

SENATE FILE NO. SF0122

Vision 2020.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nicholas, P., Bebout, Perkins,
Peterson, Ross and Rothfuss and
Representative(s) Berger, Brown, Connolly,
Harshman, Hunt, Madden and Stubson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 creating the Vision 2020 comprehensive expenditure and
3 revenue review; providing for oversight of the review by
4 the management council of the Wyoming legislature; creating
5 the Vision 2020 comprehensive expenditure and revenue
6 review advisory panel; creating areas of review; providing
7 for the creation of task forces as specified; providing for
8 appointment of members to the advisory panel and task
9 forces; providing for assignment of duties as specified;
10 providing for reports; providing an appropriation; and
11 providing for an effective date.

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

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1 **Section 1.**

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3 (a) There is created the Vision 2020 comprehensive
4 expenditure and revenue review. The management council of
5 the Wyoming legislature shall oversee the comprehensive
6 expenditure and revenue review. Not later than May 1,
7 2015, the management council, in consultation with the
8 Vision 2020 comprehensive expenditure and revenue review
9 advisory panel created in subsection (b) of this section,
10 shall assign the responsibility for reviewing state
11 expenditures, revenues, tax exemptions and permanent and
12 nonpermanent savings to either a joint interim committee of
13 the Wyoming legislature, the joint appropriations committee
14 or task forces created by management council under this
15 act.

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17 (b) There is created the Vision 2020 comprehensive
18 expenditure and revenue review advisory panel consisting of
19 the current governor, the speaker of the house of
20 representatives, the president of the senate, all living
21 former Wyoming governors wishing to participate and current
22 and former joint appropriations committee chairmen wishing

1 to participate, who served as chairman of the committee on
2 or after January 1, 1990. The advisory panel shall:

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4 (i) Be co-chaired by the current governor
5 and the president of the senate;

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7 (ii) Be consulted for recommendations,
8 advice and peer review functions regarding the examination
9 directed in paragraph (d)(vii) of this section or such
10 other parts of this act as requested by management council;
11 and

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13 (iii) For all members of the Vision 2020
14 comprehensive expenditure and revenue review advisory
15 panel, other than the governor, be paid the same salary,
16 per diem and mileage as members of the legislature
17 traveling to and from meetings or while in actual
18 attendance at meetings of the advisory panel and during the
19 performance of their duties relative thereto as if the
20 advisory panel was an interim committee of the legislature.

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22 (c) The management council of the Wyoming legislature
23 shall establish such task forces as it deems necessary to

1 complete the Vision 2020 review and may make appointments
2 from members of the legislature, executive branch personnel
3 from Wyoming state government and members of the Wyoming
4 public. In making appointments to the task forces, the
5 management council shall apportion the legislative
6 membership of each task force as nearly as possible to
7 reflect the percentage of the elected membership of the
8 majority and minority parties of the full legislature and
9 shall appoint at least one (1) member from each major party
10 of each house of the legislature to each established task
11 force.

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13 (d) In making assignments of duties under subsection
14 (a) of this section, the management council, in
15 consultation with the Vision 2020 advisory panel:

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17 (i) Shall apportion the work among the task
18 forces and committees as equally as possible;

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20 (ii) Is not required to make assignments based
21 upon the traditional subject matter jurisdiction of the
22 joint interim committee;

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1 (iii) Shall notify all legislators of
2 assignments made to each committee or task force;

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4 (iv) Shall provide for a comprehensive review of
5 total state expenditures, including emphasis on those
6 agencies or programs identified by management council as
7 having the highest rate of growth over the last decade;

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9 (v) Shall provide for a comprehensive review of
10 total state revenues and an evaluation of major revenue
11 streams;

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13 (vi) Shall provide for an examination of
14 statutory tax exemptions, with an emphasis on tax
15 exemptions requiring an appropriation of state funds;

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17 (vii) Shall provide for a comprehensive
18 examination of additional or alternative sources of revenue
19 or revenue streams to the state;

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21 (viii) Shall provide for a comprehensive
22 examination of all statutorily mandated cost-of-living

1 adjustments, escalators or other mechanisms which increase
2 expenditures without budgetary authority or review; and
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4 (ix) Shall provide for an examination of
5 permanent and nonpermanent reserve account balances of the
6 state and make recommendations for statutory changes in
7 recognition of the state's revenue volatility, regarding:
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9 (A) The level of permanent and nonpermanent
10 reserve accounts including but not limited to the
11 legislative stabilization reserve account created by 2005
12 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 191, Section 4, Section
13 301(d), the strategic investments and projects account
14 created by 2013 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 73, Section
15 300(e), the school foundation program reserve account
16 created by 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section
17 300(g) and the permanent land fund holding account created
18 by 2012 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 16, Section 1(j)(iv);
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20 (B) The identification of revenue sources
21 to achieve the recommended level of permanent and
22 nonpermanent savings; and
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1 (C) Policy criteria to guide the withdrawal
2 of nonpermanent savings.

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4 (e) Legislative members of a task force created
5 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall receive
6 salary, per diem and mileage for traveling to and from and
7 attending meetings of the committees as if the task force
8 was an interim committee of the legislature. Members of the
9 public appointed to a task force who are not employed by
10 the state, shall receive the same per diem, expenses and
11 travel allowance as legislative members of the task force.

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13 (f) The Vision 2020 advisory panel and all committees
14 or task forces appointed by the management council shall be
15 staffed by the legislative service office. Executive
16 branch agencies shall provide assistance to the committees,
17 task forces and advisory panel upon request.

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19 (g) The management council may engage the services of
20 research firms, consulting expertise or University of
21 Wyoming personnel as necessary to carry out the purposes of
22 this act.

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1 (h) Not later than October 1, 2015, each committee or
2 task force assigned a task by management council under
3 subsection (a) of this section shall submit a report of its
4 preliminary findings to the governor, management council
5 and the Vision 2020 advisory panel.

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7 (j) Not later than September 1, 2016, each committee
8 or task force assigned a task by management council under
9 subsection (a) of this section shall submit its final
10 report, findings, policy recommendations and recommended
11 statutory changes in draft form to the management council
12 and the Vision 2020 advisory panel. The management council
13 shall consolidate the reports, make final recommendations
14 to the legislature, state elected officials and any
15 impacted state agency or institution and propose statutory
16 changes required to implement its recommendations not later
17 than November 15, 2016.

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19 **Section 2.** There is appropriated three hundred fifty
20 thousand dollars (\$350,000.00) from the general fund to the
21 legislative service office to carry out the purposes of
22 this act. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and
23 9-4-207(a), any unobligated, unexpended funds remaining in

1 this appropriation shall revert to the general fund on June
2 30, 2017.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
7 Constitution.

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9 (END)