

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0326

Veterans' home of Wyoming capital construction-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Connolly, Campbell, E and  
Jarvis and Senator(s) Barlow, Crago and Crum

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; providing an appropriation for  
2 the construction of the state veterans' home of Wyoming as  
3 specified; directing the transfer of funds as specified;  
4 specifying a project maximum; 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) As used in this section, "veterans' home of  
12 Wyoming" means the veterans' home domiciliary at Buffalo,  
13 Wyoming established as a state institution in W.S.  
14 25-1-201(a)(vii).

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1           (b) There is appropriated seventy-nine million  
2 dollars (\$79,000,000.00) from the general fund to the state  
3 construction department for purposes of level III  
4 construction to remodel the veterans' home of Wyoming in  
5 accordance with W.S. 9-5-108(a)(iii) and as provided in  
6 subsection (b) of this section. This appropriation shall  
7 not be construed to be an entitlement or guaranteed amount.  
8 This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with  
9 the effective date of this section and remaining in effect  
10 until the project is completed, unless otherwise provided.  
11 This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for  
12 any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
13 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
14 by law upon completion of the remodel of the veterans' home  
15 of Wyoming.

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17           (c) The state construction department is authorized  
18 to expend a portion of the funds appropriated under  
19 subsection (a) of this section as necessary to fund one (1)  
20 existing at-will employee contract position for the  
21 duration of the project, for purposes of administrating and  
22 managing design and construction activities.

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1           (d) Federal funds received by the state of Wyoming for  
2 state run veterans' home facilities shall:

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4           (i) Be deposited to the general fund in an  
5 equivalent amount of expended general funds to the extent  
6 funds from the general fund appropriation in subsection (a)  
7 of this section have been expended; and

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9           (ii) Reduce the general fund appropriation in  
10 subsection (a) of this section by one dollar (\$1.00) for  
11 each one dollar (\$1.00) in federal funds for any remaining  
12 federal funds received in excess of the amount deposited  
13 under paragraph (i) of this subsection.

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15           (e) The total expenditure for level III construction  
16 of the veterans' home of Wyoming shall not exceed one  
17 hundred three million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars  
18 (\$103,850,000.00) in the aggregate. This limitation shall  
19 apply to the sum of the following:

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21           (i) The appropriation in subsection (a) of this  
22 section;

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1           (ii) Amounts authorized for expenditure by the  
2 governor under W.S. 9-2-1005(b)(ii);

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4           (iii) Amounts appropriated for the veterans'  
5 home of Wyoming pursuant to 2022 Wyoming session laws,  
6 chapter 49, section 4, section 027;

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8           (iv) Any federal funds received by the state of  
9 Wyoming for state run veterans' home facilities.

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

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