

SENATE FILE NO. SF0026

Challenge loan interest rate.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; amending the  
2 interest rate charged under the Wyoming Partnership  
3 Challenge Loan Program; amending maximum authorized loan  
4 amounts as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-301(a)(vi) and (vii),  
9 9-12-302(b) and 9-12-304(b)(i) are amended to read:

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11 **9-12-301. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this article:

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1           (vi) "Bridge financing" means the provision of  
2 financing for that portion of the total project cost which  
3 is calculated by subtracting from total project cost the  
4 sum of ownership debt and equity. The council shall not  
5 consider a proposal in which the bridge financing component  
6 exceeds thirty-five percent (35%) of total project cost or  
7 ~~five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)~~ one million  
8 dollars (\$1,000,000.00), whichever is less, and the  
9 business does not contribute more than fifteen percent  
10 (15%) of the total project cost;

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12           (vii) "Guarantee loan participation" means a  
13 provision of financing by the council in which the council  
14 participates with a lender that has secured a federal  
15 guaranteed loan to guarantee repayment of a loan made to a  
16 business. The maximum participation by the council shall  
17 be fifty percent (50%) of the loan or ~~one million dollars~~  
18 ~~(\$1,000,000.00)~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00),  
19 whichever is less;

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21           **9-12-302. Wyoming partnership challenge loan program;**  
22 **creation; rulemaking; administration account.**

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1 (b) The council, shall establish all fees and  
2 interest rates to be charged for each loan as it is  
3 underwritten for this program. The interest rate for loans  
4 made under this program shall be not less than ~~four percent~~  
5 ~~(4%)~~ three percent (3%) per annum. Fees on loans under the  
6 program shall be paid monthly and deposited into a program  
7 administration account which is continuously appropriated  
8 to the council to be expended solely for the purpose of  
9 administering this article and loans authorized under it.

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11 **9-12-304. Criteria for loans.**

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13 (b) Loans, loan commitments or loan guarantees or any  
14 combination thereof shall be made under this article only:

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16 (i) If the total amount to a single community  
17 development organization, or to a business for an economic  
18 disaster loan as provided under subsection (c) of this  
19 section, ~~or to a business for bridge financing as provided~~  
20 ~~under subsection (d) of this section,~~ does not exceed five  
21 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00), if the total amount  
22 to a business for bridge financing as provided under  
23 subsection (d) of this section does not exceed one million

1 dollars (\$1,000,000.00), if the total amount to state  
2 development organizations does not exceed three million  
3 five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000.00), if the  
4 amount to a business for a federally guaranteed loan as  
5 provided under subsection (e) of this section does not  
6 exceed ~~one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00)~~ two million  
7 dollars (\$2,000,000.00), if the amount to a business for a  
8 loan guarantee does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars  
9 (\$100,000.00) per loan guaranteed or eighty percent (80%)  
10 of any net loan loss by the bank, whichever is less, if the  
11 amount to a business for a Wyoming main street loan  
12 participation as provided under subsection (g) of this  
13 section does not exceed one hundred thousand dollars  
14 (\$100,000.00) or if the amount to a business for a natural  
15 gas fueling infrastructure loan as provided under  
16 subsection (h) of this section does not exceed seventy-five  
17 percent (75%) of the total project cost or one million  
18 dollars (\$1,000,000.00), whichever is less;

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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