

SENATE FILE NO. SF0030

Pandemic response review task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political  
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health; creating the pandemic  
2 response review task force; specifying duties of the task  
3 force; requiring a report; providing a termination date for  
4 the task force; providing appropriations; and providing for  
5 an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created the Wyoming pandemic response  
12 review task force to consist of the following:

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14 (i) One (1) representative of the department of  
15 health, appointed by the governor;

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2 (ii) One (1) representative of the state's K-12  
3 educational community, appointed by the governor;

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5 (iii) One (1) representative of the state's  
6 business community, appointed by the governor;

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8 (iv) Two (2) members of an association  
9 representing county commissioners, appointed by the  
10 governor;

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12 (v) One (1) enrolled member of the Northern  
13 Arapaho Indian tribe or Eastern Shoshone Indian tribe,  
14 appointed by the governor;

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16 (vi) Two (2) Wyoming health care practitioners  
17 whose practice includes seeing patients, appointed by the  
18 governor;

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20 (vii) Three (3) members of the Wyoming house of  
21 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. The  
22 speaker of the house shall designate a cochairman of the  
23 task force;

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2 (viii) Three (3) members of the Wyoming senate,  
3 appointed by the president of the senate. The president of  
4 the senate shall designate a cochairman of the task force.

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6 (b) The task force shall study the state's response  
7 to the COVID-19 pandemic and the state's ability to respond  
8 to pandemics and other disease outbreaks generally. This  
9 study shall include evaluation of:

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11 (i) The development of Wyoming statutes  
12 governing public health orders since statehood;

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14 (ii) The authority granted in W.S. 35-1-240 to  
15 the department of health to issue public health orders;

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17 (iii) The distribution of statutory authority  
18 provided to the department of health and local health  
19 officers to address disease outbreaks;

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21 (iv) The effectiveness of public health orders  
22 issued during the COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate the spread  
23 of the disease;

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2 (v) Consistency or inconsistency of local health  
3 officer efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic to mitigate  
4 the spread of the disease;

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6 (vi) State and local law enforcement  
7 authorities' responsibilities to enforce public health  
8 orders;

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10 (vii) The impact of public health orders issued  
11 during the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses, communities and  
12 the state's economy; and

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14 (viii) The response of Wyoming K-12 schools and  
15 institutions of higher education to the COVID-19 pandemic  
16 and the impact of public health orders issued during the  
17 COVID-19 pandemic on Wyoming K-12 schools and institutions  
18 of higher education.

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20 (c) The goal of the task force is to develop  
21 legislative recommendations to improve the state's response  
22 to future pandemics and other disease outbreaks. The task  
23 force shall report its findings and any recommendations to

1 the joint labor, health and social services interim  
2 committee, the joint corporations, elections and political  
3 subdivisions interim committee and the governor on or  
4 before July 1, 2022.

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6 (d) The legislative members of the task force shall  
7 receive compensation, per diem and travel expenses in the  
8 manner and amount prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101. Task force  
9 members who are not legislators and are not state employees  
10 shall receive the compensation, per diem and mileage paid  
11 members of the Wyoming legislature under W.S. 28-5-101.

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13 (e) The task force shall be staffed by the  
14 legislative service office and the department of health.

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16 (f) The task force shall terminate December 31, 2022.

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) There is appropriated ten thousand dollars  
21 (\$10,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office  
22 to pay compensation, mileage and per diem for  
23 nonlegislative members of the task force. This

1 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the  
2 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2023. This  
3 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
4 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
5 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
6 by law on June 30, 2023.

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8 (b) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars  
9 (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative  
10 service office to pay for salary, mileage and per diem of  
11 legislative members appointed to the task force. This  
12 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the  
13 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2023. This  
14 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
15 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
16 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
17 by law on June 30, 2023.

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1           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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