

ENROLLED ACT NO. 61, SENATE

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2017 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to abandoned mine land funds; reappropriating funds for energy science graduate stipends and fellowships; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) Up to two million eight hundred thirty-three thousand seventy-three dollars (\$2,833,073.00) or as much thereof as is available from the appropriation under 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 88, Section 346(d)(ii) shall not revert on June 30, 2018 as provided by 2011 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 88, Section 346(g)(iii) and is hereby reappropriated to the University of Wyoming for energy science graduate stipends and fellowships, subject to the conditions specified in this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds reappropriated in this section shall not revert until June 30, 2020. Expenditures under this section are subject to the following:

(i) The University of Wyoming shall not supplant any existing graduate stipend or fellowship funding with these funds;

(ii) The University of Wyoming shall not expend more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per year from these funds;

(iii) The University of Wyoming shall establish minimum grade point average and graduate record examination score thresholds for qualifying students to ensure that only highly qualified candidates are awarded energy science graduate stipends or fellowship opportunities;

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(iv) Each year, at least fifty percent (50%) of all funds awarded for energy science graduate stipends and fellowships shall be awarded to qualifying students who have demonstrated Wyoming residency as determined by the University of Wyoming or who are graduates of the University of Wyoming; and

(v) The University of Wyoming shall provide an annual report to the joint appropriations committee, the joint minerals, business and economic development interim committee and the governor by November 1 of each year that this appropriation is in effect. The report shall detail the number of energy science graduate stipends and fellowships awarded with funding from this appropriation. The report shall also include information demonstrating that the University of Wyoming has complied with subparagraphs (ii) and (iv) of this section.

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Section 2. 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.

(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