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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Wyoming livestock health and emergency disease program.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands
and Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to livestock; providing for a livestock
2 health and emergency disease response program; authorizing
3 positions; providing appropriations; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-18-103(a)(v), (vii) and by
9 creating new paragraphs (viii) and (ix) is amended to read:

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11 **11-18-103. Livestock board; powers generally.**

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1 (a) In addition to powers and duties hereinafter
2 provided, the Wyoming livestock board shall:

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4 (v) Promulgate and enforce rules, regulations
5 and orders it deems necessary for the importation of
6 domestic animals, excluding those animals covered in W.S.
7 23-3-301(a), recording and inspection of livestock brands,
8 inspection, testing, brucellosis vaccination or
9 quarantining of any livestock including brucellosis
10 vaccination requirements for resident cattle and cattle
11 imported into Wyoming and to develop, implement and
12 maintain a livestock health and emergency disease response
13 program, including prevention, surveillance and
14 investigation of livestock diseases through naturally
15 occurring events or acts of agroterrorism. "Agroterrorism"
16 for the purpose of this section means an intentional
17 release of a biological or chemical agent that causes
18 disease to livestock or crops or renders the food products
19 of livestock or crops unsafe for human consumption;

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21 (vii) Designate an agency to act as its
22 representative as provided by W.S. 11-20-201, recorded in

1 its minutes, and transmit the name of the agency to the
2 auditor and treasurer of Wyoming;~~;~~

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4 (viii) Develop and maintain a comprehensive
5 livestock health and emergency disease response program for
6 reportable diseases as identified in W.S. 11-19-102;

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8 (ix) Promote the prevention, surveillance,
9 investigation and elimination of diseases of concern and
10 the protection of the overall health of Wyoming livestock
11 by maintaining science based import regulations and
12 quarantines and providing instruction to the ports of
13 entry, veterinarians and law enforcement.

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15 **Section 2.**

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17 (a) There is appropriated two million dollars
18 (\$2,000,000) from the general fund to the Wyoming livestock
19 board as follows:

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21 (i) Four hundred twenty thousand dollars
22 (\$420,000.00) for three (3) full-time positions for field
23 veterinary medical officers at one hundred forty thousand

1 dollars (\$140,000.00) each for salary and benefits. These
2 positions and to assist the state veterinarian in animal
3 trace back, risk assessment, epidemiology, affected area
4 owners, and science based decisions;

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6 (ii) Three hundred thousand dollars
7 (\$300,000.00) for three (3) additional full-time positions
8 for animal health movement enforcement officers at one
9 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each for salary and
10 benefits. These positions are to enforce animal health
11 regulations, control animal movements, instruct producers
12 on proper animal care, handling, and disposal and to train
13 Wyoming peace officers on livestock laws, rules and
14 regulations;

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16 (iii) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for
17 the vehicles, field office support and expenses for the
18 additional positions authorized in this act;

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20 (iv) Three hundred sixty thousand dollars
21 (\$360,000.00) for salary and benefits as follows:

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1 (A) One hundred eighty thousand dollars
2 (\$180,000.00) for two (2) additional full-time positions
3 for livestock health employees. These positions are to
4 coordinate animal quarantine, livestock movement
5 permitting, training the ports of entry officers and
6 provide input to the state veterinarian on rules and
7 regulations;

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9 (B) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00)
10 for one (1) additional full-time position for an
11 information technology specialist in Cheyenne to maintain
12 at least sixty (60) computers throughout the state for the
13 essential trace back and ownership for the livestock health
14 and emergency disease response program; and

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16 (C) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00)
17 for one (1) additional full-time position for a livestock
18 health administrative staff for the Riverton office to
19 assist the assistant state veterinarian, coordinate herd
20 plans and to provide field assistance to the assistant
21 state veterinarian.

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1 (v) Twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00)
2 for the maintenance of the Riverton office to include space
3 rental, utilities and maintenance;

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5 (vi) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to
6 initiate and maintain a Wyoming animal identification
7 system and health and disease trace back program including
8 identification tags, database management and a tracking
9 system. The database and tracking system shall be designed
10 for a forty-eight (48) hour animal trace back of a disease
11 and to market Wyoming livestock with country of origin
12 labeling;

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14 (vii) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00)
15 for training and support of programs for law enforcement
16 officers, livestock inspectors, private veterinarians,
17 auction markets, dealers, government officials and the
18 public for activities that benefit the food safety program
19 for the Wyoming public;

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21 (viii) One hundred fifty thousand dollars
22 (\$150,000.00) for a fully functional and integrated

1 computerized Wyoming animal identification system and
2 health and disease trace back program;

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4 (ix) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
5 training and support for port of entry personnel and law
6 enforcement officers on animal identification and animal
7 health import requirements;

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9 (x) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
10 (\$125,000.00) for research of livestock diseases or closely
11 related activities. This research shall closely coordinate
12 with livestock and wildlife disease partnership. Priority
13 shall be given to projects that have the greatest match;

14 [Staff Note: The match requirement needs to be expanded
15 and defined. Is it a match that generates the greatest
16 amount or a percentage of matching funds from non-state
17 sources? Is there a limit or parameters on the research or
18 is it open ended and wide open?]

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20 (xi) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for
21 outside support from the Wyoming geologic information
22 science center for collaborative efforts with other states.
23 The collaborative efforts shall include work to establish

1 migration patterns, calving grounds, feeding grounds,
2 livestock movements and livestock market areas;

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4 (xii) Two hundred forty-five thousand dollars
5 (\$245,000.00) for a livestock indemnity and emergency
6 reserve account. Spending from this account would require
7 full approval of the Governor and state veterinarian before
8 being used.

9 [Staff Note: This sounds like a new program. If so, it
10 needs more direction and should be in statute.]

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12 (b) The appropriations under subsection (a) of this
13 section shall be for the period beginning with the
14 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2010. These
15 appropriations shall only be expended for the purpose of
16 developing and maintaining a livestock health and emergency
17 disease response program as set forth in this act.
18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, these
19 appropriations shall not be transferred or expended for any
20 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
21 remaining from these appropriations shall revert as
22 provided by law on June 30, 2010.

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1 (c) Four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the
2 general fund shall be included in the Wyoming livestock
3 board's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget request for the
4 purposes identified in this act.

5 **[Staff Note: Are all 6 positions to be included in the**
6 **next standard budget?]**

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8 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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