

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0205

Select committee on extractive industry transitions.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Banks, Brown, Hallinan and
Sherwood and Senator(s) Driskill, Furphy and
Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating the select
2 committee on extractive industry transitions; providing for
3 the appointment of members and executive branch liaisons;
4 specifying duties; providing appropriations; and providing
5 for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-11-801 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 8

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY TRANSITIONS

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28-11-801. Appointment of members; powers and duties;

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executive branch liaisons.

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2 (a) Not later than March 15 following each general
3 election, a select committee on extractive industry
4 transitions shall be appointed subject to the following:

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6 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint
7 three (3) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as
8 possible to reflect the percentage of the elected
9 membership of the majority and minority parties of the
10 senate, provided not more than two (2) of the members shall
11 be from the same political party. The president of the
12 senate shall designate a co-chair of the select committee;

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14 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives
15 shall appoint three (3) members of the house apportioned as
16 nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected
17 membership of the majority and minority parties of the
18 house, provided not more than two (2) of the members shall
19 be from the same political party. The speaker of the house
20 shall designate a co-chair of the select committee.

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22 (b) The select committee shall:

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1 (i) Develop knowledge and expertise among its
2 members regarding issues related to transitions in the
3 extractive industry in Wyoming;

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5 (ii) In coordination with the Wyoming business
6 council and the Wyoming energy authority:

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8 (A) Understand and promote the proactive
9 approaches taken by communities, state agencies, industry
10 groups and individual firms with respect to extractive
11 industry transitions; and

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13 (B) Identify and support ways to add value
14 and facilitate economic development in Wyoming's natural
15 resource sector, including through the development and
16 introduction of legislation.

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18 (iii) Engage with representatives from energy
19 impacted communities, labor unions, public utilities and
20 economic development organizations to develop and introduce
21 legislation as necessary to assist communities, workers and
22 businesses that are, or will likely experience impacts due
23 to transitions in coal, oil and gas markets, including the

1 closure of existing extractive industry facilities in
2 Wyoming.

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4 (c) Not later than March 15 following each general
5 election, the governor shall appoint three (3) persons to
6 serve as liaisons to the select committee on extractive
7 industry transitions. The governor may, in a manner
8 consistent with W.S. 9-1-202, remove any liaison to the
9 select committee. The liaisons shall:

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11 (i) Aid, assist and advise the select committee
12 on issues related to transitions in the extractive industry
13 in Wyoming;

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15 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in this
16 paragraph, serve without salary but may, at the governor's
17 discretion, receive per diem and mileage or actual expenses
18 for attending meetings in the manner and amounts provided
19 by law for state employees. Members who are government
20 employees shall be considered on official business of their
21 agency when performing duties as liaisons to the select
22 committee.

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1 **Section 2.**

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3 (a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date
4 of this act:

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6 (i) The president of the senate and the speaker
7 of the house of representatives shall appoint members to
8 the initial select committee on extractive industry
9 transitions in accordance with the requirements of W.S.
10 28-11-801(a), as created by this act;

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12 (ii) The governor shall appoint liaisons to the
13 initial select committee on extractive industry transitions
14 in accordance with the requirements of W.S. 28-11-801(c),
15 as created by this act.

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17 **Section 3.**

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19 (a) There is appropriated twenty-two thousand dollars
20 (\$22,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
21 service office for purposes of providing salary, mileage
22 and per diem to members of the select committee on
23 extractive industry transitions and for other expenses of

1 the select committee authorized by law or policy of the
2 legislature. This appropriation shall be for the period
3 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
4 June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred
5 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
6 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
7 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

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9 (b) There is appropriated five thousand dollars
10 (\$5,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office
11 for purposes of providing per diem and mileage or actual
12 expenses to liaisons appointed to the select committee on
13 extractive industry transitions. This appropriation shall
14 be for the period beginning with the effective date of this
15 act and ending June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not
16 be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
17 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
18 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
19 2022.

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

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