

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0194

Wyoming Healthy Food Initiative Act.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Wallis, Carson and Harvey  
and Senator(s) Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; creating the  
2 Wyoming Healthy Food Initiative Act; providing for healthy  
3 food to be provided to the school lunch and the state  
4 institutional food service programs; creating a task force  
5 to review and evaluate the school and state institutions  
6 food programs; providing an appropriation; and providing  
7 for an 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. 9-12-1201 through 9-12-1204 are  
12 created to read:

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ARTICLE 12

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WYOMING HEALTHY FOOD INITIATIVE ACT

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1           **9-12-1201. Short title.**

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3 This article shall be known and may be cited as the  
4 "Wyoming Healthy Food Initiative Act."

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6           **9-12-1202. Definitions.**

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8           (a) As used in this article:

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10                   (i) "Council" means the Wyoming business  
11 council;

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13                   (ii) "Initiative" means the Wyoming healthy food  
14 initiative program;

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16                   (iii) "State institution" means those  
17 institutions established by W.S. 25-1-201(a).

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19           **9-12-1203. Wyoming Healthy Food Initiative Act;**  
20 **implementation; benefits.**

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22           (a) The Wyoming Healthy Food Initiative Act is  
23 created to ensure that every Wyoming school lunch program  
24 and state institutional food service program shall be

1 supplied, to the extent possible, by food grown, processed  
2 and prepared in Wyoming. The initiative shall link Wyoming  
3 schools and state institutions with Wyoming farms and  
4 ranches to provide the Wyoming schools and state  
5 institutions with fresh and minimally processed farm and  
6 ranch commodities for inclusion in meals and snacks to help  
7 children and adults develop healthy eating habits and to  
8 improve direct access to markets for Wyoming farmers and  
9 ranchers. The purpose of the initiative is to emphasize  
10 and encourage:

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12 (i) Food that is additive free, minimally  
13 processed and not genetically modified;

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15 (ii) Hormone and antibiotic free meat and dairy  
16 products from healthy animals;

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18 (iii) Fresh local produce and fruits in season  
19 and additive free frozen products all year;

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21 (iv) Pesticide and herbicide free grains and  
22 cereals;

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24 (v) Pasture based dairy and eggs.

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2 (b) Where essential ingredients cannot be supplied by  
3 Wyoming based agricultural operations, the imported food  
4 shall adhere to the principles of the initiative, as  
5 closely as possible.

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7 (c) All food supplied to the Wyoming school lunch  
8 programs and the state institutional food service programs  
9 shall be grown, processed and prepared under all applicable  
10 rules and regulations to ensure safe and healthy food.

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12 (d) Wyoming school districts and state institutions  
13 shall encourage the implementation of the initiative to  
14 emphasize the purchase of locally and regionally produced  
15 foods in order to improve child and adult nutrition and  
16 strengthen local and regional farm and ranch economies.

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18 (e) Additional benefits of the initiative may include  
19 activities that provide students with hands on learning  
20 opportunities, including integrating nutrition and  
21 agriculture education into Wyoming school and state  
22 institution curricula, animal husbandry and cooking  
23 demonstrations, school gardening and composting programs  
24 and farm and ranch visits.

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2           **9-12-1204. Task force on Wyoming healthy food**  
3 **initiative; composition; duties.**

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5           (a) There is created an executive task force on the  
6 Wyoming healthy food initiative.

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8           (b) The task force shall be comprised of:

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10                   (i) The agribusiness director of the council,  
11 who shall be the chairman of the task force;

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13                   (ii) A representative of the department of  
14 education, appointed by the superintendent of public  
15 schools;

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17                   (iii) The director of the Wyoming department of  
18 agriculture, or his representative;

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20                   (iv) The director of the department of  
21 corrections, or his representative;

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23                   (v) The director of the department of health, or  
24 his representative;

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2 (vi) The director of the department of family  
3 services, or his representative;

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5 (vii) A representative of the ranching industry,  
6 appointed by the Wyoming stock growers association;

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8 (viii) A representative of the ranching  
9 industry, appointed by the Wyoming wool growers  
10 association;

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12 (ix) A representative of the farming industry,  
13 appointed by the Wyoming farm bureau federation;

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15 (x) A representative of the farming industry,  
16 appointed by the rocky mountain farmers union;

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18 (xi) A representative of the organic farming  
19 industry, appointed by the council;

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21 (xii) A representative of the agricultural  
22 marketing industry, appointed by the council;

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1           (xiii) A representative of the agricultural  
2 processing industry, appointed by the council;

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4           (xiv) A representative of school parents,  
5 appointed by the Wyoming parent teacher organization.

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7           (c) The task force shall convene no later than May 1,  
8 2009 and thereafter shall meet at the call of the chairman.  
9 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The  
10 task force shall:

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12           (i) Determine the necessary technical and  
13 logistical infrastructure necessary to link the  
14 agricultural farmers and ranchers with the Wyoming school  
15 and state institutional consumers;

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17           (ii) Conduct a comprehensive review and  
18 evaluation of the food production, marketing, processing,  
19 storage, distribution and preparation systems in Wyoming  
20 schools and state institutions;

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22           (iii) Conduct a comprehensive review and  
23 evaluation of the kitchens, equipment and personnel at  
24 Wyoming schools and state institutions to determine the

1 capability of processing, preparing and storing fresh,  
2 nutritious food from raw or frozen agricultural products;

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4 (iv) Conduct an analysis of all data, existing  
5 or gathered, of an implementation of a procurement portal,  
6 and any pilot project, to determine funding needs of  
7 Wyoming schools and state institutions;

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9 (v) Conduct any other review and evaluation as  
10 the task force deems necessary.

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12 (d) The council may contract with a consultant to  
13 assist in the facilitation of the task force duties and may  
14 consult with any other state, local or federal agencies,  
15 public or private stakeholders as the task force deems  
16 appropriate.

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18 (e) Staff support for the task force shall be  
19 provided by the council and by any state agency upon  
20 request. Members of the task force who are government  
21 employees or public officials shall not receive a salary  
22 but shall be considered on official business of their  
23 agency when performing duties as members of the task force  
24 and shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel and



1 per diem expenses in the manner and amount provide by their  
2 agency. Other task force members shall receive per diem  
3 and travel expenses in the amount provided in W.S. 28-5-101  
4 when traveling to and from task force meetings and shall  
5 only receive salary in the same amount as legislators for  
6 actual task force meeting days.

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8 (f) No later than October 1, 2009, the task force  
9 shall submit an initial report and no later than October 1,  
10 2010 a final report, to the joint agriculture, state and  
11 public lands and water resources, the joint education, the  
12 joint judiciary and the joint labor, health and social  
13 services interim committees. The reports shall detail the  
14 task force's findings, recommend any marketing and  
15 education programs necessary to facilitate the Wyoming  
16 healthy food initiative program and recommend to any of the  
17 interim committees any statutory changes that may be  
18 required to implement the task force's initial and final  
19 recommendations.

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21 (g) In addition to the appropriations contained in  
22 section 2 of this act, the council may utilize existing  
23 resources and apply for any federal or private grants that

1 may be available to augment funding for the task force  
2 study and report required under this act.

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4 (h) The task force shall terminate on December 31,  
5 2010.

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7 **Section 2.** There is appropriated sixty-six thousand  
8 dollars (\$66,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming  
9 business council to fund the expenses of the task force.  
10 This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with  
11 the effective date of this act and ending December 31,  
12 2010. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this  
13 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
14 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
15 remaining from this appropriation shall not revert as  
16 provided by law on June 30, 2010, but will revert on  
17 December 31, 2010. These appropriations shall not be  
18 included in the Wyoming business council's 2011-2012  
19 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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