

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0088

Public funds lobbying.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Hoeft, Brady, Brown, G, Johnson, Lucas and Webber and Senator(s) Laursen, D

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for

1 AN ACT relating to lobbying; prohibiting the use of state
2 funds and resources for lobbying; requiring certifications;
3 providing for enforcement; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-7-301 is created to read:

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10 ARTICLE 3

11 PROHIBITING THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR LOBBYING

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13 **28-7-301. Limitations on the use of state funds and**
14 **resources for lobbying by government entities.**

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1 (a) As used in this section:

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3 (i) "Governmental entity" means any unit of
4 state or local government or any branch, subdivision or
5 agency thereof or any school district or special district.
6 "Governmental entity" shall not include a for profit
7 organization that provides services as a part of an
8 authorized government contract;

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10 (ii) "Lobby" or "lobbying" means to attempt to
11 influence legislation.

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13 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
14 state funds or resources shall be expended be expended by
15 any governmental entity to do any of the following:

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17 (i) Lobby the legislature;

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19 (ii) Hire a person to lobby the legislature or
20 hire a person that is required to register as a lobbyist as
21 provided by W.S. 28-7-101;

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1 (iii) Pay dues or any other form of remuneration
2 to any association, entity or organization or any
3 affiliated associations, entities or organizations that
4 primarily represents governmental entities and that:

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6 (A) Hires or contracts with person that is
7 required to register as a lobbyist as provided by W.S.
8 28-7-101 to lobby on behalf of the association, entity or
9 organization; or

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11 (B) Lobbies the legislature.

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13 (c) Each governmental entity shall, not later than
14 February 1 each year, submit a certification to the Wyoming
15 attorney general that the governmental entity was in
16 compliance with the requirements of this section for the
17 preceding calendar year. No state funds or resources shall
18 be provided to any governmental entity that fails to comply
19 with the provisions of this subsection.

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21 (d) If a governmental entity violates subsection (b)
22 of this section, the attorney general or relevant district
23 attorney shall, on his own initiative or in response to a

1 complaint, review the certification submitted under of
2 subsection (c) of this section, file for any necessary
3 injunctive relief and take any other enforcement action
4 authorized by law.

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6 (e) Any taxpayer or resident of Wyoming shall have
7 standing to commence an action for appropriate injunctive
8 relief to prevent any activity prohibited by this act and
9 any further payments of public funds related to the
10 prohibited activity. A taxpayer or resident who prevails in
11 an action brought under this subsection is entitled to
12 recover court costs and reasonable attorney fees incurred
13 in bringing the action.

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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