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FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact, in the form of an expenditure increase, is indeterminable.

The bill removes federal involvement in the Wyoming state guard, allowing the Governor to establish and use state forces as he deems necessary to preserve the public peace, to execute the laws of the state and to suppress insurrection or repel invasion. The cost would remain the same to use the Wyoming state guard as under existing statute and would be dependent upon the size of the unit established.

The bill allows the Governor to disburse pay and allowances to the state guard from legislatively appropriated general funds or funds continuously appropriated for public welfare emergencies under W.S. 9-2-1014.3.

Pay would need to follow pay for the national guard and include all additional allowances in addition to base pay. Benefits would also need to be established through legislation for unique retirement, medical/health care, and loss of life statutes.

The Wyoming Military Department forecasts that establishment of a Platoon (52 personnel) size force would cost several hundred thousand dollars to stand up and a significant amount to train, deploy and maintain. The Wyoming Military Department also forecasts that establishment of a Company (162 personnel) size force would cost a few million dollars to stand up and a significant amount, about four times the amount of a Platoon, to train, deploy and maintain.