

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0004

Wyoming coal marketing program.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to energy and natural resources; creating the
2 Wyoming coal marketing program; providing program standards
3 and purposes; creating an account; authorizing the acceptance
4 of donations; providing an appropriation; requiring
5 rulemaking; requiring a report; and providing for effective
6 dates.

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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) There is created the Wyoming coal marketing program
13 to be administered by the governor. The purpose of the program
14 is to protect and expand Wyoming's coal markets and coal
15 facilities and to address impacts cities, towns and counties

1 have experienced or will experience due to changes in the
2 coal market.

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4 (b) The governor shall expend funds appropriated to the
5 governor for operating the program only on the following:

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7 (i) Projects with a public benefit associated with
8 expanding and protecting Wyoming's coal markets and coal
9 facilities;

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11 (ii) Projects with a public benefit that address
12 impacts cities, towns and counties have experienced or will
13 experience due to changes in the coal market.

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15 (c) No funds shall be provided for projects under this
16 chapter without the written opinion of the attorney general
17 certifying the legality of the transaction and all documents
18 connected therewith.

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20 (d) On or before October 1 of each year, the governor
21 shall report to the joint minerals, business and economic
22 development interim committee on the projects funded by the

1 coal marketing program. The report shall include the amount,
2 the recipient and a description of each project funded.

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4 (e) There is created the Wyoming coal marketing program
5 account. All funds in the account are continuously
6 appropriated to the governor to be expended for the purposes
7 of this chapter and as otherwise specified by law. The
8 governor may expend funds in this account as provided in
9 subsection (b) of this section. Interest earned on funds in
10 the account shall be deposited in the account.

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12 (f) The governor may accept, and shall deposit in the
13 account, any gifts, contributions, donations, grants or
14 federal funds specifically designated for the benefit of the
15 Wyoming coal marketing program or any project funded under
16 the program.

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18 **Section 2.** There is appropriated one million dollars
19 (\$1,000,000.00) from the general fund to the coal marketing
20 program account created by Section 1(e) of this act. The
21 governor shall only expend this appropriation for the Wyoming
22 coal marketing program as provided for in Section 1 of this
23 act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this

