

**FISCAL NOTE**

	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
GENERAL FUND	\$300	\$300	\$300

Source of Expenditure Increase:

This bill will require agencies and political subdivisions of the state to verify lawful presence in the U.S. for public benefits. For those clients not able to show proof through the means stated in the bill, the programs will have to verify legal presence through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Assumptions:

Number of clients needing to be verified are estimated at approximately 3.2% of Wyoming's population

- Tobacco Prevention and Control Program: For FY16 and FY17 there was an average of 4,261 participants each year utilizing the tobacco Quitline; this number is used for the estimate. An estimated 136 participants may need to be verified through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Colorectal Cancer Screening: In FY17, there were 749 participants applying for services. This is an estimated 24 participants that may need to be verified through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Costs for verification that clients are lawfully present in the U.S. are a minimum of \$25/month or \$.50 for initial verification, \$.50 for retry initial verification, \$.50 for additional verification and \$1.50 maximum charge per verification. Cost per verification is estimated to be around \$1.00/client declaring to be a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and is lawfully present in the U.S. Total estimated cost for clients requiring verification in Cancer Screening and Tobacco Prevention and Control is around \$300 annually, paid to the Department of Homeland Security.

Note: The Public Health Nursing Unit provides services to clients through county based offices. The costs associated with this bill will have to be covered by the county. Each county public health office will need to have an account with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and verify all clients who report they are lawfully present in the US. In FY2016, Public Health Nursing served approximately 9,500 clients (this estimate does not include clients receiving immunization, clients that were children or Medicaid, Medicare or VA clients, or non-direct care services).

The fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections is indeterminable due to an unknown number of cases.

There are no current measures that would allow for an accurate prediction of the number of individuals sentenced pursuant to the proposed legislation. Each year of incarceration, per inmate, costs the State, approximately \$41,537, including medical costs. The cost for community supervision of an offender is approximately \$2,000 per year.

The fiscal impact to the judicial system is indeterminable due to an unknown number of cases.

There would be no significant fiscal impact to the Department of Family Services as it assumes the current application and verification process and requirements will satisfy the proposed legislation. Currently, all members of the household, regardless of age, are verified through the systematic alien verification of entitlement program.

**NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED**

This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

University of Wyoming  
Wyoming Community College Commission

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