

ORIGINAL SENATE  
FILE NO. SF0058

ENROLLED ACT NO. 8, SENATE

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2022 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming council for women's issues; placing the council for women's issues within the department of workforce services; transferring authority, positions, property, equipment and funding for the council for women's issues from the Wyoming business council; and providing for an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-501 and 9-12-502 as 9-2-603 and 9-2-604 are amended and renumbered to read:

**~~9-12-501~~ 9-2-603. Wyoming council for women's issues; creation; areas of attention.**

(a) The Wyoming council for women's issues is created within the ~~Wyoming business council~~ department of workforce services. The council for women's issues shall focus attention on the status of women in Wyoming with emphasis on the following areas:

- (i) Employment practices;
- (ii) Educational opportunities;
- (iii) Home and community;
- (iv) Legal rights and responsibilities.

(b) As used in this article, unless otherwise specified, "council" means the Wyoming council for women's issues.

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~~9-12-502~~ 9-2-604. **Membership; term; appointments; vacancies; removal; officers; acceptance of gifts and donations; expenses.**

(a) The council shall be composed of fourteen (14) members, each of whom shall serve for a term of six (6) years. The governor shall make the appointments and fill any vacancies for unexpired terms. The governor may remove any member as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. The council shall be composed of one (1) woman from each of the judicial districts in the state, four (4) persons chosen at large and the ~~chief executive officer of the Wyoming business council or his~~ director of the department of workforce services or the director's designee who shall be an ex officio member. Not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the members shall be from the same political party. Of the initial members appointed from each of the judicial districts, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years, three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years and three (3) members shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years.

(b) The council shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its members. The ~~Wyoming business council~~ department of workforce services may employ a secretary on a part-time basis to assist the council. The council may accept gifts and donations.

(c) Members of the council shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**Section 2.** The members of the Wyoming council for women's issues serving on the council before the effective

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date of this act shall continue to serve for the remainder of their term on and after the effective date of this act, except that on and after the effective date of this act, the director of the department of workforce services shall serve as the ex officio member in lieu of the chief executive officer of the Wyoming business council. Any employee of the council for women's issues shall be transferred to the department of workforce services.

**Section 3.**

(a) Any funds appropriated to the Wyoming business council, including funds appropriated during the 2022 legislative session, for the Wyoming council for women's issues shall be transferred to the department of workforce services for expenditure consistent with their original appropriation, purpose and date of reversion except that the department of workforce services shall be substituted for the Wyoming business council.

(b) All positions, property, equipment and authority of the Wyoming business council for the Wyoming council for women's issues shall be transferred to the department of workforce services.

(c) All contracts, debts, grants, leases, advertising agreements and other obligations of the Wyoming council for women's issues entered into under the Wyoming business council shall be transferred to and honored by the Wyoming council for women's issues under the department of workforce services.

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**Section 4.** 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