HOUSE BILL NO. HB0291

Department of health facilities.
Sponsored by: House Appropriations Committee

A BILL
for

1 AN ACT relating to department of health facilities; providing authorization for construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center; providing an appropriation for the construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center; providing a contingent appropriation with authority for an interfund loan for the construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center; reappropriating funds related to the level III design study for the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center; continuing the task force on department of health facilities; specifying duties of the task force; repealing prior law related to the task force; providing an appropriation for the task force; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1.

(a) The governor and department of health, through the state construction department, are authorized to conduct all preconstruction and construction activities necessary to plan, contract for, construct and renovate facilities at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center, consistent with the Level III design study authorized by 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 97, Section 4.

(b) The state construction department may enter into contracts and retain experts as necessary to complete the planning, construction and renovation authorized by subsection (a) of this section. The department shall keep the department of health and joint legislative and executive task force on department of health facilities ("task force") informed of all contracting activities. No contract shall be executed without the approval of the governor. No contract authorized by this subsection shall be subject to the Professional Architectural, Engineering
and Land Surveying Services Procurement Act, W.S. 9-2-1027 through 9-2-1033.

(c) All funds remaining from the nine million dollars ($9,000,000.00) appropriated by 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 97, Section 4 from the state facilities construction account to the department of administration and information for the purpose of procuring, developing and implementing a Level III design study for the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center are reappropriated to the state construction department for the purpose of completing the Level III design study and for the purposes specified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.

(d) There is appropriated one hundred thirty-five million two hundred thousand dollars ($135,200,000.00) from the state facilities construction account to the state construction department. This appropriation shall be expended only for the purposes specified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
(e) For the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending October 15, 2017, prior to making any deposits under W.S. 9-4-719(q) to the legislative stabilization reserve account, four million three hundred thousand dollars ($4,300,000.00) which would otherwise be deposited to the legislative stabilization reserve account under W.S. 9-4-719(q) shall be distributed to the state facilities construction account created in W.S. 9-4-221. Funds deposited to the state facilities construction account under this subsection shall be immediately appropriated to the state construction department for the purposes specified in subsections (a) and (b) of this section and shall be expended for those purposes if the amounts appropriated in subsections (c) and (d) of this section are insufficient. In addition to the authority provided under W.S. 9-1-417, the state treasurer and the state auditor may utilize up to four million three hundred thousand dollars ($4,300,000.00) in interfund loans from the unexpended, unobligated balance of the legislative stabilization reserve account for deposit to the state facilities construction account as necessary to meet contract obligations of the state construction department incurred for purposes of this act.
Section 2.

(a) The joint legislative and executive task force on department of health facilities, created in 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 329 as amended by 2015 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 142 and as continued by 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 97, Section 4, is hereby continued.

(b) The task force shall be comprised of:

(i) Three (3) members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

(ii) Three (3) members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house;

(iii) Two (2) members of executive branch departments appointed by the governor. In considering appointments to the task force who are not members of the legislature, the governor shall consider the expertise required to finalize a Level III design study and oversee
construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center.

(c) The task force shall implement the recommendations for its continued work as provided in the task force's November 1, 2016 Interim Report on Activities, on file with the legislative service office, including:

(i) Providing oversight and recommendations to the governor, the department of health and the state construction department for the finalization of the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center Level III design study as authorized by 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 97, Section 4;

(ii) Providing oversight and recommendations to the governor, the department of health and the state construction department on all preconstruction and construction activities necessary to plan, contract for, construct and renovate facilities at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center, consistent with the final Level III design study;
(iii) Providing oversight and recommendations to the governor, the department of health and the state construction department necessary to assure that the Wyoming state hospital and life resource center are planned, constructed and renovated in a manner which considers impacts on available federal funding;

(iv) Providing oversight and recommendations to the governor, the department of health and the state construction department for the expenditure of funds for construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center within the project budget;

(v) Collaborating with and receiving regular reports from the state construction department, the department of administration and information, the department of health, working groups, architects, owner's representatives, planners, construction companies, contractors and all other entities involved with the construction and renovation authorized by this act in order to collect information, provide appropriate oversight and make informed recommendations;
(vi) Assuring that the state building commission is kept informed of progress on the construction and renovation authorized by this act;

(vii) Providing interim reports on the activities of the task force to the joint appropriations committee and the joint labor, health and social services interim committee not later than November 1 of each year until the construction and renovation required by this act is complete;

(viii) Providing recommendations for legislative action.

(d) The task force shall be staffed by the legislative service office.

(e) The task force shall terminate on June 30 of the year following the year in which construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center is complete and the facilities are occupied.
(f) All funds remaining from the forty thousand dollars ($40,000.00) appropriated by 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 97, Section 4(h) from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purpose of funding salary, mileage and per diem of legislative members of the task force are reappropriated to the legislative service office and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30 of the year following the year in which construction and renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life resource center is complete and the facilities are occupied.

(g) There is appropriated twenty thousand dollars ($20,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of funding salary, mileage and per diem of legislative members of the task force. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30 of the year following the year in which construction and
renovation at the Wyoming state hospital and Wyoming life
resource center is complete and the facilities are
occupied.

Section 3. 2016 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 97,
Section 4 is repealed.

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

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