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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Range management at military training areas.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military  
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the military department; creating a fund  
2 for the deposit of monies from grazing fees at military  
3 training areas; authorizing the adjutant general to  
4 administer the fund and expend monies for range management  
5 and grazing operations; requiring annual reports; providing  
6 for a continuous appropriation; providing for an  
7 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-7-209 is created to read:

1           **19-7-209. Military department range management**  
2 **operations; account; administration; rulemaking.**

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4           (a) There is created the military department range  
5 management and grazing program. The military department  
6 shall administer range management and grazing operations at  
7 Camp Guernsey and any other Wyoming national guard training  
8 areas that are owned in fee by the military department and  
9 that are not state lands as defined in W.S.  
10 36-1-101(a)(iv). The military department range management  
11 and grazing program shall:

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13           (i) Conduct the day to day range management and  
14 grazing operations within the training area;

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16           (ii) Ensure the safety of customers, users,  
17 grazers and property;

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19           (iii) Arrange for personnel and materials for  
20 the management, installation, construction, maintenance and  
21 repair of fencing, vegetation, roads, water storage, fire  
22 mitigation and other related facilities and range  
23 management activities;

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2 (iv) Calculate animal unit grazing usage and  
3 needs and determine forage use plans;

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5 (v) Manage lessee and neighbor matters;

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7 (vi) Conduct required cultural and environmental  
8 assessments.

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10 (b) The military department range management and  
11 grazing account is created. Monies received from the range  
12 management and grazing operations authorized in subsection  
13 (a) of this section shall be credited to the account,  
14 except as otherwise provided in this subsection. Funds in  
15 the military department range management and grazing  
16 account are continuously appropriated to the military  
17 department and shall only be used for purposes of this  
18 section. The state treasurer shall invest monies received  
19 under this paragraph in accordance with law and the  
20 investment earnings received therefrom shall be deposited  
21 into the military department range management operations  
22 account. From the monies received from the operations  
23 authorized in subsection (a) of this section, any amount in

1 excess of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) in  
2 the account at the end of each fiscal biennium shall be  
3 deposited into the general fund.

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5 (c) The military department shall promulgate rules to  
6 administer this section.

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8 (d) The adjutant general shall report annually by  
9 October 15 to the joint transportation, highways and  
10 military affairs interim committee regarding all income to  
11 and expenditures from the military department range  
12 management operations account.

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14 **Section 2.**

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16 (a) The adjutant general is authorized to hire not  
17 more than three (3) at-will contract employee positions to  
18 administer the program created in section 1 of this act.  
19 Funds to pay all costs related to these positions shall be  
20 available for expenditure only from the military department  
21 range management and grazing account created in section 1  
22 of this act, except as provided in this section.

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1           (b) There is appropriated \$300,000.00 from the  
2 general fund to the military department for purposes of  
3 establishing the military department range management  
4 program created in section 1 of this act. This  
5 appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the  
6 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022. This  
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any  
8 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds  
9 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided  
10 by law on June 30, 2022.

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12           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
13 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
14 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
15 Constitution.

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