

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0099

Wyoming veterans museum capital construction.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman and Posey and
Senator(s) Boner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; authorizing renovation of the
2 Wyoming veterans' memorial museum; creating a task force;
3 requiring reporting; providing appropriations; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) As used in this act:

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12 (i) "Wyoming veterans' memorial museum" means
13 the property described in W.S. 19-14-110;

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1 (ii) "Wyoming veterans' memorial museum
2 renovation project" means all preconstruction and
3 construction activities necessary to renovate the Wyoming
4 veterans' memorial museum, including design, planning,
5 contracting for, construction and renovation.

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7 (b) The Wyoming veterans' memorial museum renovation
8 project is authorized. The governor and Wyoming military
9 department, through the state construction department, may
10 enter into contracts and retain experts as necessary to
11 complete the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum renovation
12 project. The department shall keep the Wyoming veterans'
13 memorial museum task force informed of all contracting
14 activities. No contract related to the Wyoming veteran's
15 memorial museum renovation project shall be executed
16 without the approval of the governor.

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18 **Section 2.**

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20 (a) There is created the Wyoming veterans' memorial
21 museum renovation task force to consist of the following:

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23 (i) Members of the legislature as follows:

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(A) The speaker of the house shall appoint two (2) members of the Wyoming house of representatives who serve on the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim committee. The speaker of the house shall designate one (1) of the members appointed under this subparagraph to be co-chairman of the task force;

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(B) The president of the senate shall appoint two (2) members of the Wyoming senate, who serve on the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural resources interim committee. The president of the senate shall designate one (1) of the members appointed under this subparagraph to be co-chairman of the task force.

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(ii) Members of the Wyoming state government as follows:

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(A) The director of the state construction department or the director's designee;

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1 (B) The adjutant general of the Wyoming
2 military department or the adjutant general's designee.

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4 (iii) One (1) member representing the interests
5 of veterans, appointed by the governor.

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7 (b) The task force shall serve in an advisory role
8 and provide recommendations to the executive branch of
9 government for the procurement of professional services and
10 construction and completion of the Wyoming veterans'
11 memorial museum renovation project. While serving in an
12 advisory role, the task force shall:

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14 (i) Receive and, when necessary, request
15 information from the state construction department to stay
16 informed on all aspects of the Wyoming veterans' memorial
17 museum renovation project;

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19 (ii) Closely monitor the procurement of
20 professional services and progress on the Wyoming veterans'
21 memorial museum renovation project;

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1 (iii) When necessary or prudent, make
2 recommendations to the state construction department
3 regarding important aspects of the Wyoming veterans'
4 memorial museum renovation project;

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6 (iv) Provide interim reports on the activities
7 of the task force to the joint travel, recreation, wildlife
8 and cultural resources interim committee not later than
9 November 1 of each year that the task force is in
10 existence.

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12 (c) The task force shall be staffed by the state
13 construction department with assistance provided by the
14 department of state parks and cultural resources. In
15 staffing the task force, the departments shall:

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17 (i) Coordinate and schedule all meetings and
18 assemble all required meeting agendas and meeting materials
19 for the task force;

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21 (ii) Act as a liaison between the task force and
22 the executive branch of state government to communicate
23 task force recommendations;

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2 (iii) Provide regular updates and progress
3 reports to the task force and the state building commission
4 regarding the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum renovation
5 project;

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7 (iv) Provide other information and assistance to
8 the task force as requested.

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10 (d) The legislative members of the task force shall
11 receive salary, per diem and travel expenses in the manner
12 and amount prescribed by W.S. 28-5-101. Task force members
13 representing Wyoming state government shall be considered
14 to be acting within the scope of regular employment when
15 conducting the official business of the task force and
16 shall receive their regular pay without additional
17 compensation, except that those members shall receive
18 mileage and per diem as provided for other members of the
19 task force under this subsection if the members are not
20 reimbursed by their employer. All other members of the
21 task force shall not receive salary but shall receive per
22 diem and mileage in the amount provided for members of the

1 legislature under W.S. 28-5-101 when conducting the
2 official business of the task force.

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4 (e) The task force shall terminate on June 30 of the
5 year following the year in which the Wyoming veterans'
6 memorial museum renovation project is completed and the
7 facility is occupied.

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9 **Section 3.**

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11 (a) There is appropriated five million dollars
12 (\$5,000,000.00) from the Wyoming tourism reserve and
13 projects account to the state construction department for
14 the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum renovation project
15 authorized by section 1 of this act. This appropriation is
16 intended to provide a maximum amount for the project from
17 any source excluding contingency funding and shall not be
18 construed to be an entitlement or guaranteed amount. This
19 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
20 effective date of this act and remaining in effect until
21 the project is completed, unless otherwise provided. This
22 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
23 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds

1 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
2 by law upon completion of the Wyoming veterans' memorial
3 museum renovation project.

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5 (b) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand
6 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the
7 legislative service office for purposes of providing
8 payments authorized by section 2 of this act to legislative
9 members of the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum renovation
10 task force and for other expenses of the task force
11 authorized by law or policy of the legislature. This
12 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the
13 effective date of this act and ending June 30 of the year
14 following the year in which the Wyoming veterans' memorial
15 museum renovation project is completed and the facility is
16 occupied. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
17 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
18 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
19 revert as provided by law upon completion of the Wyoming
20 veterans' memorial museum renovation project.

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22 (c) There is appropriated twenty-five thousand
23 dollars (\$25,000.00) from the general fund to the

1 governor's office for purposes of providing payments
2 authorized by section 2 of this act to nonlegislative
3 members of the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum renovation
4 task force. This appropriation shall be for the period
5 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
6 June 30 of the year following the year in which
7 construction of the Wyoming veterans' memorial museum
8 renovation project is complete and the facility is
9 occupied. This appropriation shall not be transferred or
10 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
11 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
12 revert as provided by law upon completion of the Wyoming
13 veterans' memorial museum renovation project.

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

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