

SENATE FILE NO. SF0008

Bicycle and pedestrian system task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highway, bicycle and pedestrian safety;
2 creating a task force to study the benefits and
3 opportunities of bicycle and pedestrian pathways and
4 natural surface trails in the state; specifying task force
5 membership and staffing; providing additional duties to the
6 Wyoming business council; requiring reports; and providing
7 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.** BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SYSTEM TASK FORCE

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13 (a) The governor shall appoint a bicycle and
14 pedestrian system task force of thirteen (13) members
15 subject to the following:

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2 (i) One (1) member shall be a department of
3 transportation employee knowledgeable in highway safety;

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5 (ii) One (1) member shall be a representative of
6 local government;

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8 (iii) One (1) member shall be an employee of the
9 office of tourism or a member of the Wyoming tourism board;

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11 (iv) One (1) member shall be active in a bicycle
12 tourism related business;

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14 (v) Two (2) members shall be representatives of
15 local or statewide bicycle groups;

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17 (vi) One (1) member shall be a member or an
18 employee of the Wyoming business council;

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20 (vii) One (1) member shall be the state
21 epidemiologist;

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1 (viii) One (1) member shall be a department of
2 state parks and cultural resources employee knowledgeable
3 in natural surface trail systems;

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5 (ix) One (1) member shall be familiar with
6 equestrian activities;

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8 (x) One (1) member shall be a department of
9 transportation employee or other qualified representative
10 knowledgeable in planning, designing and constructing
11 bicycle and pedestrian pathways;

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13 (xi) One (1) member shall be from the
14 agriculture industry;

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16 (xii) One (1) member shall be from the trucking
17 industry.

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19 (b) The governor shall appoint the chairman of the
20 task force.

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22 (c) The task force shall:

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1 (i) Develop a report to help the department of
2 transportation, department of state parks and cultural
3 resources, department of health, office of tourism, Wyoming
4 business council and local communities better understand
5 the opportunities and challenges of bicycle and pedestrian
6 pathways. In developing the report the task force shall:

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8 (A) Consider the health benefits to Wyoming
9 residents of encouraging bicycle and pedestrian recreation
10 and transportation and ways in which these benefits can be
11 attained;

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13 (B) Consider opportunities for using
14 bicycle and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails
15 to benefit economic development through enhanced tourism
16 opportunities and community enhancements;

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18 (C) Identify and evaluate options to fund
19 the construction and maintenance of bicycle and pedestrian
20 pathways and natural surface trails for state and local
21 governments, including funding from private individuals,
22 corporate funding, grants from nonprofit organizations and
23 local, state and federal sources;

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2 (D) Consider safety analyses relating to
3 fatalities and serious injury accidents involving motor
4 vehicles and bicycles and pedestrians in Wyoming and safety
5 concerns raised by the analyses;

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7 (E) Consider and make recommendations on
8 the various ways the state can coordinate with and assist
9 efforts to develop local and state bicycle and pedestrian
10 pathways and natural surface trails;

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12 (F) Consider the extent to which bicycle
13 and pedestrian pathways and natural surface trails should
14 be available to people riding horses;

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16 (G) Consider the most cost effective method
17 of construction of bicycle and pedestrian pathways along
18 public roads;

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20 (H) Consider effective methods of
21 construction of natural surface trails;

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1 (J) Consider implementation of annual and
2 lifetime passes to use the state trails;

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4 (K) Include any other considerations as the
5 task force may deem appropriate.

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7 (ii) Submit a preliminary report on or before
8 October 1, 2016 and a final report on or before October 1,
9 2017 with respect to the issues specified in paragraph (i)
10 of this subsection to the transportation commission,
11 tourism board, Wyoming business council, the joint travel,
12 recreation and wildlife interim committee and the joint
13 transportation, highways and military affairs interim
14 committee.

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16 (d) Service on the task force by task force members
17 who are government employees shall be considered part of
18 the member's regular government employment. Task force
19 members who are members of the public shall serve without
20 compensation.

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22 (e) The Wyoming business council shall provide an
23 executive secretary to the task force and shall provide

1 staff and other support to the task force as required to
2 fulfill its duties under this act.

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4 (f) The task force shall terminate July 1, 2018.

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

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