

SENATE FILE NO. SF0182

Wyoming firearms research center oversight commission-2.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kolb and Salazar

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the University of Wyoming; creating the
2 Wyoming firearms research center oversight commission;
3 specifying membership and duties of the commission; providing
4 appropriations; and 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.** W.S. 21-17-127 is created to read:

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10 **21-17-127. Wyoming firearms research center oversight**
11 **commission created; membership; duties; compensation.**

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13 (a) The Wyoming firearms research center oversight
14 commission is hereby created. The commission shall consist of
15 eight (8) members appointed as follows:

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1 (i) One (1) legislative member selected by dual
2 appointment of the president of the senate and the speaker of
3 the house of representatives which member shall serve as an
4 ex officio member of the commission;

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6 (ii) The remaining members of the commission shall
7 be appointed by a majority vote of the governor, secretary of
8 state, state treasurer, superintendent of public instruction
9 and state auditor to include:

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11 (A) One (1) Wyoming resident from a hunting
12 or sportsman's organization affiliated with Wyoming;

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14 (B) One (1) Wyoming resident from a
15 recreational shooting organization affiliated with Wyoming;

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17 (C) One (1) Wyoming resident from an
18 organization that supports the second amendment to the United
19 States constitution and that is affiliated with Wyoming;

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21 (D) One (1) Wyoming resident employed by a
22 firearms industry manufacturer located in Wyoming;

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1 (E) One (1) Wyoming resident employed by a
2 firearms retail business located in Wyoming;

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4 (F) One (1) Wyoming resident employed as a
5 law enforcement official in Wyoming;

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7 (G) One (1) Wyoming county attorney nominated
8 by the Wyoming county attorneys association.

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10 (b) The appointments made under paragraph (a)(ii) of
11 this section shall be confirmed by the senate. Appointed
12 members shall serve three (3) year terms. The governor may
13 remove any appointed member as provided by W.S. 9-1-202.
14 Except for the legislative member, any vacancy occurring
15 shall be filled by a majority vote of the five (5) statewide
16 elected officials.

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18 (c) The commission, in conjunction with the University
19 of Wyoming firearms research center, shall:

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21 (i) Review and provide oversight regarding the
22 center's mission to become a scholarly center for firearms
23 and firearms law, history, technology, social sciences,

1 economic development and recreation. The commission shall
2 provide recommendations to the center to ensure that the
3 center focuses on and facilitates a meaningful and measurable
4 impact on the firearms culture and traditions cherished by
5 residents of Wyoming;

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7 (ii) Facilitate the development of formal
8 agreements between the University of Wyoming firearms
9 research center and Wyoming stakeholders;

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11 (iii) Make recommendations to the legislature
12 regarding funding for the University of Wyoming firearms
13 research center.

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15 (d) The commission shall be staffed by the governor's
16 office.

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18 (e) The commission shall meet at least one (1) time per
19 year.

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21 (f) Nonlegislative members of the commission shall
22 receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed at the same
23 rate as state officers or employees under W.S. 9-3-102 and

1 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the
2 performance of their duties on the commission.

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4 (g) The legislative member of the commission shall
5 receive salary and reimbursement for per diem and travel
6 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the
7 commission pursuant to W.S. 28-5-101.

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9 **Section 2.**

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11 (a) There is appropriated two thousand five hundred
12 dollars (\$2,500.00) from the general fund to the legislative
13 service office for the period beginning with the effective
14 date of this act and ending June 30, 2024 to be expended only
15 on salary, per diem and mileage for the legislative member of
16 the Wyoming firearms research center oversight commission for
17 attendance at meetings of the commission. This appropriation
18 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
19 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
20 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
21 2024.

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1 (b) There is appropriated seventeen thousand five
2 hundred dollars (\$17,500.00) from the general fund to the
3 governor's office for the period beginning with the effective
4 date of this act and ending June 30, 2024 to be expended only
5 on per diem and mileage for the nonlegislative members of the
6 Wyoming firearms research center oversight commission for
7 attendance at meetings of the commission. This appropriation
8 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
9 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
10 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
11 2024.

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13 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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