SENATE FILE NO. SF0009

Economic analysis.

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

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to economic analysis; providing for collecting, compiling, analyzing and distributing county economic data; providing for establishment of uniform data criteria; authorizing a position; providing an appropriation; requiring reporting; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-1024(a) by creating new paragraphs (vii) through (x) and by renumbering (vii) as (xi) is amended to read:

9-2-1024. Duties performed through division of economic analysis.

(a) The department through the division of economic analysis, in cooperation with other governmental and private agencies, shall:

(vii) Establish uniform criteria for collecting, compiling, analyzing, reporting and distributing economic data for all Wyoming counties related to uses of and economic impacts to state and federal surface and mineral lands, including but not limited to development of agriculture, grazing, minerals, timber, water, industrial resources, recreation and energy production;

(viii) Utilize a nationally recognized model for the compilation and the analysis of the data described in paragraph (vii) of this subsection;

(ix) Collect, compile, analyze, maintain, update, report, distribute and consolidate into digest form the economic data described in paragraph (vii) of this subsection. The analysis shall be independent pertaining to the data collected and shall not express any opinion of the economic impacts determined under paragraph (vii) of this subsection. Any economic data collected, compiled, analyzed, maintained, updated, reported or consolidated by

the division of economic analysis under this subsection, other than information that is not available for inspection under W.S. 16-4-201 through 16-4-205, shall be available for public review and comment. This data shall be updated at least once every three (3) years;

(x) Supervise and coordinate statistical, informational or research programs conducted by the division on behalf of counties and establish and maintain a central depository of economic, statistical and other data relative to Wyoming counties;

~~(vii)~~(xi) Prepare an annual catalog listing the type of statistical information available from state agencies and other sources.

Section 2. There is authorized one (1) full-time position to the department of administration and information, economic analysis division for the purpose of implementing this act. There is appropriated two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars ($255,000.00) from the general fund to the department of administration and information. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of implementing this act and shall be for the period

beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2012. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2012.

Section 3. No later than January 1, 2013, the department of administration and information shall report to the joint agriculture, public lands and water resources interim committee and joint appropriations interim committee regarding all amounts expended to implement this act as well as the department's progress in implementing this act.

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

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