

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

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

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

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20 (A) The director of the state construction  
21 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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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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