

SENATE FILE NO. SF0088

2025 large project funding.

Sponsored by: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural  
 2 Resource Funding Act; providing for the funding of large  
 3 projects under that act; specifying large projects approved  
 4 for funding in 2025; authorizing distributions from the  
 5 Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust income account  
 6 for approved large projects; providing for the reversion of  
 7 funds; and providing 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.**

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13 (a) As used in this section:

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1           (i) "Board" means the Wyoming wildlife and  
2 natural resource trust account board created by W.S.  
3 9-15-104;

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5           (ii) "Income account" means the Wyoming wildlife  
6 and natural resource trust income account created by W.S.  
7 9-15-103(b).

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9           (b) Pursuant to the authority granted under W.S.  
10 9-15-104(k) and subject to each recipient's certification  
11 under W.S. 9-15-103(r), authorization is granted for  
12 funding of the large projects provided for in subsections  
13 (c) through (n) of this section.

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15           (c) Thunder Basin Habitat III:

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17           (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish  
18 Commission;

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20           (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native  
21 ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian  
22 restoration, fence modification and invasive species

1 control on approximately forty-eight thousand eight hundred  
2 fifty (48,850) acres in northeast Wyoming in order to:

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4 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
5 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

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7 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors  
8 for native ungulates;

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10 (C) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
11 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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13 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and  
14 intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

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16 (iii) Project description: Rangeland  
17 restoration;

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19 (iv) Total project budget: Four million  
20 seventeen thousand three hundred forty dollars  
21 (\$4,017,340.00);

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1           (v) Project grant: The total grant for the  
2 project, including all grants previously awarded for the  
3 project and the additional six hundred twenty thousand  
4 dollar (\$620,000.00) grant authorized under this  
5 subsection, shall be nine hundred three thousand dollars  
6 (\$903,000.00);

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8           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
9 the income account to the board six hundred twenty thousand  
10 dollars (\$620,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
11 carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and  
12 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
13 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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15           (d) Baggs Valley Headwaters III:

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17           (i) Project sponsor: Little Snake River  
18 Conservation District;

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20           (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native  
21 vegetation through mechanical, chemical and prescribed fire  
22 across a varied landscape of approximately five thousand  
23 three hundred (5,300) acres in Carbon county in order to:

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2 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
3 deer, elk, moose, antelope and other species;

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5 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors for  
6 native ungulates;

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8 (C) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
9 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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11 (D) Conserve valuable grassland and  
12 intermediate shrubland ecotypes.

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14 (iii) Project description: Rangeland  
15 restoration;

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17 (iv) Total project budget: Five million two  
18 hundred six thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,206,500.00);

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20 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
21 grant seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) to  
22 the sponsor for the purposes specified in this subsection;

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1           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
2 the income account to the board seven hundred fifty  
3 thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) or as much thereof as is  
4 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.  
5 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this  
6 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,  
7 2029.

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9           (e) Kemmerer Highway 189 Migration:

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11           (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Department of  
12 Transportation;

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14           (ii) Project purpose: Fence construction,  
15 roadway replacement and overpass and underpass construction  
16 on thirty (30) miles of extremely high wildlife and vehicle  
17 use roadway south of Kemmerer in Lincoln and Uinta counties  
18 in order to:

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20           (A) Allow for the safe movement of  
21 antelope, elk and deer across a major highway to increase  
22 connectivity and maintain populations for a variety of  
23 wildlife;

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2 (B) Reduce and eliminate the potential for  
3 catastrophic collisions that impact human life, wildlife  
4 and property damage.

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6 (iii) Project description: Highway crossing  
7 construction;

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9 (iv) Total project budget: Thirty-one million  
10 one hundred eighty-three thousand one hundred sixty-two  
11 dollars (\$31,183,162.00);

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13 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
14 grant to the sponsor six million two hundred nine thousand  
15 eight hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$6,209,838.00) for the  
16 purposes specified in this subsection;

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18 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
19 the income account to the board six million two hundred  
20 nine thousand eight hundred thirty-eight dollars  
21 (\$6,209,838.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to carry  
22 out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and

1 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
2 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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4 (f) Wind River Front Cheatgrass:

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6 (i) Project sponsor: Fremont County Weed and  
7 Pest District;

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9 (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive  
10 grasses on approximately forty-eight thousand (48,000)  
11 acres in Fremont county in order to:

12

13 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
14 deer, elk, moose, antelope and bighorn sheep;

15

16 (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
17 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

18

19 (C) Conserve valuable grassland and  
20 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

21

22 (D) Maintain agricultural production and  
23 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.



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2 (iii) Project description: Invasive species  
3 management;

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5 (iv) Total project budget: Three million five  
6 hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred ninety dollars  
7 (\$3,534,890.00);

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9 (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
10 grant eight hundred eighty-three thousand seven hundred  
11 twenty dollars (\$883,720.00) to the sponsor for the  
12 purposes specified in this subsection;

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14 (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
15 the income account to the board eight hundred eighty-three  
16 thousand seven hundred twenty dollars (\$883,720.00) or as  
17 much thereof as is necessary to carry out the purposes of  
18 this subsection. Unexpended and unobligated funds  
19 appropriated under this subsection shall revert to the  
20 income account on June 30, 2029.

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22 (g) Seminoe Shirley Habitat II:

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1           (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish  
2 Commission;

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4           (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of native  
5 ecosystems through vegetation management, riparian  
6 restoration, fence modification and invasive species  
7 control on approximately one hundred thousand (100,000)  
8 acres in central Wyoming in order to:

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10           (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
11 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

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13           (B) Maintain primary migration corridors  
14 for native ungulates;

15

16           (C) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
17 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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19           (D) Conserve valuable grassland and  
20 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

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22           (E) Maintain seasonal movement  
23 opportunities for native fish.

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2                   (iii) Project                   description:                   Rangeland  
3 restoration;

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5                   (iv) Total project budget: Five million nine  
6 hundred twenty-four thousand dollars (\$5,924,000.00);

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8                   (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
9 grant to the sponsor three hundred seventy-two thousand  
10 dollars (\$372,000.00) for the purposes specified in this  
11 subsection;

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13                   (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
14 the income account to the board three hundred seventy-two  
15 thousand dollars (\$372,000.00) or as much thereof as is  
16 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.  
17 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this  
18 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,  
19 2029.

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21                   (h) NEWIGWG Cheatgrass:

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1           (i) Project sponsor: Sheridan County Weed and  
2 Pest District;

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4           (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive  
5 grasses on approximately seventy-eight thousand three  
6 hundred sixty (78,360) acres in Sheridan, Johnson, Campbell  
7 and Crook counties in order to:

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9           (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
10 deer, elk and antelope;

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12           (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
13 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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15           (C) Conserve valuable grassland and  
16 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

17

18           (D) Maintain agricultural production and  
19 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

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21           (iii) Project description: Invasive species  
22 management;

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1           (iv) Total project budget: Twenty-four million  
2 seven hundred thirty thousand six hundred seven dollars  
3 (\$24,730,607.00);

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5           (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
6 grant four million five hundred thousand dollars  
7 (\$4,500,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified  
8 in this subsection;

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10           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
11 the income account to the board four million five hundred  
12 thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00) or as much thereof as is  
13 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.  
14 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this  
15 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,  
16 2029.

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18           (j) Western Wyoming Cheatgrass:

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20           (i) Project sponsor: Teton County Weed and Pest  
21 District;

22

1           (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive  
2 grasses on approximately sixty-nine thousand four hundred  
3 sixty-five (69,465) acres in western Wyoming in order to:

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5           (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
6 deer, elk, moose, antelope and bighorn sheep;

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8           (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
9 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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11           (C) Conserve valuable grassland and  
12 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

13

14           (D) Maintain agricultural production and  
15 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

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17           (iii) Project description: Invasive species  
18 management;

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20           (iv) Total project budget: Fourteen million six  
21 hundred sixty-five thousand three hundred ninety-two  
22 dollars (\$14,665,392.00);

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1           (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
2 grant one million four hundred thousand dollars  
3 (\$1,400,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified  
4 in this subsection;

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6           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
7 the income account to the board one million four hundred  
8 thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) or as much thereof as is  
9 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.  
10 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this  
11 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,  
12 2029.

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14           (k) Upper Green Fence II:

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16           (i) Project sponsor: Sublette County  
17 Conservation District;

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19           (ii) Project purpose: Renovation and replacement  
20 of key stretches of fifty (50) miles of movement barriers  
21 in Sublette County in order to:

22

1 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
2 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

3

4 (B) Maintain primary migration corridors  
5 for native ungulates;

6

7 (C) Maintain integrity of ranching  
8 operations.

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10 (iii) Project description: Fence modification;

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12 (iv) Total project budget: Two million five  
13 hundred ninety-seven thousand four hundred dollars  
14 (\$2,597,400.00);

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16 (v) Project grant: The total grant for the  
17 project, including all grants previously awarded for the  
18 project and the additional two hundred fifty thousand  
19 dollar (\$250,000.00) grant authorized under this  
20 subsection, shall be five hundred thousand dollars  
21 (\$500,000.00);

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1           (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
2 the income account to the board two hundred fifty thousand  
3 dollars (\$250,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
4 carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and  
5 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
6 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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8           (m) Wapiti Habitat Restoration:

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10           (i) Project sponsor: Trout Unlimited;

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12           (ii) Project purpose: Restoration of river  
13 system to allow migration of spawning fish, maintain stream  
14 function and improve adjacent habitats on approximately  
15 four (4) miles of the North Fork of the Shoshone River and  
16 key tributaries in Park county in order to:

17

18                   (A) Maintain seasonal movement  
19 opportunities for native fish;

20

21                   (B) Increase the productivity of aquatic  
22 and wetland ecosystems;

23

1                   (C) Maintain and improve irrigation  
2 efficiency for local agricultural operations;

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4                   (D) Eliminate excessive erosion and  
5 maintain water quality;

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7                   (E) Maintain uplands to provide habitat for  
8 deer, antelope, Greater Sage-grouse and a variety of  
9 migratory songbirds.

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11                   (iii) Project description: River restoration;

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13                   (iv) Total project budget: One million eight  
14 hundred thirty-three thousand five hundred eighty-six  
15 dollars (\$1,833,586.00);

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17                   (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
18 grant to the sponsor five hundred fifty thousand dollars  
19 (\$550,000.00) for the purposes specified in this  
20 subsection;

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22                   (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
23 the income account to the board five hundred fifty thousand

1 dollars (\$550,000.00) or as much thereof as is necessary to  
2 carry out the purposes of this subsection. Unexpended and  
3 unobligated funds appropriated under this subsection shall  
4 revert to the income account on June 30, 2029.

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6 (n) Natrona Core Cheatgrass:

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8 (i) Project sponsor: Wyoming Game and Fish  
9 Commission;

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11 (ii) Project purpose: Removal of invasive  
12 grasses on approximately sixty-nine thousand four hundred  
13 sixty-five (69,465) acres in western Wyoming in order to:

14

15 (A) Maintain key seasonal habitats for mule  
16 deer, elk, antelope and other species;

17

18 (B) Maintain Core Population Areas for  
19 Greater Sage-grouse and other sagebrush obligate species;

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21 (C) Conserve valuable grassland and  
22 intermediate shrubland ecotypes;

23

1                   (D) Maintain agricultural production and  
2 opportunity on high-quality ranch lands.

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4                   (iii) Project description: Invasive species  
5 management;

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7                   (iv) Total project budget: One million seven  
8 hundred eighty-four thousand five hundred dollars  
9 (\$1,784,500.00);

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11                   (v) Project grant: The board is authorized to  
12 grant eight hundred eighty-four thousand dollars  
13 (\$884,000.00) to the sponsor for the purposes specified in  
14 this subsection;

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16                   (vi) Appropriation: There is appropriated from  
17 the income account to the board eight hundred eighty-four  
18 thousand dollars (\$884,000.00) or as much thereof as is  
19 necessary to carry out the purposes of this subsection.  
20 Unexpended and unobligated funds appropriated under this  
21 subsection shall revert to the income account on June 30,  
22 2029.

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

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(END)