

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0189

Federal funds task force.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Steinmetz, Allen, Clem, Kasperik, Miller, Wilson and Winters and Senator(s) Anderson, J.D. (SD02), Case and Cooper

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 creating a task force to study and make recommendations on
3 federal funding as specified; requiring a report; providing
4 appropriations; 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) There is created an advisory task force known as
11 the federal funds task force consisting of the following
12 members:

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1 (i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate
2 appointed by the president of the senate not later than
3 March 31, 2015, one (1) of whom shall be designated as
4 cochairman;

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6 (ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
7 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house not
8 later than March 31, 2015, one (1) of whom shall be
9 designated as cochairman;

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11 (iii) Three (3) members appointed by the
12 governor not later than March 31, 2015.

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14 (b) The task force shall be staffed by the
15 legislative service office. State agencies shall provide
16 information and assistance to the task force as requested.
17 The task force shall hold at least four (4) public meetings
18 each year.

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20 (c) The taskforce shall study the following, as
21 related to federal funding:

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1 (i) The financial stability of the federal
2 government;

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4 (ii) The level of dependency the state and its
5 local governments have on the receipt of federal funds;

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7 (iii) The risk that the state and its local
8 governments will experience a reduction in the amount or
9 value of federal funds received, in both the near and
10 distant future;

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12 (iv) The likely and potential impact on the
13 state and its citizens from a reduction in the amount or
14 value of federal funds received by the state or its local
15 governments, in both the near and distant future;

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17 (v) The likely and potential national impact
18 from a reduction in the amount or value of federal funds
19 paid to the states, in both the near and distant future.

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21 (d) The task force shall make recommendations on
22 methods to accomplish the following, as related to federal
23 funding:

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2 (i) Avoid or minimize the risk of a reduction in
3 the amount or value of federal funds by the state and its
4 local governments;

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6 (ii) Reduce the dependency of the state and its
7 local governments on federal funds;

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9 (iii) Prepare for and respond to a reduction in
10 the amount or value of federal funds by the state and its
11 local governments.

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13 (e) The task force shall regularly provide updates to
14 the joint appropriations interim committee on the
15 activities of the task force. The task force shall submit
16 a final report including its final recommendations and any
17 proposed legislation with respect to the issues specified
18 in subsections (c) and (d) of this section to the joint
19 appropriations interim committee and the governor no later
20 than November 30, 2016. The joint appropriations interim
21 committee shall consider the recommendations and develop
22 legislation it deems appropriate for consideration by the
23 legislature.

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2 (f) The task force shall exist until December 31,
3 2016. Members of the task force who are not state
4 employees or legislators shall not receive a salary but
5 shall receive reimbursement for mileage and per diem
6 expenses at the rate provided for legislators under W.S.
7 28-5-101. Members of the task force who are legislators
8 shall be paid salary, per diem and mileage as provided in
9 W.S. 28-5-101 for their official duties as members of the
10 task force.

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12 (g) There is appropriated from the general fund for
13 the purposes of this act:

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15 (i) Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to the
16 legislative service office for payment of salary, per diem
17 and mileage for legislative task force members;

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19 (ii) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the
20 governor's office for payment of authorized per diem and
21 mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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1 (h) Funds appropriated under subsection (g) of this
2 section shall only be expended for the purposes of this
3 act. Any unused and unobligated funds shall revert as
4 provided by law on June 30, 2017.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
7 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
8 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
9 Constitution.

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