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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

COVID-19 business relief programs agriculture.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to emergency expenses of government related
2 to business relief; providing funding for grants to
3 agriculture businesses impacted by COVID-19; providing a
4 reappropriation of federal CARES Act funds; and providing
5 for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** As used in this section, "agriculture
10 business" means a business that is engaged in farming or
11 ranching and produces livestock, feed, produce or other
12 food items normally grown or raised by ranchers or farmers.

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2 STAFF COMMENT

3 The below language reappropriates money from the Governor's
4 CARES Act appropriations to the Wyoming Business Council to
5 extend funding for the Wyoming business interruption
6 stipend program so the additional funding can be used
7 specifically for agriculture businesses.

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9 Section 2. There is reappropriated to the Wyoming
10 business council eighty million dollars (\$80,000,000.00)
11 from any federal funds appropriated in 2020 Wyoming Special
12 Session Laws, Chapter 1, Section 2(b) and as authorized and
13 made available for expenditure in Section 2(c)(ii) or
14 Section 2(c)(iii) for the purpose of extending funding for
15 the Wyoming business interruption stipend program to be
16 used for grants to agriculture businesses pursuant to the
17 Wyoming business interruption stipend program created by in
18 2020 Wyoming Special Session Laws, Chapter 3, Section 2(b).
19 If a COVID-19 relief account or other similarly named
20 account is created for the deposit of COVID-19 related
21 emergency response funds, this appropriation shall be made
22 from that account. Except as provided in this section, the
23 funds reappropriated under this section shall only be
24 expended for making the grants authorized by this act and
25 consistent with the terms of the federal gift, grant or
26 appropriation from which the funds originate. This
27 reappropriation shall not be transferred or expended for

1 any other purpose except that on or before November 15,
2 2020, the Wyoming business council shall estimate the total
3 amount of funds expended, obligated and necessary for the
4 grants authorized by this section. Any funds reappropriated
5 under this section in excess of the total amount estimated
6 by the Wyoming business council are hereby reappropriated
7 after November 15, 2020 to the office of the governor for
8 the purposes specified in 2020 Wyoming Session Laws,
9 Chapter 1. Funds reappropriated to the office of the
10 governor shall be subject to any limitations imposed by
11 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 1. Any unexpended,
12 unobligated funds remaining from this reappropriation on
13 December 30, 2020 shall revert as provided by law.

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15 **Section 3.** 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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