

**Bill No.:** HB0291 **Effective:** Immediately

**LSO No.:** 17LSO-0530

**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0038

**Chapter No.:** [Chapter Number\_RO]

**Prime Sponsor:** House Appropriations Committee

**Catch Title:** Department of health facilities.

**Subject:** Renovation and construction at the State Hospital and Wyoming Life Resource Center.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- Level I, II and III planning has been completed for renovations and new construction at the Wyoming State Hospital in Evanston and Wyoming Life Resource Center (WLRC) in Lander.
- This bill authorizes the State Construction Department to engage in all activities necessary to complete renovation and construction at the State Hospital and WLRC, consistent with the Level III plan and design. The bill authorizes the State Construction Department, with the consent of the Governor, to enter into contracts and retain experts as necessary to complete the project.
- The bill continues the Joint Legislative and Executive Task Force on Department of Health Facilities (Task Force) and requires the State Construction Department keep the Task Force informed of all activities. The bill reappropriates unexpended amounts of prior Task Force funding and makes a new appropriation of \$20,000.00.
- To fund completion of the renovation and construction project, the bill reappropriates unexpended previous project-related appropriations (\$9,000,000.00) and appropriates all previously dedicated project funds (\$135,200,000.00). The bill also directs \$4,300,000.00 of earnings that would be deposited into the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account to the project.

**Comments:**

- This bill continues the Joint Legislative and Executive Task Force on Department of Health Facilities with its six legislative members and two executive members.
- The bill requires the Task Force to report to the Joint Appropriations Committee and Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee by November 1 of each year until the construction and renovation required by the bill is complete.
- The bill appropriates \$20,000.00 to LSO to fund the Task Force.

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