



HB0120

Energy product reclassification and sovereignty act.

Sponsored By: Representative(s) Campbell, K, Allemand, Andrew, Bear, Clouston, Geringer, Haroldson, Hoeft, Jarvis, Lien, Neiman, Pendergraft, Riggins and Webber and Senator(s) Kolb and Rothfuss

AN ACT relating to administration of the government; providing duties for the Wyoming energy authority; providing for the establishment of industrial sovereign zones to encourage the production of value-added manufactured products using natural gas; authorizing a board of county commissioners to nominate an area as an industrial sovereign zone; providing legislative findings; providing for certification of value-added manufactured processes; providing for an expedited licensing and permit process; providing tax exemptions; making conforming amendments; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

2/7/2026 Bill Number Assigned
2/9/2026 H Received for Introduction
2/10/2026 H Introduced and Referred to H09 - Minerals 60-1-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: Representative Chestek

Excused: Representative Kelly

Ayes 60 **Nays** 1 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/16/2026 H09 - Minerals:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 8-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Campbell, K, Heiner, Knapp, Larson, Riggins, Schmid, Tarver, Webber

Excused: Representative Lawley

Ayes 8 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/16/2026 :Rerefer to H02 - Appropriations

2/19/2026 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 7-0-0-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Representative(s) Allemand, Angelos, Bear, Haroldson, Pendergraft, Sherwood, Smith, S

Ayes 7 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 0 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/19/2026 H Placed on General File

HB0120HS001/FAILED

(CORRECTED COPY)

Page 1-line 5

After "gas" insert "or coal";

Page 2-line 16 After "gas" insert "and coal".

Page 3-line 7 After "gas" insert "or coal".

Page 4-line 6 After "gas" insert "or coal".

Page 4-line 18 After "gas" insert "or coal".

Page 6-line 1 After "gas" insert "or coal".

Page 6-line 6 After "39-14-205(q)" insert "for natural gas and W.S. 39-14-105(f) for coal".

Page 7-line 15 After "(k)" insert ", 39-14-104(a)(v), 39-14-105 by creating a new subsection (f),".

Page 8-lines 10 through 18 Delete entirely and insert "be prioritized ahead of all other permit applications and expedited to the extent that the process does not adversely impact primacy of permitting programs or reduce public health and environmental protections provided for in the Environmental Quality Act. The issuance of licenses or permits shall not be unreasonably delayed.".

Page 9-after line 4 Insert:

"39-14-104. Tax rate.

(a) The total severance tax rate for surface coal shall be six percent (6%). This rate comprises one and one-half percent (1.5%) imposed by Wyoming constitution article 15, section 19, and four and one-half percent (4.5%) imposed statutorily. The tax shall be distributed as provided in W.S. 39-14-111 and is imposed as follows:

(v) One percent (1%), except as provided by W.S. 39-14-105(f).

39-14-105. Exemptions.

(f) Coal that is consumed in an industrial sovereign zone established under W.S. 9-20-203 for the production of a value-added manufactured product as defined in W.S. 9-20-202(a)(ii) shall be exempt from the severance taxes imposed by W.S. 39-14-104(a)(v).". HEINER, CHAIRMAN

HB0120HS002/ADOPTED

Page 1-line 9 After "amendments;" insert "providing appropriations;".

Page 12-after line 14 Insert:

"Section 4.

(a) There is appropriated one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming energy authority for purposes of providing for personnel expenses within the personal services series (100 series) or through the contractual services series (900 series) as necessary to implement this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation

shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the Wyoming energy authority's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(b) There is appropriated forty-three thousand nine hundred and fifty-six dollars (\$43,956.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming department of revenue for the purpose of providing for contractual services (900 series) as necessary to update systems to implement this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the Wyoming department of revenue's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium."

Page 12-line 16 Delete "**Section 4.**" and insert "**Section 5.**" BEAR, CHAIRMAN

HB0120HW001/ADOPTED

Delete the House standing committee amendment (HB0120HS001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 5 Before "providing" insert "authorizing a board of county commissioners to nominate an area as an industrial sovereign zone;".

Page 4-after line 12 Insert and renumber as necessary:

"(a) A board of county commissioners may nominate an area within its jurisdiction as an industrial sovereign zone. Two (2) or more counties may jointly nominate a contiguous or related area as a single sovereign zone. Each county shall adopt a formal resolution approving the nomination of an industrial sovereign zone under this subsection. Nominations under this section shall be made in the form required by the authority and shall include:

(i) A defined geographic boundary describing the nominated industrial sovereign zone;

(ii) Evidence of access to natural gas or coal resources;

(iii) Information required by the authority to evaluate the suitability of the area for the production of value-added manufactured products under this article."

Page 4-line 14 Delete "(a)" and insert "(b)".

Page 4-line 15 After "area" insert "nominated as an industrial sovereign zone under subsection (a) of this section".

Page 4-line 19 After "authority." delete balance of line.

Page 4-lines 20 through 22 Delete entirely and insert "The authority may modify the boundaries of an industrial sovereign zone by decreasing the size of the zone as determined necessary by the authority. The boundaries of an

industrial sovereign zone shall not be enlarged unless each affected county formally consents to the enlargement of the zone outside of the boundaries defined in the nomination under subsection (a) of this section."

- Page 5-line 1 Delete "(b)" and insert "(c)".
- Page 5-line 2 Delete "(a)" and insert "(b)".
- Page 5-line 21 Delete entirely and insert "39-15-105(a) (viii) (O) (V) and 39-16-105(a) (viii) (D) (V);".
- Page 8-lines 10 through 18 Delete entirely and insert "be prioritized ahead of all other permit applications and expedited to the extent that the process does not adversely impact primacy of permitting programs or reduce public health and environmental protections provided for in the Environmental Quality Act. The issuance of licenses or permits shall not be unreasonably delayed.".
- Page 12-line7 After "**Section 3.**" insert "If nominated by the board of county commissioners under W.S. 9-20-203(a) as created by section 1 of this act,".
- Page 12-line 9 Delete "W.S. 9-20-203(a)" and insert "W.S. 9-20-203".
CAMPBELL, K

2/19/2026 H COW:Passed
2/20/2026 H 2nd Reading:Passed
2/21/2026 H 3rd Reading:Passed 61-0-1-0-0

ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Representative Kelly

Ayes 61 **Nays** 0 **Excused** 1 **Absent** 0 **Conflicts** 0

2/23/2026 S Received for Introduction
2/23/2026 S Introduced and Referred to S09 - Minerals
2/27/2026 S09 - Minerals:Recommend Amend and Do Pass 3-0-2-0-0

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Senator(s) Anderson, Cooper, Jones

Excused: Senator(s) Nethercott, Rothfuss

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

2/27/2026 :Rerefer to S02 - Appropriations