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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Bicycle system task force.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural  
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highway and bicycle safety; creating a  
2 task force to study the benefits and opportunities of  
3 bicycle pathways in the state; specifying task force  
4 membership and staffing; providing additional duties to the  
5 Wyoming business council; requiring reports; and providing  
6 for 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.** BICYCLE SYSTEM TASK FORCE

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1           (a) The governor shall appoint a bicycle system task  
2 force of not less than seven (7) nor more than (9) members  
3 subject to the following:

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5           (i) At least one (1) member shall be a  
6 department of transportation employee knowledgeable in  
7 highway safety;

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9           (ii) At least one (1) member shall be a  
10 representative of local government;

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12           (iii) At least one (1) member shall be an  
13 employee of the office of tourism or a member of the  
14 Wyoming tourism board;

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16           (iv) At least one (1) member shall be active in  
17 a tourism related business;

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19           (v) At least one (1) member shall be a  
20 representative of a local or statewide bicycle group;

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22           (vi) At least one (1) member shall be a member  
23 or an employee of the Wyoming business council;

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2 (vii) One (1) member shall be the state  
3 epidemiologist.

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5 (b) The governor shall appoint the chairman of the  
6 task force.

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8 (c) The task force shall:

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10 (i) Develop a report to help the Wyoming  
11 department of transportation and local communities better  
12 understand the opportunities and challenges of bicycle  
13 pathways. In developing the report the task force shall:

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15 (A) Consider the health benefits to Wyoming  
16 residents of encouraging bicycle and pedestrian recreation  
17 and ways in which these benefits can be attained;

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19 (B) Consider opportunities for using  
20 bicycle pathways to benefit economic development through  
21 enhanced tourism opportunities and housing;

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1                   (C)    Identify and evaluate options to fund  
2 bicycle pathways for state and local governments;

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4                   (D)    Consider safety analyses relating to  
5 fatalities and serious injury accidents involving motor  
6 vehicles and bicycles in Wyoming and safety concerns raised  
7 by the analyses;

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9                   (E)    Submit a preliminary report on or  
10 before October 1, 2016 and a final report on or before  
11 November 1, 2017 to the transportation commission, tourism  
12 board, Wyoming business council, the joint travel,  
13 recreation and wildlife interim committee and the joint  
14 transportation, highways and military affairs interim  
15 committee.

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17                   (ii)   Consider and make recommendations on the  
18 various ways the state can coordinate with and assist  
19 efforts to develop local bicycle pathways;

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21                   (iii)   Consider the extent to which bicycle  
22 pathways should be available to people riding horses;

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1           (iv) Consider the most cost effective method of  
2 construction of bicycle pathways along established roads.

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4           (d) Service on the task force by task force members  
5 who are government employees shall be considered part of  
6 the member's regular government employment. Task force  
7 members who are members of the public shall serve without  
8 compensation.

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10          (e) The Wyoming business council shall provide an  
11 executive secretary to the task force and shall provide  
12 staff and other support to the task force as required to  
13 fulfill its duties under this act.

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15          (f) The task force shall terminate July 1, 2018.

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17          **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
20 Constitution.

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