

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0142

Agriculture marketing funds-processing plants.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Flitner, Barlow, Eyre,
Greear, Hunt, Kirkbride and Sommers and
Senator(s) Boner, Driskill, Gierau, Kost and
Moniz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic diversification and
2 development; providing for the support of meat processing
3 plants for Wyoming product export; limiting use of certain
4 funds in the agriculture marketing subaccount within the
5 economic diversification account to support such processing
6 plants; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-109(b)(ii) and by creating a new
11 paragraph (iv) and 9-12-1404(a)(i) are amended to read:

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13 **9-12-109. Promotion of agriculture.**

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1 (b) The council shall solicit input from industry
2 groups and in consultation with the economically needed
3 diversity options for Wyoming (ENDOW) executive council:
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5 (ii) Market Wyoming grown agricultural products
6 in-state, regionally, nationally and internationally,
7 through market development, trade shows and social media
8 and other media outlets; ~~and~~

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10 (iv) Provide loans or grants to be used to fund
11 infrastructure for mid-sized meat processing plants for
12 international and interstate sales. Loans or grants under
13 this paragraph shall be:

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15 (A) Limited to funding infrastructure for
16 plants processing meat products for export and for
17 interstate sale;

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19 (B) Provided through a program administered
20 by the council, including the Wyoming business ready
21 community program, and subject to all applicable statutes
22 and rules governing the program.

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1 **9-12-1404. Economic diversification account created;**
2 **authorized expenditures.**

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4 (a) There is created an economic diversification
5 account. All monies in the account are continuously
6 appropriated to the office of the governor to be used for
7 the purposes of this article and as otherwise specified by
8 law, including per diem, mileage and other administrative
9 expenses of the ENDOW executive council. Notwithstanding
10 W.S. 9-2-1008 and 9-4-207, funds in the account or
11 subaccounts of the account shall not lapse at the end of
12 the fiscal period. Interest earned on funds in the account
13 shall be deposited to the account or appropriate
14 subaccount. Within the account shall be subaccounts. For
15 accounting and investment purposes only all subaccounts
16 shall be treated as separate accounts. The subaccounts are
17 as follows:

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19 (i) The agriculture marketing subaccount. Funds
20 within this subaccount may be expended as requested by the
21 Wyoming business council and approved by the governor or
22 his designee to provide funding for purposes of W.S.
23 9-12-109 and as specified by law;

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2 **Section 2.**

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4 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
5 from funds within the agriculture marketing subaccount
6 within the economic diversification account as of the
7 effective date of this act, one million dollars
8 (\$1,000,000.00) shall only be expended for purposes of W.S.
9 9-12-109(b)(iv), as created by this act. Any expenditure
10 of these funds shall be subject to the provisions of W.S.
11 9-12-1404(a)(i).

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13 (b) If no funds have been expended or obligated as
14 authorized by subsection (a) of this section prior to
15 January 1, 2025, the funds subject to subsection (a) of
16 this section shall not be restricted as provided in
17 subsection (a) of this section and may be expended pursuant
18 to W.S. 9-12-1404(a)(i).

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20 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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