred forty thousand dollars
15 (\$240,000.00), effective immediately, for purposes of this
16 act.

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18 (b) There is appropriated from the general fund to
19 the legislative service office ten thousand dollars
20 (\$10,000.00), effective immediately, to the legislative
21 service office to fund the salaries, per diem and travel
22 expenses of the state legislative members of the task force
23 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

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1 (c) Any unexpended or unobligated funds from the
2 appropriations in this section remaining at the end of the
3 biennium on June 30, 2008 shall not lapse and shall not
4 revert as provided in W.S. 9-4-207. Any unencumbered,
5 unexpended and unobligated amounts appropriated under this
6 section shall revert to the general fund on June 30, 2009.

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

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