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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Federal policy-coordinator.

Sponsored by: Select Federal Natural Resource Management  
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;  
2 authorizing a position within the governor's office to  
3 protect Wyoming's interests against federal government  
4 overreach as specified; specifying duties of the  
5 coordinator; providing an appropriation; and providing for  
6 an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-225 is created to read:

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1           **9-1-225.           Coordinator of Wyoming's interests;**  
2 **appointment; duties.**

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4           (a)       The governor shall employ a coordinator of  
5 Wyoming's interests with the advice and consent of the  
6 senate, in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101 through 28-12-  
7 103. The coordinator shall not be removed by the governor  
8 as provided in W.S. 9-1-202 except the coordinator may be  
9 removed by the governor for malfeasance or misconduct. If a  
10 vacancy occurs, the governor shall appoint a successor in  
11 accordance with W.S. 28-12-101(b).

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13           (b)       The coordinator shall:

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15                   (i)       Review all federal legislative and  
16 administrative acts for impacts to Wyoming's state  
17 interests;

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19                   (ii)       Coordinate with all state departments,  
20 boards, commissions and agencies, the legislature and local  
21 governments to protect the state from federal government  
22 overreach into state and local interests;

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1           (iii) Administer an incentive program that shall  
2 incentivize employees of the state who protect the state's  
3 interests from federal overreach. The incentive program may  
4 include bonuses or promotions for participating state  
5 employees;

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7           (iv) Recruit and, if funding is available, offer  
8 signing bonuses to state employees who are hired directly  
9 from federal land management agencies;

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11           (v) Carry out all duties the governor assigns  
12 pertaining to protecting Wyoming's interests against  
13 federal government overreach.

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15           **Section 2.**

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17           (a) The office of the governor is authorized one (1)  
18 full-time position to fill the coordinator of Wyoming's  
19 state interests position required by this act.

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21           (b) There is appropriated ten million dollars  
22 (\$10,000,000.00) from the general fund to the office of the  
23 governor for purposes of funding the position authorized by

1 subsection (a) of this section and for implementing this  
2 act for the period beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June  
3 30, 2026. This appropriation shall not be transferred or  
4 expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,  
5 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation on June  
6 30, 2026 shall revert as provided by law.

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8 (c) It is the intent of the legislature that the  
9 position authorized in subsection (a) of this section and  
10 the appropriation for that position be included in the  
11 standard budget for the office of the governor for the  
12 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2024.

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