

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0205

Wyoming state fair department.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Strock, Banks, Campbell, K,  
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Senator(s) Boner and Smith, D

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of the government;  
2 creating the Wyoming state fair department from the state  
3 fair division within the department of agriculture;  
4 providing for the appointment of a director; removing the  
5 state fair functions and division from the department of  
6 agriculture for transfer to the Wyoming state fair  
7 department; authorizing the transfer of positions and  
8 funds; providing for subsequent budgeting for the Wyoming  
9 state fair department; making conforming amendments; and  
10 providing for an effective date.

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

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14 **Section 1.**

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1           (a) The state fair division within the department of  
2 agriculture and associated functions for the state fair are  
3 transferred by a type 1 transfer, as defined by W.S.  
4 9-2-1707(b)(i), to the Wyoming state fair department  
5 created by this act. All positions, personnel,  
6 appropriations, obligations, property, equipment and  
7 authority associated with the state fair shall be under the  
8 control of the Wyoming state fair department as provided by  
9 this act. The validity of rules, regulations, contracts,  
10 agreements or other obligations of agencies or programs  
11 transferred by this act shall not be affected or impaired  
12 by this act.

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14           (b) Notwithstanding W.S. 11-10-102(c)(vi), as amended  
15 by section 3 of this act, the state fair manager previously  
16 appointed by the state fair board before the effective date  
17 of this act shall serve as temporary director for the  
18 Wyoming state fair department upon the effective date of  
19 this act. As soon as reasonably practicable after the  
20 effective date of this act, the state fair board shall  
21 appoint a director of the Wyoming state fair department in  
22 accordance with this act.

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1           **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-2022, 9-2-3301 and 9-2-3302 are  
2 created to read:

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4           **9-2-2022. Wyoming state fair department created.**

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6 As part of the reorganization of Wyoming state government,  
7 there is created the Wyoming state fair department  
8 consisting of the state fair division within the department  
9 of agriculture as the division existed before July 1, 2025.  
10 The Wyoming state fair department shall not be subject to a  
11 transition period as defined in W.S. 9-2-1703(a)(ix). A  
12 reorganization plan shall not be required of the director  
13 of the Wyoming state fair department.

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15   ARTICLE 33

16   WYOMING STATE FAIR DEPARTMENT

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18           **9-2-3301. Wyoming state fair department created.**

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20 There is created the Wyoming state fair department.

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22           **9-2-3302. Department director; appointment; removal;**  
23 **governance; duties of department; budget.**

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2 (a) The state fair board shall appoint an executive  
3 director of the department in accordance with W.S.  
4 11-10-102(c)(vi) and with the advice and consent of the  
5 senate.

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7 (b) The executive director's salary shall be  
8 determined by the state fair board.

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10 (c) The executive director shall be the chief  
11 administrative officer of the department and shall have  
12 general supervision of the activities, functions and  
13 employees of the department, subject to the actions and  
14 direction of the state fair board.

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16 (d) The department shall perform all duties specified  
17 by the state fair board and specified in title 11, chapter  
18 10 of the Wyoming statutes.

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20 (e) The department shall submit a budget in  
21 accordance with W.S. 9-2-1010 through 9-2-1014.

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1           **Section 3.** W.S. 9-2-2016(a), 11-10-101, 11-10-102(a),  
2 (b), (c)(vi) and (viii), 11-10-106(b), 11-10-111 and  
3 11-10-115(a) by creating a new paragraph (x), by amending  
4 and renumbering (x) as (xi) and by renumbering (xi) as  
5 (xii) are amended to read:

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7           **9-2-2016. Department of agriculture created; director**  
8 **appointed; structure.**

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10           (a) As part of the reorganization of Wyoming state  
11 government, there is created the department of agriculture  
12 consisting of the existing state department of agriculture,  
13 the agricultural mediation board, the wheat marketing  
14 commission, the Wyoming beef council, the Wyoming weed and  
15 pest council, the board of certification of the  
16 Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1973, the weed and  
17 pest board of certification, the interstate agricultural  
18 grain marketing commission, ~~the state fair advisory board~~  
19 and, except for those programs and functions related to the  
20 state fair and otherwise specified in W.S. 11-10-101  
21 through 11-10-118, all programs and functions specified in  
22 titles 11 and 35 and otherwise under law relating to  
23 agriculture and livestock. Except for W.S. 9-2-1703(a)(v)

1 and (ix), the limitation of number of principal departments  
2 in W.S. 9-2-1704(a) and 9-2-1707(a)(iii) and (iv), the  
3 provisions of the Wyoming Government Reorganization Act of  
4 1989, W.S. 9-2-1701 through 9-2-1707, apply to this  
5 section.

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7 **11-10-101. Annual state fair; where held; purpose;**  
8 **definitions.**

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10 (a) The state fair board, with the assistance of the  
11 Wyoming state fair department, ~~of agriculture,~~ shall hold  
12 an annual state fair at Douglas, Wyoming dedicated to  
13 honoring Wyoming's agricultural heritage and culture by  
14 cultivating Wyoming's agricultural future through  
15 competitions, educational displays and experiential  
16 exhibits for youth producers and the general public.

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18 (b) As used in this chapter:

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20 (i) "Department" means the Wyoming state fair  
21 department;

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1           (ii) "Executive director" means the executive  
2 director of the Wyoming state fair department.

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4           **11-10-102. Duties and responsibilities with respect**  
5 **to the annual state fair and fairgrounds.**

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7           (a) The general charge and supervision of the state  
8 fair is under the state fair board with the assistance of  
9 the department. ~~of agriculture.~~

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11           (b) The department shall prepare budget requests on  
12 behalf of and subject to the approval of the state fair  
13 board for the conduct and management of the annual state  
14 fair and for the operation and maintenance of the state  
15 fairgrounds, including building and facility needs for  
16 major maintenance and repair. Budgets prepared and approved  
17 under this subsection shall be submitted in accordance with  
18 W.S. 9-2-1010 through 9-2-1014.

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20           (c) The state fair board shall:

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22           (vi) ~~To the extent the employment of a state~~  
23 ~~fair manager would aid in accomplishing the duties required~~

1 ~~by this chapter,~~ Appoint a state fair manager ~~executive~~  
2 director to conduct and supervise the annual state fair and  
3 to manage the year round operation and maintenance of the  
4 state fairgrounds. Any appointment shall be made with the  
5 approval of the governor and the advice and consent of the  
6 senate and shall be subject to removal authority provided  
7 by W.S. 9-1-202. The state fair board may hire and provide  
8 for the supervision of other employees necessary to  
9 accomplish the duties required by this chapter and may  
10 contract for services to advertise and promote the annual  
11 state fair and the fairgrounds;

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13 (viii) Pursuant to W.S. 9-2-3204, make and  
14 execute contracts and other instruments, including  
15 financial contracts and instruments that the state fair  
16 board determines are reasonable and advisable to carry out  
17 the purposes and programs of the state fair board. The  
18 state fair board may authorize the executive director to  
19 make and execute contracts under this paragraph;

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21 **11-10-106. Admission charges; other revenues.**

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1           (b) The department ~~of agriculture~~ may receive any  
2 money or property of any kind or character donated, granted  
3 or bequeathed for any activities of the state fair. Monies  
4 shall be credited to the Wyoming state fair account except  
5 as otherwise provided by W.S. 11-10-107 and 11-10-118. The  
6 department, on behalf of the state fair board, shall  
7 include within its biennial budget request submitted under  
8 W.S. 9-2-1013 a report itemizing all gifts, income and  
9 expenditures under this subsection, W.S. 11-10-107 and  
10 11-10-118 for each of the immediately preceding two (2)  
11 fiscal years.

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13           **11-10-111. Reports.**

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15 The executive director ~~of the department of agriculture~~  
16 shall make reports as required by W.S. 9-2-1014 in regard  
17 to the state fair.

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19           **11-10-115. State fair board; membership; terms;**  
20 **compensation.**

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22           (a) There is created the state fair board consisting  
23 of the following members:

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(x) The director of the department of agriculture, or the director's designee, shall serve as a voting member;

~~(x)~~(xi) The executive director, ~~or the~~ director's designee, shall serve as a ~~voting~~ nonvoting, ex officio member;

~~(xi)~~(xii) The governor or his designee and the dean of the University of Wyoming college of agriculture, or the dean's designee, shall serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

**Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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