

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains a transfer of \$162,276,466 from the LEGISLATIVE STABILIZATION RESERVE ACCOUNT (LSRA) to the GENERAL FUND. This bill contains appropriations of \$162,276,466 from the GENERAL FUND and \$110,000,000 from the WYOMING WILDLIFE and NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST INCOME ACCOUNT (WWNRT Income Account). The transfer and appropriations are effective immediately.

Description of the transfer and appropriations:

The \$162,276,466 transfer from the LSRA to the General Fund is to ensure sufficient funds are available in the General Fund to be further appropriated by this bill.

The General Fund contains appropriations totaling \$32,263,666 for purposes of restoring funds expended by the State of Wyoming to suppress wildfires that occurred in calendar year 2024:

- \$1,000,000 for the Special Contingency Division of the Office of the Governor;
- \$1,263,966 for the Disaster Contingency Unit within the Homeland Security Division of the Office of the Governor; and
- \$30,000,000 to the Emergency Fire Suppression Account within the Office of State Lands and Investments.

This bill contains an appropriation of \$20,000,000 or as much thereof as is necessary from the General Fund to the LSRA for repayment of funds borrowed on or before June 30, 2025.

This bill contains an appropriation of \$110,000,000 from the General Fund to the WWNRT Income Account. The bill further appropriates the \$110,000,000 from the WWNRT Income Account for mitigation and restoration projects needed as a result of the wildfires that occurred within the State of Wyoming in calendar year 2024 and shall not be subject to the grant process requirements specified in the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Funding Act. Following review and recommendation by the steering committee created by this bill, the appropriation may be expended for grants and expenditures approved by the executive director of the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust Account Board. The appropriation from the WWNRT Income Account shall pay per diem and mileage to the non-legislative and nonstate employee members of the steering committee.

This bill contains an appropriation of \$12,500 from the General to the Legislative Service Office for purposes of providing salary, mileage, and per diem to the two legislative members on the steering committee.

This bill repeals the \$20,000,000 borrowing authority from the LSRA in the 2024 Budget Bill (2024 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 118, Section 301(b)) in fiscal year (FY) 2026 and increases the borrowing authority from the LSRA to \$30,000,000 in FY 2026, for purposes of funding requirements to fight wildland fires.

Any additional fiscal or personnel impact is not determinable due to insufficient time to complete the fiscal note process.

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