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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Clean coal task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the clean coal task force; extending the
2 existence of the clean coal task force as specified;
3 requiring annual reports; authorizing funding of proposals
4 from appropriations from abandoned mine land funds as
5 specified; reappropriating funds to be used for clean coal
6 research; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
7 effective 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. 21-17-121 is created to read:

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1 (a) The clean coal research task force created
2 pursuant to 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
3 2 shall exist until June 30, 2013. . The task force shall
4 consist of the members of the Wyoming energy resources
5 council created pursuant to W.S. 21-17-117(e), or their
6 designees.

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8 (b) The task force shall meet at the call of the
9 chairman. The task force shall issue requests for
10 proposals for research projects into clean coal
11 technologies. The task force shall review and evaluate
12 proposals for research into clean coal technologies,
13 subject to the following:

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15 (i) Proposals may be received from academic
16 institutions and private industry proponents;

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18 (ii) Proposals shall be evaluated competitively
19 on their probable benefits to the state of Wyoming and coal
20 programs within this state;

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1 (iii) Proposals shall enhance and improve clean
2 coal technologies with an emphasis on methods of combusting
3 sub-bituminous coal at high altitudes.

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5 (c) The task force shall issue a report to the
6 governor and the joint minerals, business and economic
7 development interim committee annually, no later than
8 September 30, including, but not limited to,
9 recommendations regarding funding specific proposals for
10 research into clean coal technologies in Wyoming.

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12 (d) The task force shall be staffed by the governor's
13 office with support from the University of Wyoming school
14 of energy resources. The task force may contract for
15 administrative and research services to aid in preparation
16 of the task force report.

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18 (e) Members of the task force who are not legislators
19 shall not receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement
20 for necessary travel and per diem expenses in the manner
21 and amount provided for state employees under W.S. 9-3-102
22 and 9-3-103. Members of the task force who are legislators
23 shall be paid salary, per diem and travel expenses as

1 provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as
2 members of the task force.

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4 (f) The clean coal task force may award funding
5 appropriated from abandoned mine land funds to proposals
6 for clean coal after submitting the task force's
7 recommendations to the joint minerals, business and
8 economic development interim committee for review and
9 comment.

10 [Staff Note: This may change as a result of the federal
11 rule published June 20, 2008. Are these funds appropriated
12 generically and not for a specific project?]

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14 **Section 2.** W.S. 39-14-802(b) is amended to read:

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16 **39-14-802. Clean coal research account created; funds**
17 **deposited; use of funds.**

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19 (b) Deposits into the account created by subsection
20 (a) of this section shall only be expended upon
21 appropriation by the legislature. Funds deposited in the
22 account shall not be expended until a dollar for dollar
23 match has been provided from nonstate funds.

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2 **Section 3.** 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,

3 Section 320(a)(vii) is amended to read:

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5 **Section 320.**

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7 (a) No application to the federal office of
8 surface mining for grants from the state of
9 Wyoming's share of abandoned mine land funds from
10 the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act
11 Amendments of 2006, Section 411(h)(i), pursuant
12 to 2007 H.R. 6111, shall be made except as
13 expressly authorized by the legislature. The
14 legislature authorizes the department of
15 environmental quality to submit grant
16 applications to the federal office of surface
17 mining for distribution of a portion of such
18 funds for the period ending June 30, 2009, for
19 the following projects:

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21 (vii) Three million eight hundred
22 thousand dollars (\$3,800,000.00) for clean coal
23 technology research to be deposited into the

1 account created under W.S. 39-14-802 to be
2 expended pursuant to ~~2007 Wyoming Session Laws,~~
3 ~~Chapter 186, Section 2(f) as created in Section~~
4 ~~325 of this act~~ W.S. 21-17-121(f) and as
5 restricted by W.S. 39-14-802(b) for the purpose
6 of clean coal technology research.
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8 **Section 4.** 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186,
9 Sections 2 and 3 and 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,
10 Section 325(b), Section 3(b) are repealed.

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12 **Section 5.**

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14 (a) Any funds remaining from the appropriation
15 provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
16 3(b), as amended by 2008 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 48,
17 Section 325(b) are hereby reappropriated to the account
18 created under W.S. 39-14-802 for the purpose of clean coal
19 technology research. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008 or
20 9-4-207, unexpended funds shall not revert on June 30,
21 2010.

22 [Staff Note: Should this be last sentence be included as
23 part of W.S. 39-14-802?]

1 (b) Any funds remaining under the appropriation
2 provided in 2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 186, Section
3 3(a) are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office for
4 expenses incurred by the clean coal task force.

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6 (c) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars
7 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
8 service office for compensation of legislative members
9 serving on the clean coal task force.

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11 (d) Funds appropriated under subsections (b) and (c)
12 of this section are appropriated. This appropriation shall
13 be for the period beginning with the effective date of this
14 act and ending June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
15 only be expended for the purpose of staffing the clean coal
16 task force and for expenses incurred by the clean coal task
17 force. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
18 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
19 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
20 remaining from this appropriation shall not revert as
21 provided by law on June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall
22 be included in the governor's and the legislative service
23 office's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget requests.

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2 **Section 6.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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