

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0129

Nuclear energy production study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Brechtel, Byrd,
Craft, Lockhart and Roscoe and Senator(s)
Bebout, Cooper, Martin and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to nuclear energy; providing for a study of
2 nuclear energy production; creating a task force; requiring
3 a report; providing an appropriation; and providing for an
4 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.**

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10 (a) There is created a task force on nuclear energy
11 production consisting of the following members:

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13 (i) Two (2) members of the Wyoming senate,
14 appointed by the president of the senate. One (1) of the
15 members shall be designated as cochairman;

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1 (ii) Two (2) members of the Wyoming house of
2 representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house. One
3 (1) of the members shall be designated as cochairman;

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5 (iii) Three (3) members appointed by the
6 governor. One (1) of the members shall have a background in
7 energy production, one (1) shall be a member of the
8 geological survey board and one (1) shall be a member of the
9 public at large.

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11 (b) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative
12 service office. State agencies shall provide information and
13 assistance to the task force as requested.

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15 (c) The task force shall study the following, as they
16 relate to nuclear energy production:

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18 (i) Potential incentives to encourage nuclear
19 energy production in this state including taxation issues,
20 use of unappropriated waters of the state and private and
21 public sector partnerships;

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23 (ii) State regulatory provisions unduly
24 restricting the development of nuclear power production;

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26 (iii) The role of local land use planning;

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1 (iv) Any relevant federal statutes that may
2 preempt or limit state or county authority;

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4 (v) Storage and reprocessing technologies,
5 including short term and long term storage issues;

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7 (vi) The role of higher education within the
8 state in developing nuclear energy production;

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10 (vii) Other issues the task force may consider
11 useful in encouraging appropriate nuclear energy production
12 in the state, including avoidance of duplicative or
13 conflicting requirements.

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15 (d) The task force shall submit its recommendations,
16 including proposed legislation with respect to the issues
17 specified in subsection (c) of this section, to the joint
18 minerals, business and economic development interim
19 committee and the governor no later than November 1, 2011.
20 The joint minerals, business and economic development
21 interim committee shall consider the recommendations and
22 develop legislation it deems appropriate for consideration
23 by the legislature in the 2012 budget session.

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25 (e) The task force shall exist until December 31,
26 2011. Members of the task force who are not state employees
27 or legislators shall not receive a salary but shall receive

1 reimbursement for mileage and per diem expenses at the rate
2 provided for legislators under W.S. 28-5-101. Members of
3 the task force who are legislators shall be paid salary, per
4 diem and mileage as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for their
5 official duties as members of the task force.

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7 (f) There is appropriated from the general fund:

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9 (i) Eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) to the
10 legislative service office for payment of salary, per diem
11 and mileage for legislative task force members;

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13 (ii) Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to the
14 governor's office for payment of authorized per diem and
15 mileage for nonlegislative task force members.

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

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