

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0158

Study on recapture of value added energy resources.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Esquibel, K., Goggles and  
Miller and Senator(s) Case, Decaria and  
Dockstader

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to electrical generation and transmission;  
2 providing for a study of the electrical industry in this  
3 state as specified; requiring a report; providing an  
4 appropriation; and providing for an 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.**

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10 (a) The University of Wyoming School of Energy  
11 Resources shall conduct a study of the electrical industry  
12 in the state of Wyoming and the surrounding region. The  
13 study shall:

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15 (i) Review Wyoming's current electrical  
16 production capacity and estimate any changes in those

1 capacities which may occur as the result of new  
2 technologies or by developing alternate electric sources  
3 including nuclear, solar, wind and geothermal sources;

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5 (ii) Review Wyoming's projected needs for future  
6 interstate and intrastate electrical generation  
7 transmission;

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9 (iii) Review the volume of in-state and  
10 interstate use of electricity and the generation capacity  
11 of electricity in this state in light of the amount of  
12 electricity that is exported from this state;

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14 (iv) Review the economic impacts of:

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16 (A) The number of jobs that are generated  
17 by the construction of electrical generation facilities in  
18 this state during and after construction;

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20 (B) The amount of ad valorem property taxes  
21 paid by electrical generation companies and the entire  
22 electrical generation industry in this state;

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1                   (C) The amount of taxes paid regionally and  
2 the amount of taxes received by this state;

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4                   (D) The potential impact of an electrical  
5 generation tax.

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7                   (v) Review the possibility of new development  
8 and the impacts of that development on land, air and water  
9 quality;

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11                   (vi) Review the potential impact that eminent  
12 domain may have on electrical generation facility  
13 development including land currently acquired by eminent  
14 domain and the potential land to be acquired for new  
15 electrical generation;

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17                   (vii) Contain an analysis of value added return  
18 on new electrical transmission in light of the potential  
19 exportation of electricity from this state.

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21                   (b) The department of revenue shall provide any  
22 necessary administrative support for the study required by  
23 subsection (a) of this section.

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1           (c) Following completion of the study, a report shall  
2 be submitted to the joint minerals, business and economic  
3 development and the joint revenue interim committees not  
4 later than June 30, 2010.

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6           **Section 2.**

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8           (a) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand  
9 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the  
10 University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources. This  
11 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the  
12 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2010.

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14           (b) This appropriation shall only be expended for the  
15 purpose of completing the study required by this act.  
16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this  
17 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
18 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
19 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
20 by law on June 30, 2010.

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22           (c) This appropriation shall not be included in the  
23 University of Wyoming's standard biennial budget request.

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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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