

SENATE FILE NO. SF0126

Wyoming-Ireland Trade Commission.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Anderson, Dockstader and Driskill

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to economic development; establishing the  
2 Wyoming-Ireland trade commission; providing for the  
3 purposes, membership and operation of the commission;  
4 amending a definition; and 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.** W.S. 9-12-1601 through 9-12-1603 are  
9 created to read:

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11 **9-12-1601. Commission created; definitions.**

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13 (a) There is created the Wyoming-Ireland trade  
14 commission.

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1           (b) As used in this article, "commission" means the  
2 Wyoming-Ireland trade commission.

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4           **9-12-1602. Membership.**

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6           (a) The commission shall consist of nine (9) members  
7 to be appointed as follows:

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9                   (i) Two (2) persons appointed by the governor;

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11                   (ii) Two (2) members of the house of  
12 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

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14                   (iii) Two (2) members of the senate appointed by  
15 the president of the senate;

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17                   (iv) One (1) member of the house of  
18 representatives appointed by the minority floor leader of  
19 the house;

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21                   (v) One (1) member of the senate appointed by  
22 the senate minority floor leader; and

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1           (vi) One (1) person to be appointed by the board  
2 of directors of the council.

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4           (b) The commission members selected by the governor  
5 and by the board shall be representatives of one (1) or  
6 more of the following:

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8           (i) A Wyoming public institution of higher  
9 education;

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11           (ii) The Irish-American community in Wyoming  
12 interested in furthering trade between Wyoming and Ireland;

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14           (iii) A Wyoming industry engaged in or seeking  
15 to engage in trade with Ireland;

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17           (iv) A Wyoming business association, trade  
18 organization, economic development organization or chamber  
19 of commerce currently engaged in or interested in engaging  
20 in the furtherance of trade with Ireland.

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22           (c) Members of the commission who are not legislative  
23 members shall serve for a two (2) year term. Legislative

1 members shall serve for the two (2) year biennial  
2 legislative term for which the members are appointed to the  
3 commission and shall remain members of the legislature in  
4 order to retain membership on the commission. Members may  
5 be reappointed. Terms shall begin March 1 of odd numbered  
6 years.

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8 (d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as  
9 the original appointment and shall be filled only for the  
10 unexpired portion of the term.

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12 (e) The appointing authority for any member may  
13 remove that member with or without cause and substitute  
14 another appointee for the member at any time.

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16 (f) The commission shall hold meetings not less than  
17 one (1) time each calendar quarter. Meetings shall be held  
18 at the call of the chairman. At the initial meeting of the  
19 commission and annually thereafter, the members shall  
20 select from among the appointed legislators one (1) member  
21 to serve as the chairman. A majority of the members of the  
22 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
23 the business of the commission.

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2 (g) The chairman may appoint from among the  
3 commission members subcommittees and subcommittee chairmen.

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5 (h) Necessary clerical and administrative support for  
6 the commission shall be furnished by the Wyoming business  
7 council.

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9 (j) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall  
10 receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed under W.S.  
11 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses  
12 incurred in the performance of the member's duties on the  
13 commission. Nonlegislative members who are government  
14 employees or public officials shall be considered on  
15 official business of the member's agency when performing  
16 duties as members of the commission.

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18 (k) The legislative members of the commission shall  
19 receive salary and reimbursement for per diem and travel  
20 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the  
21 commission, as provided in W.S. 28-5-101.

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23 **9-12-1603. Purposes; reporting.**

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2 (a) The purpose of the Wyoming-Ireland trade  
3 commission shall be to advance, promote and encourage  
4 business and other mutually beneficial activities between  
5 Wyoming and Ireland, including:

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7 (i) Bilateral trade and investment;

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9 (ii) Joint action on policy issues of mutual  
10 interest;

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12 (iii) Business and academic exchanges;

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14 (iv) Mutual economic support;

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16 (v) Mutual investment in infrastructure; and

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18 (vi) Other opportunities for mutual benefit and  
19 economic growth as identified by the commission.

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21 (b) The commission shall report its findings,  
22 activities, results and recommendations to the governor,  
23 the speaker of the house of representatives and the

1 president of the senate not later than one (1) year after  
2 its initial meeting and by November 1 of each succeeding  
3 year for the activities of the preceding calendar year. The  
4 report shall be in writing and may include recommendations  
5 or proposed legislation as deemed appropriate by the  
6 commission to effectuate its purposes.

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8 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-12-102(a)(viii) is amended to read:

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10 **9-12-102. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this act, the following terms have the  
13 following meanings, except where the context clearly  
14 indicates otherwise:

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16 (viii) "This act" means W.S. 9-12-101 through  
17 ~~9-12-1509~~ 9-12-1603.

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19 **Section 3.**

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21 (a) Per diem and travel expenses for members of the  
22 commission shall be provided from the following sources  
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2 (i) Legislative members of the commission, by  
3 management council as provided by 2026 Senate File 0002,  
4 section 6;

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6 (ii) Nonlegislative members of the commission:

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8 (A) Who are not government employees, from  
9 funds appropriated to the governor's office in 2026 House  
10 Bill 0001, section 2, section 001 for international trade  
11 marketing;

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13 (B) Who are government employees, from  
14 funds appropriated to their agency in 2026 House Bill 0001,  
15 section 2.

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

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