

SENATE FILE NO. SF0023

Enhanced oil recovery commission amendments.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to enhanced oil and gas recovery; amending
2 the formal name of the enhanced oil recovery commission;
3 specifying the school at the University of Wyoming that
4 will conduct commission related tasks; clarifying and
5 amending the scope of the commission's authority and
6 obligations; amending definitions; and providing for an
7 effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 30-8-101(a), (b)(intro), (i), (ii),
12 (d)(i), (iii), (iv), (f)(i) and (ii) is amended to read:

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14 **30-8-101. Enhanced oil recovery commission created;**
15 **duties.**

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2 (a) The Wyoming enhanced ~~and improved~~ oil recovery
3 commission is created. The commission shall consist of
4 eight (8) members. The governor and the state geologist
5 shall serve as ex officio members of the commission. One
6 (1) legislative member shall be appointed by the management
7 council of the legislature who shall serve as an ex officio
8 member of the commission. The governor shall appoint the
9 remaining members of whom one (1) shall be from the public
10 at large with experience in the oil and gas industry, one
11 (1) shall be a member of the oil and gas conservation
12 commission, two (2) shall represent the oil and gas
13 industry and one (1) shall be a representative of the
14 University of Wyoming. The gubernatorial appointments shall
15 be confirmed by the senate. Appointed members shall serve
16 three (3) year terms. Members of the commission shall not
17 receive any fees, salary or other compensation for services
18 rendered but are entitled to receive per diem and mileage
19 on the same basis and at the same rate as state employees
20 and reimbursement for any other actual and necessary
21 expenses incurred in the performance of commission duties.
22 The governor may remove any appointed member as provided in
23 W.S. 9-1-202. Except for the legislative member, initial

1 appointments or any vacancy occurring between sessions of
2 the legislature may be filled by the governor in accordance
3 with W.S. 28-12-101(b). The commission shall be staffed by
4 executive branch agencies as designated by the governor.

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6 (b) The commission, in conjunction with the
7 University of Wyoming school of energy resources and oil
8 and gas industry research entities, shall develop:

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10 (i) A research program ~~at the institute~~ for
11 energy research and enhanced oil and gas recovery at the
12 University of Wyoming school of energy resources. The
13 program shall focus on ~~oil and gas recovery technological~~
14 ~~issues, including carbon dioxide separation, reservoir~~
15 ~~sweep performance and reservoir displacement efficiency~~ and
16 facilitate a meaningful and measurable increase in
17 recoverable reserves and production of oil and natural gas
18 in Wyoming through the effective and efficient transfer of
19 relevant technology, information and knowledge to entities,
20 regardless of size, producing Wyoming reserves;

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22 (ii) ~~An expanded~~ A program ~~at the institute~~
23 focusing on technology transfer, to help industry with

1 access to and application of ~~existing~~ enhanced oil and gas
2 recovery and improved oil and gas recovery technology. The
3 program shall be designed to promote research and
4 technology transfer efforts, ~~including polymer and~~
5 ~~surfactant flooding, horizontal drilling, zone specific~~
6 ~~fracturing and three dimensional seismic infill drilling;~~
7 in both conventional and unconventional oil and gas
8 reservoirs.

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10 (d) The commission:

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12 (i) Shall ~~oversee and direct development of~~
13 provide guidance and oversight and coordinate with the
14 University of Wyoming school of energy resources to
15 efficiently carry out the programs developed pursuant to
16 subsection (b) of this section;

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18 (iii) Shall facilitate the development of formal
19 agreements between the ~~institute~~ University of Wyoming
20 school of energy resources and the oil and gas industry
21 through which the industry is provided access to the
22 ~~institute's geologic and engineering reservoir modeling and~~
23 ~~reservoir characterization work~~ school's expertise and work

1 product in exchange for providing access to data ~~access~~ and
2 ~~testing~~ required facilities;

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4 (iv) Shall promote and facilitate the transfer
5 of new technologies ~~developed at the institute~~ throughout
6 the oil and gas industry in this state;

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8 (f) As used in this section:

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10 (i) "Commission" means the Wyoming enhanced ~~and~~
11 ~~improved~~ oil recovery commission;

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13 (ii) "Enhanced oil and gas recovery" ~~and~~
14 ~~improved oil recovery~~ means all existing and potential
15 technology to recover oil and gas beyond traditional
16 primary and secondary methods, ~~+~~ including technology to
17 optimize development and recovery of oil and gas resources
18 in new fields.

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20 **Section 2.** W.S. 30-8-101(b)(iii), (iv) and (f)(iii)
21 is repealed.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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