

SENATE FILE NO. SF0014

Nuclear and hybrid energy system related projects.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to business development; requiring the
2 Wyoming business council to contact the department of
3 energy and other entities regarding next generation nuclear
4 plants and hybrid energy system facilities as specified;
5 providing an appropriation; requiring a report; and
6 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.**

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12 (a) The Wyoming business council, in consultation
13 with the governor, shall contact the United States
14 department of energy and other entities regarding the
15 possibility of locating within the state of Wyoming any
16 next generation nuclear plant project under consideration

1 by the department of energy under its nuclear energy
2 research initiative. In addition, the Wyoming business
3 council shall investigate the feasibility of locating
4 hybrid energy system facilities that include the use of
5 other forms of energy resources in Wyoming including,
6 without limitation, coal and coal gasification, natural
7 gas, oil, wind and other renewable resources. The Wyoming
8 business council shall also evaluate supply chain
9 industries related to nuclear and hybrid energy systems
10 facilities including, without limitation, those industries
11 that provide equipment and feed stocks. This evaluation
12 shall include, without limitation, consideration of whether
13 the supply chain industries would limit the development of
14 projects and opportunities for adding value to Wyoming
15 resources.

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17 (b) Not later than November 1, 2012, the Wyoming
18 business council shall report the results of any
19 discussions with the United States department of energy or
20 other entities under this section to the joint minerals,
21 business and economic development interim committee. The
22 report shall include any suggested legislation which may
23 encourage the location of a next generation nuclear plant,

1 hybrid energy system facility or supply chain manufacturing
2 facility project within the state of Wyoming.

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4 (c) There is appropriated two hundred fifty thousand
5 dollars (\$250,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming
6 business council. This appropriation shall only be
7 expended for the purpose of conducting the investigations
8 and providing the report as specified under this act. No
9 portion of this appropriation shall be expended prior to an
10 agreement between the Wyoming business council and the
11 Idaho national laboratory or other entity that the Idaho
12 national laboratory or other entity will expend an amount
13 not less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
14 (\$250,000.00) in conducting the investigations and
15 providing information for the report as specified under
16 this act. Of this general fund appropriation, fifty
17 thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be provided to the
18 University of Wyoming for support from the college of
19 engineering and applied sciences, the college of business,
20 the school of energy resources and for coordination with
21 the state geological survey. Of this general fund
22 appropriation, fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) may be
23 used to contract with outside entities including nuclear
24 reactor and next generation nuclear power facilities.

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this
2 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
3 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
4 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
5 by law on June 30, 2013.

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

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