

SENATE FILE NO. SF0065

Applied agricultural research funding program.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson and Emerich and
Representative(s) Semlek

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the department of agriculture;
2 establishing the agricultural research funding program as
3 specified; providing rulemaking authority; providing an
4 appropriation; requiring a report; and providing for an
5 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.** W.S. 11-2-208 is created to read:

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11 **11-2-208. Agricultural research funding program.**

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

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2 (b) The director, with approval from the board, may
3 accept an application for applied research submitted under
4 this section and shall contract with the University of
5 Wyoming, other appropriate educational institution or other
6 qualified entity to conduct the research as provided in the
7 application.

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

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

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

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

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22 (iv) Consider the educational institution or
23 other qualified entity which will conduct the research,

1 giving preference to educational institutions located
2 within the state;

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

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

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14 **Section 2.**

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16 (a) There is appropriated two hundred thousand
17 dollars (\$200,000.00) from the general fund to the
18 department of agriculture. This appropriation shall be for
19 the period beginning with the effective date of this act
20 and ending June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall only be
21 expended for the purpose of contracting with educational
22 institutions pursuant to the agricultural research funding
23 program established under this act. Notwithstanding any
24 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be

1 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
2 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
3 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
4 2014. This appropriation shall not be included in the
5 department's 2015-2016 standard biennial budget request.

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7 (b) Not later than November 30, 2013, the director of
8 the department of agriculture shall provide a report to the
9 joint agriculture, public lands and water resources interim
10 committee on the expenditure of any funds appropriated
11 under this section pursuant to the agricultural research
12 funding program created by this act.

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

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