

ENROLLED ACT NO. 56, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to the department of agriculture; establishing the agricultural research funding program as specified; providing rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 11-2-208 is created to read:

11-2-208. Agricultural research funding program.

(a) The director shall, through rule and regulation, establish a process to solicit applications from the agricultural industry in the state for applied agricultural research projects.

(b) The director, with approval from the board, may solicit applications for applied research under this section and shall contract with any appropriate educational institution or other qualified entity to conduct the research as provided in the application.

(c) In soliciting and reviewing applications under this section, the director and the board shall:

(i) Consult with producers and nonprofit organizations representing Wyoming agricultural producers;

(ii) Consider the potential impacts of the research in strengthening Wyoming's agricultural industry and agricultural production;

(iii) Consider the time for anticipated completion of the research;

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(iv) Consider the educational institution or other qualified entity which will conduct the research, giving preference to educational institutions located within the state;

(v) Ensure that the research results will be widely disseminated to the appropriate sectors of Wyoming agriculture;

(vi) Establish requirements for matching contributions from the educational institution or entity involved in the research and give preference to those projects which include additional private and institutional funding in support of the projects.

Section 2.

(a) There is appropriated two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from the general fund to the department of agriculture. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of contracting with educational institutions or other qualified entities pursuant to the agricultural research funding program established under this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall not be included in the department's 2015-2016 standard biennial budget request.

(b) Not later than November 30, 2013, the director of the department of agriculture shall provide a report to the

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joint agriculture, public lands and water resources interim committee on the expenditure of any funds appropriated under this section pursuant to the agricultural research funding program created by this act.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2012.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk