

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0288

Wyoming main street program.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Petersen, Martin, Meyer and Reese and Senator(s) Decaria

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; providing for the  
2 creation of a main street program as specified; providing  
3 for the creation of a main street advisory council;  
4 providing for membership and duties as specified; providing  
5 for duties by the department of state parks and cultural  
6 resources; providing an appropriation authorizing  
7 positions; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-12-601 through 9-12-605 are created  
12 to read:

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ARTICLE 6

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WYOMING MAIN STREET PROGRAM

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1           **9-12-601. Definitions.**

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3           (a) As used in this article:

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5                   (i) "Business area" means a commercial area  
6 existing at the time services under the Wyoming main street  
7 program are requested by a municipality;

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9                   (ii) "Council" means the Wyoming main street  
10 advisory council;

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12                   (iii) "Department" means the department of state  
13 parks and cultural resources;

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15                   (iv) "Municipality" means a city, town, county  
16 or district;

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18                   (v) "Pilot program" means a temporary program to  
19 last for no longer than three (3) years created by the  
20 department pursuant to W.S. 9-12-605 for the purpose of  
21 providing the council and the department experience in  
22 conducting the Wyoming main street program;

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1           (vi) "Revitalization" means the process of  
2 engaging in activities to increase economic activity, while  
3 preserving and building upon a location's historically  
4 significant characteristics.

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6           **9-12-602. Wyoming main street advisory council.**

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8           (a) There is created a Wyoming main street advisory  
9 council. The council shall consist of seven (7) members  
10 appointed by the governor, not more than four (4) of whom  
11 shall be from the same political party. Council members  
12 shall elect from their membership a chairman, vice-chairman  
13 and secretary.

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15           (b) The governor may remove any member of the council  
16 as provided by W.S. 9-1-202.

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18           (c) Council members shall serve a three (3) year term  
19 provided that of the initial board, two (2) members shall  
20 be appointed for a one (1) year term, two (2) members for  
21 two (2) year terms and three (3) members for three (3) year  
22 terms. Vacancies on the council shall be filled by  
23 appointment of the governor for the unexpired term.

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1           (d) Members of the council shall receive the same per  
2 diem, expenses and travel allowance as members of the  
3 legislature while in actual attendance at meetings of the  
4 council and the performance of their duties relative  
5 thereto.

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7           (e) The department shall provide staff services as  
8 the council requires to carry out its duties.

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10           (f) The council shall meet as often as necessary to  
11 conduct business, but no less than three (3) times a year.  
12 Meetings shall be called by the chairman. A majority of  
13 members shall constitute a quorum.

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15           **9-12-603. Duties of the advisory council.**

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17           (a) The council shall:

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19                   (i) Assist the department in developing a plan  
20 to operate the Wyoming main street program;

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22                   (ii) Annually review the program and report  
23 findings and recommendations, including recommendations for  
24 future legislation, to the governor;

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2 (iii) Provide a comprehensive evaluation of the  
3 Wyoming main street pilot program annually to the joint  
4 minerals, business and economic development interim  
5 committee, if a pilot program is commenced, and after the  
6 expiration of the pilot program, provide to the interim  
7 committee a review of the Wyoming main street program in  
8 the same manner as in paragraph (ii) of this subsection;

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10 (iv) Promulgate rules necessary to carry out the  
11 provisions of this article;

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13 (v) Perform any other duty provided for under  
14 this article.

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16 **9-12-604. Duties of the department.**

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18 (a) The department shall establish and administer a  
19 Wyoming main street program to coordinate state and local  
20 participation in programs offered by the national main  
21 street center, created by the national trust for historic  
22 preservation, to assist municipalities in planning,  
23 managing and implementing programs for the revitalization  
24 of business areas.

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2 (b) In carrying out subsection (a) of this section,  
3 the department shall:

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5 (i) Enter into contracts to obtain business area  
6 revitalization services provided by the national main  
7 street center;

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9 (ii) Subject to legislative authorization,  
10 employ any staff necessary to operate the Wyoming main  
11 street program;

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13 (iii) With advice from the council, develop a  
14 plan describing the objectives of the Wyoming main street  
15 program and methods by which the department shall:

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17 (A) Coordinate the activities of that  
18 program with private and public sector revitalizations of  
19 business areas;

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21 (B) Solicit and use private sector funding  
22 for revitalization of business areas;

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1 (C) Assist municipalities engaged in the  
2 revitalization of their business areas.

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4 (iv) Coordinate with other state and local  
5 public and private entities which provide services to  
6 municipalities undertaking projects for the revitalization  
7 of business areas;

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9 (v) Provide training, technical assistance and  
10 information on the revitalization of business areas to  
11 municipalities which do not participate in the Wyoming main  
12 street program.

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14 **9-12-605. Pilot program.**

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16 (a) Upon recommendation of the council, the  
17 department may initiate a pilot program. The department  
18 may promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to carry  
19 out this section.

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21 (b) Upon initiation of a pilot program, the council  
22 shall select five (5) municipalities to participate in the  
23 Wyoming main street pilot program. The council shall  
24 select pilot program participants that represent different

1 geographical regions or populations. The council shall  
2 hold at least one (1) public hearing before making  
3 selections under this subsection.

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5 (c) The department shall commence the pilot program  
6 for the five (5) municipalities selected by the council for  
7 three (3) consecutive years. Upon the completion of the  
8 three (3) year period, the five (5) municipalities may  
9 continue to participate in the Wyoming main street program.

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11 (d) In making its selection pursuant to subsection  
12 (b) of this section, the council, with the assistance of  
13 the department, shall develop, for use in selecting pilot  
14 program participants, criteria relating to at least the  
15 following issues:

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17 (i) Private and public sector interest in and  
18 commitment to revitalization of a business area selected by  
19 the municipality;

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21 (ii) Potential private sector investment in a  
22 business area selected by the municipality;

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1           (iii) Local organizational and financial  
2 commitment to employ a pilot program manager for not less  
3 than three (3) years;

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5           (iv) Local assistance in paying for the services  
6 of a design consultant recommended by the advisory council;

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8           (v) Local commitment to assist in training  
9 programs to direct activities related to business areas in  
10 municipalities which do not participate in the Wyoming main  
11 street program.

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13          (e) After conducting the pilot program for three (3)  
14 years, the department shall expand the Wyoming main street  
15 program to include other municipalities demonstrating a  
16 commitment to participate in the program.

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18           **Section 2.**

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20          (a) There is appropriated two hundred seventy-three  
21 thousand five hundred dollars (\$273,500.00), or as much  
22 thereof as is necessary, from the general fund to the  
23 department of state parks and cultural resources for the

1 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, to implement the  
2 purposes of this act.

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4 (b) The department of state parks and cultural  
5 resources is authorized one (1) full-time equivalent  
6 position and one (1) part-time equivalent position for the  
7 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003, to implement the  
8 provisions of this act.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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