

Bill No.: SF0061 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

LSO No.: 23LSO-0228

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0079

Chapter No.: 167

Prime Sponsor: Management Council

Catch Title: **Legislator per diem.**

Subject: Per diem rates for specified state employees, officials and appointees.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill requires the state auditor to annually set the per diem rate for legislators and all boards and commissions statutorily tied to legislator per diem. The rate is set at the federal General Service Administrations per diem rates for locations within Wyoming.
- This is very similar to the manner in which mileage reimbursement is determined for a legislator under W.S. 28-5-101(d).
- Legislator per diem was last increased in 2008, from eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) a day to one hundred nine dollars (\$109.00) a day.
- The bill will provide location rates in Wyoming, which will allow higher per diem rates for meetings held in Teton, Sublette and Park Counties.
- There are fifty-two (52) boards and commissions with their per diem statutorily tied to legislator per diem amounts. The vast majority of the members of those boards and commissions serve without any other compensation.

Comments:

- Appropriations:
 - One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to LSO for the remainder of the biennium.
 - Seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) to state auditor for the remainder of the biennium for GF boards and commissions.
 - The bill provides authorization for spending authority for those boards and commissions who don't receive general funds to supplement the per diem rate for their boards and commissions (usually paid from licensing fees).

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