

Contractors-final payment provisions  
restructure.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure /(decrease)			
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)	(\$35,000)

Source of expenditure (decrease):

State cost incurred by the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) of advertising with newspapers on completed projects;

Assumptions:

The above estimate is provided by WYDOT, and is based on a three-year average of advertising costs.

According to the State Construction Department (Department), this bill would reduce capital construction expenditures in advertising. While the Department is not able to calculate the exact decrease in expenditures, it is anticipated that each job on average would save \$300-\$500 per project as a result of not having to run the advertisement.

According to the University of Wyoming (UW), UW could incur additional litigation costs and staff time to prepare for such litigation. Where a subcontractor's payment is withheld by a general contractor and they are in dispute, UW may be brought into the lawsuit regarding the final payment. UW would also incur additional expenditures for having to determine whether the contractors bond is sufficient to cover the cost of claims. These costs are undeterminable, as the number of claims will vary from project to project.

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