

ENROLLED ACT NO. 8, SENATE

SIXTY-FOUR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
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AN ACT relating to highway, bicycle and pedestrian safety; creating a task force to study the benefits and opportunities of bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails in the state; specifying task force membership and staffing; providing additional duties to the Wyoming business council; requiring reports; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SYSTEM TASK FORCE

(a) The governor shall appoint a bicycle and pedestrian system task force of thirteen (13) members subject to the following:

(i) One (1) member shall be a department of transportation employee knowledgeable in highway safety;

(ii) One (1) member shall be a representative of local government;

(iii) One (1) member shall be an employee of the office of tourism or a member of the Wyoming tourism board;

(iv) One (1) member shall be active in a bicycle tourism related business;

(v) Two (2) members shall be representatives of local or statewide bicycle groups;

(vi) One (1) member shall be a member or an employee of the Wyoming business council;

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(vii) One (1) member shall be the state epidemiologist or other employee of the department of health;

(viii) One (1) member shall be a department of state parks and cultural resources employee knowledgeable in natural surface trail systems;

(ix) One (1) member shall be familiar with equestrian activities;

(x) One (1) member shall be a department of transportation employee or other qualified representative knowledgeable in planning, designing and constructing bicycle and pedestrian pathways;

(xi) One (1) member shall be from the agriculture industry;

(xii) One (1) member shall be from the trucking industry.

(b) The governor shall appoint the chairman of the task force.

(c) The task force shall:

(i) Develop a report to help the department of transportation, department of state parks and cultural resources, department of health, office of tourism, Wyoming business council and local communities better understand the opportunities and challenges of bicycle and pedestrian pathways. In developing the report the task force shall:

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(A) Consider the health benefits to Wyoming residents of encouraging bicycle and pedestrian recreation and transportation and ways in which these benefits can be attained;

(B) Consider opportunities for using bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails to benefit economic development through enhanced tourism opportunities and community enhancements;

(C) Identify and evaluate options to fund the construction and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails for state and local governments, including funding from private individuals, corporate funding, grants from nonprofit organizations and local, state and federal sources;

(D) Consider safety analyses relating to fatalities and serious injury accidents involving motor vehicles and bicycles and pedestrians in Wyoming and safety concerns raised by the analyses;

(E) Consider and make recommendations on the various ways the state can coordinate with and assist efforts to develop local and state bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails;

(F) Consider the extent to which bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails should be available to people riding horses;

(G) Consider the most cost effective method of construction of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along public roads;

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(H) Consider effective methods of construction of natural surface trails;

(J) Include any other considerations as the task force may deem appropriate.

(ii) Submit a preliminary report on or before October 1, 2016 and a final report on or before October 1, 2017 with respect to the issues specified in paragraph (i) of this subsection to the transportation commission, tourism board, Wyoming business council, the joint travel, recreation and wildlife interim committee and the joint transportation, highways and military affairs interim committee.

(d) Service on the task force by task force members who are government employees shall be considered part of the member's regular government employment. Task force members who are members of the public shall serve without compensation.

(e) The Wyoming business council shall provide an executive secretary to the task force and shall provide staff and other support to the task force as required to fulfill its duties under this act.

(f) All meetings of the task force shall be conducted as public meetings pursuant to W.S. 16-4-401 through 16-4-408. To the extent practicable, the task force shall take reasonable efforts to make its meetings electronically available to the public.

(g) The task force shall terminate July 1, 2018.

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**Section 2.** 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.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk