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**NOT APPROVED FOR INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Energy producing states coalition.

Sponsored by:

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to the legislature; providing for legislative participation in an energy producing states coalition; specifying goals of the coalition; providing an appropriation and for a report; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.**

(a) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, and two (2) members of the Wyoming senate appointed by the president of the senate, shall be appointed to work with

legislative members of other energy producing states to form an Energy Producing States Coalition with the following goals:

(i) To encourage domestic development of nonrenewable energy in the United States, and to ensure continued development of each state's domestic natural resources;

(ii) To deliver a strong, unified voice to the federal government from the states that produce the hydrocarbon energy that powers the nation’s economy, by providing input on and participating in the development of existing and proposed federal legislation and federal regulatory processes, including the National Environmental Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act, and federal land access issues affecting the production of energy in the concerned states;

(iii) To eliminate or reduce overreaching federal legislation and identify and address consequences that result from delays and cancellations of economically viable oil, natural gas and coal production projects.

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2 (b) Legislators appointed pursuant to this act shall
3 be authorized by Management Council to attend meetings as
4 the Council determines necessary to accomplish the purposes
5 of this act, and shall receive salary, per diem and mileage
6 for the performance of their duties under this act as
7 provided in W.S. 28-5-101. Appointed legislators shall
8 provide a single report to the Council not later than
9 September 1, 2011, including any suggested legislation for
10 referral to the appropriate legislative committee for
11 consideration.

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13 (c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b)
14 of this section, the appropriation contained in section 2
15 of this act may be expended to coordinate and provide
16 meeting facilities and other requirements for the energy
17 producing states coalition with the approval of Management
18 Council.

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20 **Section 2.** For purposes of this act, there is
21 appropriated from the general fund twenty-four thousand
22 five hundred dollars ($24,500.00) to the legislative
23 service office. This appropriation shall be for the period

beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2013.

**Section 3.** 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)