

SENATE FILE NO. SF0014

Biennial energy strategy.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of the government;
2 requiring a biennial energy strategy as specified; creating
3 an energy strategy committee; locating the energy strategy
4 committee in the appropriate agency or office; assigning
5 duties to the energy strategy committee, the Wyoming
6 business council, the Wyoming infrastructure authority or
7 the governor; requiring reports; and providing for an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-225 is created to read:

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14 **9-1-225. Biennial energy strategy; definitions;**
15 **energy strategy committee.**

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2 (a) As used in this section:

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4 (i) "Biennial energy strategy" means the
5 coordinated and comprehensive biennial plan that:

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7 (A) Includes the activities of agencies,
8 boards and commissions, policy initiatives and other
9 actions aimed at achieving excellence in energy
10 development, production, technological innovation,
11 regulation and stewardship of natural resources for the
12 highest benefit of Wyoming citizens;

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14 (B) Includes programs and initiatives
15 intended to increase economic competitiveness, expansion
16 and diversification, to provide for efficient and effective
17 regulation and natural resource conservation, reclamation
18 and mitigation and to develop education, innovation and new
19 technologies; and

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21 (C) Identifies appropriate means to
22 complete initiatives and work with agencies, boards,

1 commissions and other interested parties to implement
2 initiatives.

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4 (ii) "Energy, natural resource and economic
5 development agencies" means the department of environmental
6 quality, Wyoming infrastructure authority, Wyoming pipeline
7 authority, oil and gas conservation commission, department
8 of agriculture, University of Wyoming, Wyoming business
9 council and other agencies, boards and commissions the
10 governor designates.

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12 (b) There is created an energy strategy committee
13 within the governor's office consisting of five (5) voting
14 members, one (1) of whom shall be the governor or his
15 designee. The governor shall appoint the remaining four (4)
16 members as follows:

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18 (i) One (1) member shall be from the energy
19 industry;

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21 (ii) One (1) member shall be from the
22 environmental community;

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1 (iii) One (1) member shall be from the public;

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3 (iv) One (1) member shall be at-large.

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5 (c) The governor shall appoint or reappoint energy
6 strategy committee members for staggered terms, as
7 determined by the governor, not to exceed four (4) years
8 each. The governor may remove a member of the energy
9 strategy committee as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.

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11 (d) The Wyoming business council shall:

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13 (i) Prepare the energy strategy committee for
14 public hearings to elicit broad public views regarding the
15 status of existing programs and initiatives and the
16 development of new recommendations for a biennial energy
17 strategy;

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19 (ii) Provide staff and assistance to the energy
20 strategy committee in conducting public hearings;

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22 (iii) Compile comments obtained under paragraph

23 (i) of this subsection and other sources of information;

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2 (iv) Prepare a biennial energy strategy.

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4 (f) The energy strategy committee shall:

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6 (i) Review, revise or adopt the biennial energy
7 strategy prepared by the Wyoming business council;

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9 (ii) Monitor implementation of the biennial
10 energy strategy by energy, natural resource and economic
11 development agencies;

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13 (iii) Provide regular progress reports on
14 implementation of the biennial energy strategy to the joint
15 minerals, business and economic development interim
16 committee;

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18 (iv) Make budget recommendations to the governor
19 for energy, natural resource and economic development
20 agencies as these agencies implement the biennial energy
21 strategy's initiatives;

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1 (v) By August 30, 2019, and every two (2) years
2 thereafter, submit the biennial energy strategy to the
3 legislature through the joint minerals, business and
4 economic development interim committee.

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2018.

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