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HOUSE BILL NO. 0174

State climatology board.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) HANSEN

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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 9-2-1301 through 9-2-1304 are created to read:

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1	STATE BOARD OF CLIMATOLOGY
2	9-2-1301. Definitions.
3	(a) As used in this act:
4	(i) "Board" means the state climatology board;
5	(ii) "Climate" means the long-term character-
6	istics of the atmospheric environment, expressed in
7	meteorological terms, parameters or indexes meaningful to
8	economic decision making;
9	(iii) "Clímatologist" means a person with suf-
10	ficient training or experience in the professional field
11	of meteorology, geography, climatology or agriculture who
12	has developed a broad focus on and appreciation of the
13	inter-actions of climate with human activities, with
14	skills in interpreting the climate data base, and fluency
15	in spoken, written and graphic communications;
16	(iv) "Users" means those persons in but not
17	limited to atmospheric science, geography, range and crop
18	management, extension agriculture, industry, commerce,
19	recreation, tourism, water development, construction,
20	utilities, transportation, state or local government,
21	planning offices and natural resources;

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1 (v) "Weather" means the instantaneous state of 2 the atmosphere, usually defined in meteorological terms of 3 temperature, precipitation, evaporation, wind and 4 sunshine.

### 5 9-2-1302. Climatological survey created; duties.

6 (a) A climatological survey of Wyoming is created to 7 be located at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. Data collected by the survey shall be in the public domain and 8 shall be readily available to any person. Staff may be 9 hired to perform the duties of the survey and shall be 10 responsible to the climatologist. The survey 11 shall include: 12

13 (i) Collection and archiving of weather and14 climate data;

15 (ii) Identification of opportunities and risks
16 relative to climate that impact on economic development in
17 Wyoming;

18 (iii) Identification of the role of climate in19 economic development;

20 (iv) Identification of macro and micro
 21 climates within Wyoming by region, extent, characteristics

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1 and changes over time; (v) Predictions based on the macro or micro 2 climate data; 3 (vi) Coordination of data and services avail-4 able from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-5 tion and the regional climate centers with the Wyoming 6 7 data base; (vii) Consideration of the legal and economic 8 impacts of intended and unintended man-produced modifica-9 10 tions of weather. 11 9-2-1303. State climatologist; duties. (a) The office of state climatologist is created to 12 be located at the University of Wyoming. A person shall 13 be appointed by the governor to be the climatologist who 14 shall not be a member of the faculty or staff of the Uni-15 versity of Wyoming and who shall serve at the pleasure of 16 the governor. His duties include: 17 (i) Responsibility for the work of the clima-18 tological survey; 19 20 (ii) Designating a depository and procedure for archiving weather data; 21

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(iii) Consultations with any person or entity 1 connected with the University of Wyoming, community col-2 3 leges, private business, the state and political subdivisions or the general public on the economic impact of 4 weather and climate; 5 (iv) Providing, in a manner usable by the pub-6 7 lic: 8 (A) Weather and climate data; Identification of limitations of 9 (B) 10 weather or climate data; (C) Useful techniques for summarizing 11 information. 12 (v) Being an ex officio member of the council 13 14 of industrial development of the department of economic 15 planning and development; (vi) Providing for distribution to the public, 16 upon request, publications of the survey for no charge or 17 for a fee not to exceed actual cost; 18 (vii) Obtaining grants or contracts for clima-19 tological research in addition to the funds provided by 20

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1 the state.

9-2-1304. Climatology board created. A policy board 2 3 is created and shall be known as the climatology board. It shall be appointed by the governor. The board shall 4 reflect the broad spectrum of users. Board members shall 5 6 serve staggered three (3) year terms to be drawn by lot at the first meeting for one (1), two (2) or three (3) year 7 Appointees may succeed themselves for no more than 8 terms. two (2) consecutive terms. Members shall receive no com-9 10 pensation but may be reimbursed under W.S. 9-3-102 and 9-3-103 for per diem and travel expenses incurred in the 11 performance of their duties. There shall be no less than 12 13 two (2) meetings each year. The board shall set policy to implement the purpose and the duties of the climatological 14 15 survey.

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## Section 2. Purpose of Climatological Survey.

17 A climatological survey is needed because climate vari-18 ability increasingly affects the Wyoming economy, the 19 quality of life, and subsequent decisions made by public 20 and private officials. Accurate information about our 21 climate resources is an essential element in planning and 22 decision making involving food production, energy produc-23 tion and consumption, environmental considerations in

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industrial policy, forecasting the impact of CO2 climate changes, recreational choices, water resources, investments, liability factors and related uses. The climatological survey can facilitate a rational adjustment of man to his environment as public and private decision makers seek to broaden Wyoming's economic base.

Section 3. There is appropriated from the general
fund to the office of state climatologist the sum of one
hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000.00) for the
1985-86 biennium.

Section 4. This act is effective July 1, 1984

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State climatology board.

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1. The bill provides for a \$190,000 General Fund appropriation.

2. The bill provides for the appointment of a climatologist and staff as well as a part-time policy board.