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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Smokebuster module leader.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state forester; authorizing
2 positions; providing for an appropriation for forestry
3 conservation program inmate crew leader positions; and
4 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.**

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10 (a) The state forestry division of the office of state
11 lands and investments is authorized two (2) full-time
12 positions within the forestry division for purposes of this
13 section. Of these two (2) full-time positions, one (1)

1 shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and one (1) shall be
2 effective July 1, 2027. It is the intent of the
3 legislature the positions authorized in this subsection be
4 included in the office of state lands and investments'
5 standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal
6 biennium.

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8 (b) There is appropriated seven hundred fifty-thousand
9 dollars (\$750,000.00) from the general fund to the office
10 of state lands and investments for the state forestry
11 conservation program inmate crew. Funds appropriated in
12 this subsection shall be for the positions authorized in
13 subsection (a) of this section, support costs, equipment
14 and hiring, training, supervising and certifying the
15 positions, with duties set by the state forester and
16 coordinated with the department of corrections, subject to
17 W.S. 7-16-202. This appropriation shall be for the period
18 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
19 June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred
20 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
21 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
22 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the
23 intent of the legislature that, of this appropriation, five

1 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) not be included in
2 the office of state lands and investments' standard budget
3 for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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

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