

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0102

Sage grouse implementation team.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Stubson and Senator(s)  
Anderson, J.D. (SD02)

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;  
2 creating the sage grouse implementation team; providing for  
3 membership; specifying duties; and providing for an  
4 effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-19-101 is created to read:

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CHAPTER 19

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SAGE GROUSE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

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13 **9-19-101. Sage grouse implementation team created;**  
14 **membership; duties.**

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1           (a) There is created a sage grouse implementation  
2 team that shall consist of members appointed by the  
3 governor as provided in this subsection and members of the  
4 legislature as provided in subsection (b) of this section.  
5 Members of the implementation team appointed pursuant to  
6 this subsection shall serve staggered terms of four (4)  
7 years. As terms of current implementation team members  
8 expire, the governor shall appoint each new member or  
9 reappointed member to a four (4) year term. The  
10 implementation team members appointed by the governor shall  
11 consist of the following members:

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13           (i) Not less than two (2) members representing  
14 each of the following interests:

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16                   (A) Agriculture;

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18                   (B) Mining;

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20                   (C) Oil and gas industry;

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22                   (D) Conservation or sportsmen's groups.

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1           (ii) Not less than one (1) member representing  
2 each of the following interests:

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4           (A) County government;

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6           (B) Wind generation and transmission  
7 industry.

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9           (iii) Not less than one (1) member representing  
10 each of the following agencies:

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12           (A) Wyoming game and fish commission;

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14           (B) Wyoming department of agriculture;

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16           (C) Wyoming department of environmental  
17 quality;

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19           (D) Wyoming wildlife and natural resource  
20 trust fund board;

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22           (E) Wyoming oil and gas conservation  
23 commission; and

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1 (F) Wyoming office of state lands and  
2 investments.

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4 (b) The sage grouse implementation team shall include  
5 one (1) member of the house of representatives, appointed  
6 by the speaker of the house and one (1) member of the  
7 senate appointed by the president of the senate.

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9 (c) The implementation team shall seek cooperation  
10 and participation from the following federal entities in  
11 carrying out its duties:

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13 (i) United States bureau of land management;

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15 (ii) United States fish and wildlife service;

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17 (iii) United States forest service;

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19 (iv) United States natural resource conservation  
20 service.

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22 (d) The governor may remove any member appointed  
23 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as provided in  
24 W.S. 9-1-202.

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2 (e) The governor shall appoint a chairman and other  
3 officers deemed necessary from among the members. The  
4 implementation team may meet as often as deemed necessary  
5 by a majority of the implementation team or at the request  
6 of the chairman or the governor. Members shall serve  
7 without salary but shall receive per diem and mileage for  
8 attending team meetings in the manner and amounts provided  
9 by law for state employees. Members who are government  
10 employees or public officials shall be considered on  
11 official business of their agency when performing duties as  
12 members of the implementation team. Remaining members  
13 shall receive payment authorized by this subsection from  
14 the governor's office.

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16 (f) The implementation team shall review data and  
17 make recommendations to the governor regarding actions and  
18 funding to maintain and enhance sage grouse populations and  
19 sage grouse habitats in Wyoming.

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21 (g) The implementation team shall make  
22 recommendations to the governor regarding regulatory  
23 actions necessary to maintain and enhance sage grouse  
24 populations and sage grouse habitats in Wyoming.

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2           **Section 2.** Notwithstanding W.S. 9-19-101(a), the  
3 initial terms of the members of the sage grouse  
4 implementation team appointed by the governor shall be one  
5 (1) year for one-fourth (1/4) of the members, two (2) years  
6 for one-fourth (1/4) of the members, three (3) years for  
7 one-fourth (1/4) of the members and four (4) years for one-  
8 fourth (1/4) of the members.

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10           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
11 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
12 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
13 Constitution.

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