## SF0153H3003

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Delete the first Larson, JT third reading amendment (SF0153H3001/ACE) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 4 After "applicability;" insert "requiring rulemaking; providing an appropriation;".

## "Section 3.

(\$36,000,000.00) from the legislative stabilization reserve account to the department of revenue to be expended only for payments to qualifying counties under this section. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose. Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-207, any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall not revert until June 30, 2027. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the standard budget of the department of revenue for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

(b) The department of revenue shall establish a grant application and program for distribution of the funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section and as specified in this subsection. Not more than one-half (1/2) of the amount appropriated in subsection (a) of this section may be distributed for purposes of restoring revenue attributable to any reduction in residential property tax assessments from tax year 2025. Any remaining funds from the appropriation in subsection (a) of this section shall be available for distribution for purposes of restoring revenue attributable to any reduction in residential property tax assessments from tax year 2026.

(c) The following shall apply to grants made under this section:

(i) No school district shall qualify for a grant under this section;

 (ii) Subject to paragraph (iii) of this subsection, counties, cities and towns that are, or are located within, the counties with the eight (8) lowest total assessed valuations for

the current tax year, as certified by the department of revenue, shall qualify for grants under this section;

(iii) Only counties, cities and towns within the counties qualifying under paragraph (ii) of this subsection that also each impose the maximum statutory mill levy authorized to be imposed by the applicable governing board shall qualify for grants under this section;

(iv) Any special district that also imposes the maximum statutory mill levy authorized to be imposed by the applicable governing board shall qualify for grants under this section.

(d) Counties shall prepare a grant application to the department of revenue on behalf of the county and all cities, towns and qualifying special districts located in the county. If awarded grant funds under this section, the county shall distribute the funds in proportion to the demonstrated reduction in residential property tax assessments as compared to tax year 2024 and directly attributable to legislation exempting or otherwise reducing residential property tax assessments enacted during the 2025 general session.

(e) Grants awarded under this section shall not exceed an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the demonstrated reduction of residential property tax assessments as compared to tax year 2024 and directly attributable to this act or legislation or otherwise reducing residential exempting property tax assessments enacted during the 2025 general session. If funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section and allocated for tax years 2025 and 2026 are insufficient to restore the demonstrated reduced residential property tax assessments under this section, the department of revenue shall make the grant awards on a pro rata basis.

(f) The department of revenue shall administer the program under this section and shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this section.". LARSON, JT