

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0106

Monument to America.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Byron and
Sherwood and Senator(s) Anderson, Brennan
and Landen

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 creating the monument to America development and oversight
3 task force; providing duties of the task force; requiring a
4 report; providing appropriations; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created the monument to America
12 development and oversight task force to consist of the
13 governor or the governor's designee, the tribal liaisons
14 appointed by the governor under W.S. 9-1-221, the speaker
15 of the house of representatives, the president of the

1 senate and any living former governor, former speaker of
2 the house of representatives or former president of the
3 senate who agrees to participate in the task force.

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5 (b) The task force shall:

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7 (i) Develop preliminary specifications, plans
8 and features for the monument to America in recognition of
9 the upcoming two hundred and fifty (250) year anniversary
10 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The
11 monument to America shall be similar in size and scope to
12 the Mount Rushmore national monument and shall feature
13 important historical American figures as recommended by the
14 task force including native American leaders. The
15 historical figures proposed for the monument shall include
16 important historical figures from the eighteenth,
17 nineteenth and twentieth centuries;

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19 (ii) Determine a location for the monument to
20 America, with the objective of locating the monument on
21 school trust lands for the long-term benefit of the common
22 school account within the permanent land fund;

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1 (iii) Make recommendations for the development,
2 location and administrative structure of the monument to
3 America to the governor, the joint appropriations committee
4 and the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural
5 resources interim committee not later than July 4, 2026.

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7 (c) The active legislative members of the task force
8 shall receive compensation, per diem and travel expenses in
9 the manner and amount prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101. Task
10 force members who are not active legislators and are not
11 state employees shall receive the compensation, per diem
12 and mileage paid to members of the Wyoming legislature
13 under W.S. 28-5-101.

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15 (d) The task force shall be staffed by the department
16 of state parks and cultural resources. The department of
17 tourism and the state geologist shall provide assistance to
18 the task force at the request of the task force.

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20 (e) The task force shall terminate June 30, 2027.

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22 **Section 2.**

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1 (a) There is appropriated forty thousand dollars
2 (\$40,000.00) from the general fund to the governor's office
3 to pay compensation, mileage and per diem for
4 nonlegislative members of the task force. This
5 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
6 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2027. This
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
8 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
9 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
10 by law on June 30, 2027.

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12 (b) There is appropriated forty thousand dollars
13 (\$40,000.00) from the general fund to the legislative
14 service office to pay for salary, mileage and per diem of
15 active legislative members appointed to the task force.
16 This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with
17 the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2027.
18 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for
19 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
20 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
21 by law on June 30, 2027.

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1 **Section 3.** 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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