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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

Carbon dioxide infrastructure-regional compact.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business & Economic Development  
Interim Committee

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION to encourage the establishment of an  
2 interstate compact for the development of regional and  
3 international carbon dioxide pipeline infrastructure and to  
4 request the governor of the state of Wyoming to take actions  
5 to establish a compact.

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7 WHEREAS, the state of Wyoming has a rich legacy in energy  
8 development throughout its history, including coal, oil and  
9 gas; and

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11 WHEREAS, the states of Wyoming, North Dakota and Montana and  
12 the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta share a

1 similar history that includes the development of oil and gas  
2 resources and share unique geological features that make  
3 these lands amenable to enhanced oil recovery; and

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5 WHEREAS, there is an essential need for carbon dioxide to  
6 begin and complete enhanced oil recovery projects; and

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8 WHEREAS, the use of carbon dioxide in enhanced oil recovery  
9 will benefit Wyoming, the other western states and Canadian  
10 provinces in the region by contributing to their economies  
11 and by promoting energy security in the United States and  
12 Canada; and

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14 WHEREAS, there is a lack of infrastructure necessary to  
15 efficiently transport sufficient quantities of carbon dioxide  
16 among the states in this region and Western Canada to be  
17 utilized in enhanced oil recovery; and

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19 WHEREAS, a regional and international approach to policies  
20 regarding carbon dioxide infrastructure and pipelines will  
21 allow Wyoming and the similarly situated western states and  
22 Canadian provinces to leverage the resources of each state

1 and province to benefit the region and our two countries as  
2 a whole; and

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4 WHEREAS, interstate compacts are a proven method for  
5 addressing cross-border issues and fostering collaboration  
6 among the participating states and provinces; and

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8 WHEREAS, an interstate compact fostering the regional and  
9 international cooperation of Wyoming, North Dakota, Montana,  
10 Alberta and Saskatchewan will foster the development of  
11 infrastructure necessary to transport carbon dioxide  
12 efficiently for utilization in enhanced oil recovery, thus  
13 improving the economies of each state and province and  
14 promoting the development of a reliable and dispatchable  
15 energy resource.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
18 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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20 **Section 1.** That the legislature supports the  
21 establishment of an interstate compact for the development of  
22 carbon dioxide pipelines and infrastructure.

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**Section 2.** That the legislature respectfully requests the governor of the state of Wyoming to initiate discussions with the governments of North Dakota, Montana, Alberta and Saskatchewan concerning the establishment of a regional and international compact for developing carbon dioxide infrastructure and to develop a framework for an interstate compact.

**Section 3.** That the legislature respectfully requests the governor of the state of Wyoming to direct and work with state agencies to begin coordination for the development of a compact and for the development of carbon dioxide infrastructure in the region.

**Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the governor of Wyoming, the governor of North Dakota, the governor of Montana, the premier of the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan and to each member of the Wyoming Congressional Delegation.

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