## [DIVIDED AMENDMENT] (CORRECTED COPY)

[BUDGET(s) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

Section 020. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (Administration)

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1 Page 23-after line 18 Insert:

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"1. Of this general fund appropriation, one hundred fifty thousand 3 dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be expended for a feasibility study on 4 5 the state of Wyoming obtaining agreement status with the United 6 States nuclear regulatory commission for licensing the possession of nuclear materials or byproduct nuclear materials, including 7 8 thorium, from the mining and processing of rare earth elements. Not later than October 15, 2023, the department of environmental 9 quality shall report to the joint minerals, business and economic 10 development interim committee on the results of the study, 11 including recommendations for whether the state of Wyoming should 12 13 become an agreement state as described in this footnote and any 14 necessary legislation.".

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16 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and 17 renumber as necessary. COOPER, ROTHFUSS, WASSERBURGER