

ENROLLED ACT NO. 66, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2011 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to nuclear energy; providing for a study of nuclear energy production; creating a task force; requiring a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) There is created a task force on nuclear energy production consisting of the following members:

(i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate, appointed by the president of the senate. One (1) of the members shall be designated as cochairman;

(ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. One (1) of the members shall be designated as cochairman;

(iii) Three (3) members appointed by the governor. One (1) of the members shall have a background in energy production, one (1) shall be a member of the geological survey board and one (1) shall be a member of the public at large.

(b) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative service office. The University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources shall serve in an advisory capacity to the task force and shall provide technical and other relevant information as requested. State agencies shall provide information and assistance to the task force as requested.

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(c) The task force shall study the following, as they relate to nuclear energy production:

(i) Potential incentives to encourage nuclear energy production in this state including taxation issues, use of unappropriated waters of the state and private and public sector partnerships;

(ii) State regulatory provisions unduly restricting the development of nuclear power production;

(iii) The role of local land use planning;

(iv) Any relevant federal statutes that may preempt or limit state or county authority;

(v) Storage and reprocessing technologies, including short term and long term storage issues;

(vi) The role of higher education within the state in identifying information and conducting appropriate research necessary to facilitate uranium and nuclear energy production;

(vii) Other issues the task force may consider useful in encouraging appropriate nuclear energy production in the state, including avoidance of duplicative or conflicting requirements.

(d) The task force shall submit its recommendations, including proposed legislation with respect to the issues specified in subsection (c) of this section, to the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the governor no later than November 1, 2011. The joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee shall consider the recommendations and

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develop legislation it deems appropriate for consideration by the legislature.

(e) The task force shall exist until December 31, 2011. Members of the task force who are not state employees or legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenses at the rate provided for legislators under W.S. 28-5-101. Members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the task force.

(f) There is appropriated from the general fund:

(i) Eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) to the legislative service office for payment of salary, per diem and mileage for legislative task force members;

(ii) Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to the governor's office for payment of authorized per diem and mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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Section 2. 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.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk