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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Energy and natural resource education initiative.

Sponsored by: Joint Education Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to a statewide energy and natural resource
2 education initiative; requiring the governor's policy
3 office to oversee initiative development; specifying
4 initiative parameters; requiring a report; providing an
5 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) The governor's policy office shall oversee the
12 development of a statewide initiative on energy and natural
13 resource development and use to provide materials and
14 opportunities for use in public education programs. The

1 initiative shall be a joint effort of representatives from
2 energy and natural resource industries and related member
3 organizations, state education agencies, public education
4 stakeholder representatives and the governor's policy
5 office and shall focus on the development of a curriculum
6 for use in public school education programs which:

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8 (i) Is embedded within the existing public
9 school curriculum and structure;

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11 (ii) Ensures a balanced approach to energy and
12 natural resource development and use and ensures subject
13 matter expertise is integrated with the requirements of the
14 statewide educational program prescribed by law;

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16 (iii) Advances student critical thinking skills;

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18 (iv) Extends beyond normal classroom programs
19 into extracurricular activities; and

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21 (v) Is easily accessed and used by public school
22 teachers.

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1 (b) Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) is
2 appropriated from the school foundation program account to
3 the governor's policy office for purposes of acquiring
4 professional expertise necessary to initiate subsection (a)
5 of this section and to report recommendations to the joint
6 education interim committee on or before December 1, 2013.
7 Recommendations shall at minimum:

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9 (i) Assess existing education programs related
10 to energy and natural resources;

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12 (ii) Determine necessary funding required for
13 development and distribution of educational materials
14 directed at students and teachers;

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16 (iii) Determine future placement of program
17 governance and oversight;

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19 (iv) Specify program structure as grade specific
20 or full kindergarten through grade twelve (12) emersion.

