

**SF0096****Wyoming Gold Act.**

Sponsored By: Senator(s) Ide, French, Hutchings, Laursen, D,
Salazar, Smith, D and Steinmetz and Representative(s)
Allemand, Heiner, Lien, Locke and Smith, S

AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Legal Tender Act; requiring the state treasurer to hold and invest specie and specie legal tender; authorizing the state treasurer to hire consultants; requiring a study and report; and providing for effective dates.

1/7/2025 Bill Number Assigned
1/10/2025 S Received for Introduction
1/16/2025 S Introduced and Referred to S03 - Revenue
1/24/2025 S03 - Revenue:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 3-2-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) French, Ide, Mckeown

Nays: Senator(s) Case, Pappas

Ayes 3 **Nays** 2 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/24/2025 S Placed on General File

SF0096SS001/ADOPTED

Page 2-line 3 Delete "between".

Page 2-line 4 Delete "and across all state managed accounts" and
insert "in the permanent Wyoming mineral trust fund".

Page 3-line 19 After "committee on" insert "capital". MCKEOWN,
CHAIRMAN

1/29/2025 S COW:Passed

1/30/2025 S 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0096S3001/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 4 Delete "providing rulemaking authority;".

Page 2-lines 20 and 21 Delete entirely.

Page 3-lines 1 through 3 Delete entirely.

Page 3-line 5 Delete "**Section 3.**" and insert "**Section 2.**".

Page 3-lines 7 through 13 Delete entirely and insert:

"(a) The state treasurer shall conduct a study that reviews methods for the state to begin accepting gold and silver as a payment medium.".

Page 4-line 1 Delete "**Section 4.**" and insert "**Section 3.**".
NETHERCOTT

1/31/2025 S 3rd Reading:Passed 25-6-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Dockstader, Driskill, French, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz
Nays: Senator(s) Anderson, Barlow, Case, Gierau, Pappas, Rothfuss
Ayes 25 **Nays** 6 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

1/31/2025 H Received for Introduction
2/10/2025 H Introduced and Referred to H02 - Appropriations
2/13/2025 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 5-1-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft
Nays: Representative Sherwood
Excused: Representative Smith
Ayes 5 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/13/2025 H Placed on General File

SF0096HS001/ADOPTED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 3-line 1 Delete "state treasurer" and insert "department of revenue".

Page 3-line 5 Delete "state treasurer" and insert "department of revenue". BEAR, CHAIRMAN

SF0096HW001/WITHDRAWN

2/14/2025 H COW:Passed

SF0096H2001/FAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 4 After "report;" insert "providing an appropriation;".

Page 3-after line 10 Insert:

"(c) There is appropriated fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) from the general fund to the department of revenue for purposes of conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June 30, 2026 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of revenue's standard budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.". LARSEN, L

SF0096H2002/FAILED (TO ENGROSSED COPY)

Page 1-line 3 After "tender;" delete balance of line.

Page 1-line 4 Delete "consultants;".

Page 2-line 2 After "Holding" insert "the rights to".

Page 2-lines 12 through 18 Delete entirely. YIN

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Connolly, Eklund, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Yin

Nays: Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Brown, L, Campbell, K, Clouston, Davis, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, McCann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Washut, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter

Excused: Representative(s) Riggins, Wylie

Ayes 14 **Nays** 46 **Excused** 2 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

SF0096H2003/FAILED

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Page 1-line 3 After "tender" insert ", treasury inflation protected securities, gold exchange traded funds, real estate and gold and silver mineral-producing companies".

Page 1-line 14 Delete "shall" and insert "may".

Page 2-line 2 After "(i)" insert "If market conditions warrant,".

Page 2-line 3 After "tender" insert ", treasury inflation protected securities, gold exchange traded funds, real estate and gold and silver mineral-producing companies".

Page 2-line 7 After "risks" insert ", including a black swan event".
STORER, NICHOLAS

SF0096H2004/FAILED

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Delete the Storer et al. second reading amendment (SF0096H2003/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 3 After "tender" insert "and bitcoin".

Page 2-line 3 After "tender" insert "and not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in bitcoin". WASSERBURGER

SF0096H2005/FAILED

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Page 2-line 3 Delete the Wasserburger second reading amendment (SF0096H2004/A) to this line; after "tender" insert "and gold futures or funds that enable the owner to take delivery of the gold". NICHOLAS

2/18/2025 H 2nd Reading:Passed

SF0096H3001/FAILED

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Page 1-line 4 After "report;" insert "providing an appropriation;".

Page 3-after line 10 Insert:

"(c) There is appropriated forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) from the general fund to the department of revenue for purposes of conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June 30, 2026 shall revert as provided by law. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the department of revenue's standard budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.". LARSEN, L

SF0096H3002/FAILED**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 2-line 4

Delete "permanent Wyoming mineral trust" and insert "general". FILER

SF0096H3003/FAILED**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Delete the House standing committee amendment (SF0096HS001/AE) and the first Larsen, L third reading amendment (SF0096H3001/AE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 4

Delete "requiring a study and report;".

Page 1-line 5

Delete "effective dates" and insert "an effective date".

Page 2-line 20

Delete entirely and renumber as necessary.

Page 3-lines 1 through 10

Delete entirely.

Page 3-lines 12 through 20

Delete entirely and insert:

"Section 2. This act is effective January 1, 2026.". LARSEN, L**SF0096H3004/FAILED****(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 1-line 14

After "article" insert "only if the price of gold, measured in United States dollars per ounce, is equal to or less than the average price of gold in 2019 and".
YIN

2/19/2025 H 3rd Reading:Passed 44-17-1-0-0

ROLL CALL**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Andrew, Angelos, Banks, Bear, Brady, Bratten, Brown, G, Campbell, K, Clouston, Eklund, Erickson, Filer, Geringer, Guggenmos, Haroldson, Heiner, Hoeft, Johnson, Kelly, Knapp, Larson, Lawley, Lien, Locke, Lucas, Mccann, Neiman, Ottman, Pendergraft, Rodriguez-Williams, Schmid, Singh, Smith, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Thayer, Wasserburger, Webb, Webber, Wharff, Williams, Winter**Nays:** Representative(s) Brown, L, Byron, Campbell, E, Chestek, Connolly, Davis, Harshman, Jarvis, Larsen, Nicholas, Posey, Provenza, Sherwood, Storer, Washut, Wylie, Yin**Excused:** Representative Riggins**Ayes** 44 **Nays** 17 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/19/2025 S Received for Concurrence

2/19/2025 S Concur:Passed 23-8-0-0-0

ROLL CALL**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Biteman, Boner, Brennan, Dockstader, French, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kolb, Landen, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Olsen, Pearson, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Smith, Steinmetz**Nays:** Senator(s) Barlow, Case, Cooper, Crago, Crum, Driskill, Pappas, Rothfuss**Ayes** 23 **Nays** 8 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

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2/19/2025 S President Signed SEA No. 0013

2/20/2025 H Speaker Signed SEA No. 0013

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