

Bill No.: HB0001 **Effective:** **Immediately**
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Chapter No.: 69
Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee
Catch Title: **General government appropriations-2.**
Subject: Supplemental Budget Bill for FY2021-2022 Fiscal Biennium.

Revised appropriations to 2020 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 80:

Reductions or Additional Appropriations by Funding Source*:

General Fund (GF) appropriations reduced by \$430 million;
Federal Funds (FF) appropriations reduced by \$24.9 million;
School Foundation Program Account (S5) appropriations reduced by \$5.2 million;
School Capital Construction Account (S6) appropriations reduced by \$9.0 million;
Net Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account (S10) appropriations increase of \$2.4 million;*
Net Strategic Investments and Projects Account (S13) appropriations increase of \$113.9 million;
Net Other Funds** appropriations increase of \$51.2 million.

* Does not include funding transfers to permanent funds, budget balancer (S10), or appropriations from other bills.

** Includes all other funding sources not shown above, e.g., Special Revenue (SR), Enterprise Funds (EF), etc.

The bill also contains reductions to total authorized positions for the Executive Branch and Judicial Branch of 324 (303 full-time equivalent (FTE) and 21 part-time equivalent (PTE)). These FTE position reductions are summarized as follows:

- Department of Corrections: 161 FTE
- Department of Family Services: 50 FTE
- Attorney General's Office, Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources: 11 FTE each
- Department of Enterprise Technology Services: 10 FTE
- Judicial Branch: 5 FTE
- All Other Agencies: 55 FTE

General Government: – This bill contains revised appropriations for executive branch and judicial branch agencies for the FY 2021-2022 biennium. A condensed overview of large agencies and programs follows:

Department of Health: This bill reduces appropriations of \$111.8 million GF, \$24.9 million FF, and an increase of \$18.2 million Other Funds (OF). The OF increase includes \$2.1 million from the Tobacco Trust Income Account as well as \$13.4 million from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account to temporarily restore some Step 3 Governor's budget reductions through the end of the biennium.

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Department of Corrections: This bill reduces appropriations of \$27.6 million GF and an increase of \$4.6 million OF. The OF increased authorization includes \$3.17 million in projected new special revenue from prospective fees placed on probationers and parolees while under supervision, not all of which was adopted in other bills.

Department of Family Services: This bill reduces appropriations of \$15.4 million GF, \$1.5 million FF, and an increase of \$400,000 OF. The OF increase includes approximately \$385,000 from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account to temporarily restore partial out-of-home placement provider rate reductions.

Department of Administration & Information: This bill reduces appropriations of \$14.9 million GF, which includes a one-time deposit from the Risk Management Insurance Fund to the GF of \$5.4 million.

K-12 Education

- **K-12 Education-School Finance Funding (Section 2, Section 205):** This bill reduces appropriations of \$2.8 million from the School Foundation Program Account;
- **K-12 School Capital Construction:** This bill alters funding for the Fremont County #25 High School Auditorium project in the amount of \$8.2 million from the School Capital Construction Account to available federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act;
- **Department of Education (Section 2, Section 206):** This bill reduces appropriations of \$1.8 million GF, an increase of approximately \$350,000 FF, and a reduction of approximately \$800,000 from the School Foundation Program Account;
- **Other School Foundation Program Account funding changes:** The bill reduces funding from the School Foundation Program Account to the Military Department, the Attorney General's Office, Wyoming Community College Commission, the Office of State Lands and Investments, Department of Enterprise Technology Services, and a one-time increase in funding to the Department of Health for the developmental preschool program.

Higher Education

- **Community Colleges:** This bill reduces appropriations of \$19.8 million GF for community college state aid funding and reduces \$1.2 million GF for other programs and administration of the Wyoming Community College Commission (Section 2, Section 057). The bill also removes appropriations of \$2.5 million GF for community colleges and students for the Wyoming Works Program, as specified in Section 320;
- **University of Wyoming:** This bill reduces appropriations of \$30.6 million GF for the university's state aid block grant funding and reduces \$13.8 million GF for other university programs: medical education, School of Energy Resources, Tier I Engineering, and Endowment funding. The bill also authorizes the university to issue revenue bonds to go toward a student housing project (\$15.5 million).

Major Maintenance for State Facilities: This bill reduces appropriations for state major maintenance by 25% (\$32.2 million GF) and changes the remaining appropriation of \$96.6 million from GF to the Strategic Investments and Projects Account.

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Judicial Branch:

- **Supreme Court:** This bill reduces appropriations of \$4.1 million GF for the Supreme Court and circuit courts' budgets. This includes reductions that temporarily postpone full implementation of the Chancery Court and the appellate case management information technology system;
- **District Courts:** This bill reduces appropriations totaling \$100,000 GF from District Courts' various support services costs.

Various Provisions regarding appropriations/transfers from accounts:

- Specifying amounts appropriated to individual budget units/programs and legislative intent for agencies' standard and exception budget requests for the next biennium;
- Providing for agreements between state agencies for the continuation of programs into the next biennium pursuant to footnotes in Section 2, Sections 007, 024, 053 and 085 (*portions vetoed, see below*);
- Repeal of appropriations for a backstop to the Employees' and Officials' Group Insurance Program, Mass Layoffs, and a requirement for personnel reductions during the biennium, as specified in Section 399;
- Multiple transfer of funds from the State Penitentiary Capital Construction Account (Section 3, Section 300(p)) and the One Percent Severance Tax Account (OPSTA; Section 3, Section 314) to the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund (50%) and the Common School Account in the Permanent Land Fund (50%) (*portions vetoed, see below*);
- Transfers of \$11.4 million from the Strategic Investments and Projects Account to the School Capital Construction Account as specified in Section 300;
- Transfers to the GF from prior appropriations consistent with the Governor's recommended reductions.

The following reports are required under the budget bill:

- Report on the Cryptocurrency Staking Program from the University of Wyoming to the Joint Appropriations Committee and Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial Technology and Digital Technology Innovation, pursuant to Section 340.

The following studies are required by the budget bill:

- A study of the effectiveness of a project manager position within the State Construction Department (*vetoed, see below*);
- A study of alternative methods of delivery leading to cost efficiencies for medical education at the University of Wyoming.

The Governor vetoed the following provisions:

- Section 2, Section 006, Administration and Information, portions of footnote 4 (maximum real property leasing budget);
- Section 2, Section 007, Wyoming Military Department, portion of footnote 2 and Section 024, State Parks & Cultural Resources, footnote 8 (Veterans' Museum operation agreement between these agencies);
- Section 2, Section 027, State Construction Department, footnote 2 (construction project manager

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performance and justification report);

- Section 2, Section 053, Department of Workforce Services, portions of footnote 2 and Section 085, Wyoming Business Council, portions of footnote 1 (Wyoming Council on Women's Issues operation agreement between these agencies);
- Section 2, Section 206, Department of Education, footnote 2 (specified staffing for the Board of Education);
- Section 3, Section 300(p) (transfer of the Penitentiary Capital Construction Account to the Permanent Wyoming Mineral Trust Fund corpus (50%) and the Common School Permanent Land Fund corpus (50%)).

Comments:

- Contains appropriations as described above.
- Requires a report and study as described above.

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