

ENROLLED ACT NO. 73, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2020 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the legislature; creating the select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology; providing for appointment of members and executive branch liaisons; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 28-11-601 is created to read:

ARTICLE 6

SELECT COMMITTEE ON BLOCKCHAIN, FINANCIAL TECHNOLOGY AND
DIGITAL INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY

28-11-601. Appointment of members; powers and duties; executive branch liaisons.

(a) Not later than March 15 following each general election, a select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology shall be appointed subject to the following:

(i) The president of the senate shall appoint four (4) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected membership of the majority and minority parties of the senate, provided not more than three (3) of the members shall be from the same political party. The president of the senate shall designate a co-chair of the select committee;

(ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint four (4) members of the house apportioned as nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected membership of the majority and minority parties of the house, provided not more than three (3) of the members shall be from

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the same political party. The speaker of the house shall designate a co-chair of the select committee.

(b) The select committee shall:

(i) Develop knowledge and expertise among its members regarding issues pertaining to blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology;

(ii) Develop and introduce legislation as necessary to promote blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation in Wyoming unless the legislation relates to Title 13 of the Wyoming statutes, in which case the legislation shall be recommended to the Minerals, Business & Economic Development Joint Interim Committee for consideration.

(c) Not later than March 15 following each general election, the governor shall appoint three (3) persons to serve as liaisons to the select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology. The governor may, in a manner consistent with W.S. 9-1-202, remove any liaison to the select committee. The liaisons shall:

(i) Aid, assist and advise the select committee on issues pertaining to blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology;

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

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Section 2.

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

(i) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint members to the initial select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology in accordance with the requirements of W.S. 28-11-601(a), as created by this act;

(ii) The governor shall appoint liaisons to the initial select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology in accordance with the requirements of W.S. 28-11-601(c), as created by this act.

Section 3.

(a) There is appropriated forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for purposes of providing salary, mileage and per diem to members of the select committee on blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology and for other expenses of the select committee authorized by law or policy of the legislature. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

(b) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office for purposes of providing per diem and mileage or actual expenses to liaisons appointed to the select committee on

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blockchain, financial technology and digital innovation technology. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022.

Section 4. 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)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk