

**DRAFT ONLY
NOT APPROVED FOR
INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Cultural trust fund-cultural and heritage areas.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the cultural trust fund; providing for
2 grants for development, designation and promotion of
3 cultural and heritage areas; providing an appropriation;
4 and providing for an effective date.

5

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

7

8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-2-2303(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (iv), 9-2-2306(a)(vi), by creating a new
10 paragraph (vii) and 9-2-2307(a) are amended to read:

11

12 **9-2-2303. Definitions.**

13

1 (a) As used in this article:

2

3 (iv) "Cultural and heritage area" means a
4 developed area of public and private uses that:

5

6 (A) Ranges in size from a portion of a
7 county or municipality to a regional area with a special
8 coherence;

9

10 (B) Is distinguished by physical and
11 cultural resources which have played a vital role in the
12 historic life and development of the region and contribute
13 to the public through interpretive, educational and
14 recreational uses; and

15

16 (c) Is composed of contiguous or
17 noncontiguous areas.

18

19 **9-2-2306. Wyoming cultural trust fund board; duties**
20 **and responsibilities.**

21

22 (a) The board shall:

23

1 (vi) Consider other necessary matters; and-

2

3 (vii) Establish subreview or advisory councils
4 as appropriate to grant categories.

5

6 (d) The board may recognize a Wyoming cultural and
7 heritage area or corridor and provide grant funds in a
8 phased process to facilitate designation, development and
9 promotion of cultural and heritage areas.

10

11 **9-2-2307. Disbursement of grants from trust fund**
12 **investment earnings.**

13

14 (a) Subject to approval of applications from
15 nonprofit and governmental cultural, historical and arts
16 organizations, the board may award grants to:

17

18 (i) Promote, preserve and enhance the unique
19 cultural heritage of Wyoming and its people; or

20

21 (ii) Facilitate designation, development and
22 promotion of cultural and heritage areas.

23

1 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million four
2 hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,430,000.00) from the
3 general fund to the Wyoming cultural trust fund created by
4 W.S. 9-2-2304. This appropriation shall be for the period
5 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
6 June 30, 2010. This appropriation shall only be expended
7 for the purpose of funding cultural and heritage area
8 grants under the trust fund. Notwithstanding 9-2-1008, 9-
9 2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, these funds which are unexpended,
10 unobligated or unencumbered as of June 30, 2010 shall not
11 revert to the general fund but shall be retained by the
12 department for the purposes specified in this section.
13 This appropriation shall not be included in the cultural
14 trust fund commission's 2011-2012 standard biennial budget
15 request.

16

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

18

19

(END)