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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Forestry conservation program wildland fire module.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state forester; authorizing
2 positions; providing for an appropriation for a wildland
3 fire suppression module; and providing for an effective
4 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) The state forestry division of the office of state
11 lands and investments is authorized twelve (12) employee
12 positions within the forestry division for purposes of this
13 section. Of the positions authorized in this subsection,

1 two (2) shall be full-time employee positions, two (2)
2 shall be nine-month seasonal at-will contract employee
3 positions, and eight (8) shall be six-month at-will
4 contract employee positions. It is the intent of the
5 legislature that the positions authorized in this
6 subsection be included in the office of state lands and
7 investments' standard budget for the immediately succeeding
8 fiscal biennium.

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10 (b) There is appropriated one million five hundred
11 eighty thousand dollars (\$1,580,000.00) from the general
12 fund to the office of state lands and investments for a
13 wildland fire suppression module the state forestry
14 program. Funds appropriated in this subsection shall be for
15 the positions authorized in subsection (a) of this section,
16 support costs, equipment and costs associated with hiring,
17 training, certifying and supervising a specialized team to
18 support wildfire suppression and hazardous fuels reduction
19 projects in the state. This appropriation shall be for the
20 period beginning with the effective date of this act and
21 ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be
22 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
23 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this

1 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
2 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that, of this
3 appropriation, five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00)
4 not be included in the office of state lands and
5 investments' standard budget for the immediately succeeding
6 fiscal biennium.

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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