

[BUDGET(s) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

Section 300. [BUDGET BALANCERS - TRANSFERS]

Other Budget(s) Affected:

Section 328. [ADDITIONS TO 300 SECTIONS]

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1 Page 1-line 13 After "2028;" insert "providing a one-time
2 retirement payment;".
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4 Page 103-line 1 After "BALANCERS" delete "-" and insert "AND".
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6 Page 103-after line 21 Insert:
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8 (d) The state auditor shall transfer ten million dollars
9 (\$10,000,000.00) from the Wyoming cultural trust fund to the
10 general fund."
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12 Page 141-after line 19 Insert the following new sections and
13 renumber as necessary:
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15 "[EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION]
16

17 **Section 328.**
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19 (a) There is appropriated one hundred eleven million forty-
20 one thousand twenty-eight dollars (\$111,041,028.00) from the
21 general fund to the state auditor for salary adjustments of
22 generally funded employees whose salary is not prescribed by law
23 for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30,
24 2028, as specified in this section. From this appropriation, the
25 state auditor shall distribute the following amounts:
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27 (i) Sixty-four million one hundred ninety-one thousand
28 one hundred fifty-three dollars (\$64,191,153.00) for distribution
29 among the executive branch agencies, including statewide elected
30 officials, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees
31 of the executive branch, including the Wyoming community college

1 commission but not including any agency or entity specified in
2 paragraphs (ii) through (ix) of this subsection;

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4 (ii) Twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-three
5 dollars (\$21,783.00) to the commission on judicial conduct and
6 ethics pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of
7 the commission on judicial conduct and ethics;

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9 (iii) Forty-eight thousand seven hundred twenty-six
10 dollars (\$48,726.00) to the Wyoming energy authority pursuant to
11 subsection (b) of this section for employees of the Wyoming energy
12 authority;

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14 (iv) Twenty-seven million six hundred ninety-nine
15 thousand six hundred thirty-one dollars (\$27,699,631.00) to the
16 University of Wyoming pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
17 for employees of the University of Wyoming, the University of
18 Wyoming medical education program and school of energy resources;

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20 (v) Three hundred seventy-seven thousand eight hundred
21 seventy-two dollars (\$377,872.00) to the University of Wyoming
22 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of the
23 enhanced oil recovery commission;

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25 (vi) Fourteen million five hundred eighty-five thousand
26 three hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$14,585,337.00) to the
27 community college commission to be allocated among the community
28 colleges in proportion to the state funded payroll of each college
29 relative to the total state funded payroll as submitted by the
30 colleges to the state budget department and further distributed
31 within each college pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for
32 employees of the community colleges;

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34 (vii) Two hundred eighty-three thousand five hundred
35 ninety-eight dollars (\$283,598.00) to the community college
36 commission pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees
37 of Wyoming public television;

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39 (viii) Three million eight hundred thirty-two thousand
40 nine hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$3,832,928.00) to the supreme
41 court to be further distributed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
42 section among the employees of the supreme court, district courts,
43 circuit courts and related subdivisions.

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45 (b) Funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section
46 shall be distributed to employees of entities specified in

1 paragraphs (a)(i) through (viii) of this section in accordance
2 with an occupational market analysis.

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4 (c) For state executive and judicial branch employees whose
5 compensation is paid from nongeneral fund sources, to the extent
6 funds are available, there is appropriated from those accounts and
7 funds amounts necessary to provide payment of comparable salary
8 increases and employer paid benefits as that which is distributed
9 to employees of entities specified in paragraphs (a)(i) through
10 (viii) of this section and subject to the same distribution
11 methodology that is applied by the entities specified in paragraphs
12 (a)(i) through (viii) of this section, respectively. For state
13 executive and judicial branch employees whose compensation is
14 partially funded by general funds, general funds shall be expended
15 for compensation increases in the same proportion as the employee's
16 budgeted salary is paid by state general funds.

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18 (d) In accordance with Section 310 of this act, it is the intent
19 of the legislature that the total appropriation in subsection (a)
20 of this section to each recipient agency be included as a
21 cumulative total of the sum of the amounts within each of the
22 recipient agencies' standard budget for the immediately succeeding
23 fiscal biennium.

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25 [RETIREMENT - ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS]

26
27 **Section 329.**

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29 (a) One (1) additional payment shall be made on July 1, 2026
30 to each eligible person receiving a service pension, survivor's
31 pension, retirement benefit, survivor benefit, death benefit or
32 disability pension or benefit under a retirement plan. Each
33 additional payment under this section shall be limited to persons
34 who first began receiving benefits prior to July 1, 2024, either
35 alone or in combination with a member or retired or disabled
36 employee if the person is a survivor. If the person is a survivor,
37 the date shall be based on the initial retirement or disability
38 benefit of the applicable employee. Each payment to an eligible
39 person shall be in an amount calculated by multiplying the eligible
40 person's existing annual benefit by one percent (1.0%). The
41 additional payment under this section shall not be ongoing,
42 cumulative or in any way affect any future benefits paid to any
43 person.

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45 (b) There is appropriated eight million seven hundred eighty
46 thousand four hundred five dollars (\$8,780,405.00) from the
47 general fund to the board of the Wyoming retirement system for the

1 purpose of making the payment as provided in subsection (a) of
2 this section. This amount shall be allocated to each retirement
3 plan on a proportional basis using the amount of payments
4 calculated under subsection (a) of this section. To the extent
5 there are insufficient funds under this section, the Wyoming
6 retirement system shall reduce payments proportionately. This
7 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other
8 purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
9 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It
10 is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be
11 included in the board's standard budget for the immediately
12 succeeding fiscal biennium.

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14 (c) Notwithstanding W.S. 9-3-454, any amount required to make
15 the payment as provided in subsection (a) of this section in
16 addition to the appropriation provided under subsection (b) of
17 this section shall be provided from amounts within the applicable
18 retirement plans and then only in the amount necessary to make
19 payments applicable to persons who receive benefits from the
20 retirement plan from which the money is drawn.

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22 (d) As used in this section, "retirement plan" includes all
23 retirement plans administered by the Wyoming retirement board,
24 including the volunteer firefighter, EMT and search and rescue
25 pension plan under W.S. 35-9-616 through 35-9-628. "Retirement
26 plan" shall not include the paid firemen plan A administered by
27 the Wyoming retirement board under W.S. 15-5-201 through 15-5-209.

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29 [SEVERANCE TAXES - DISTRIBUTION AMENDMENTS]

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31 **Section 330.** W.S. 39-14-801(b)(v) is amended to read:

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33 **39-14-801. Severance tax distributions; distribution**
34 **account created; formula.**

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36 (b) Before making distributions from the severance tax
37 distribution account under subsections (c) through (e) of this
38 section, an amount equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of tax
39 collected under W.S. 39-14-104(a)(i) and (b)(i) and 39-14-
40 204(a)(i) for the same period shall be deposited as follows:

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42 (v) For fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year ~~2028~~2026
43 these funds shall be deposited equally to the permanent Wyoming
44 mineral trust fund and to the common school account within the
45 permanent land fund and for fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028
46 these funds shall be deposited equally to the permanent Wyoming
47 mineral trust fund and to the general fund;".

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2 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
3 renumber as necessary. LIEN