

[BUDGET (s) AFFECTED]

Section Under Consideration:

Section 328. [ADDITIONS TO 300 SECTIONS]

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1 Delete the Lien third reading amendment (HB0001H3084/A) entirely
2 and further amend as follows:

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4 Page 1-line 13 After "2028;" insert "providing a one-
5 time retirement payment;".
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7 Page 141-after line 19 Insert the following new section and
8 renumber as necessary:
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10 "[EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION]

11
12 **Section 328.**
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14 (a) There is appropriated one hundred eleven million seven
15 hundred eighty-nine thousand six hundred seventy dollars
16 (\$111,789,670.00) from the general fund to the state auditor for
17 salary adjustments of generally funded employees whose salary is
18 not prescribed by law for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2026
19 and ending June 30, 2028, as specified in this section. From this
20 appropriation, the state auditor shall distribute the following
21 amounts:
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23 (i) Sixty-four million one hundred ninety-one thousand
24 one hundred fifty-three dollars (\$64,191,153.00) for distribution
25 among the executive branch agencies, including statewide elected
26 officials, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees
27 of the executive branch, including the Wyoming community college
28 commission but not including any agency or entity specified in
29 paragraphs (ii) through (ix) of this subsection;
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31 (ii) Seven hundred forty-eight thousand six hundred
32 forty-two dollars (\$748,642.00) to the Wyoming business council
33 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of the
34 Wyoming business council;
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36 (iii) Twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty-three
37 dollars (\$21,783.00) to the commission on judicial conduct and

1 ethics pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of
2 the commission on judicial conduct and ethics;

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4 (iv) Forty-eight thousand seven hundred twenty-six
5 dollars (\$48,726.00) to the Wyoming energy authority pursuant to
6 subsection (b) of this section for employees of the Wyoming energy
7 authority;

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9 (v) Twenty-seven million six hundred ninety-nine
10 thousand six hundred thirty-one dollars (\$27,699,631.00) to the
11 University of Wyoming pursuant to subsection (b) of this section
12 for employees of the University of Wyoming, the University of
13 Wyoming medical education program and school of energy resources;

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15 (vi) Three hundred seventy-seven thousand eight hundred
16 seventy-two dollars (\$377,872.00) to the University of Wyoming
17 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees of the
18 enhanced oil recovery commission;

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

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29 (viii) Two hundred eighty-three thousand five hundred
30 ninety-eight dollars (\$283,598.00) to the community college
31 commission pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for employees
32 of Wyoming public television;

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34 (ix) Three million eight hundred thirty-two thousand
35 nine hundred twenty-eight dollars (\$3,832,928.00) to the supreme
36 court to be further distributed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
37 section among the employees of the supreme court, district courts,
38 circuit courts and related subdivisions.

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40 (b) Funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this section
41 shall be distributed to employees of entities specified in
42 paragraphs (a)(i) through (ix) of this section in accordance with
43 an occupational market analysis.

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45 (c) For state executive and judicial branch employees whose
46 compensation is paid from nongeneral fund sources, to the extent
47 funds are available, there is appropriated from those accounts and

1 funds amounts necessary to provide payment of comparable salary
2 increases and employer paid benefits as that which is distributed
3 to employees of entities specified in paragraphs (a)(i) through
4 (ix) of this section and subject to the same distribution
5 methodology that is applied by the entities specified in paragraphs
6 (a)(i) through (ix) of this section, respectively. For state
7 executive and judicial branch employees whose compensation is
8 partially funded by general funds, general funds shall be expended
9 for compensation increases in the same proportion as the employee's
10 budgeted salary is paid by state general funds.
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12 (d) In accordance with Section 310 of this act, it is the
13 intent of the legislature that the total appropriation in
14 subsection (a) of this section to each recipient agency be included
15 as a cumulative total of the sum of the amounts within each of the
16 recipient agencies' standard budget for the immediately succeeding
17 fiscal biennium.
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19 [RETIREMENT - ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS]
20

21 **Section 329.**
22

23 (a) One (1) additional payment shall be made on July 1, 2026
24 to each eligible person receiving a service pension, survivor's
25 pension, retirement benefit, survivor benefit, death benefit or
26 disability pension or benefit under a retirement plan. Each
27 additional payment under this section shall be limited to persons
28 who first began receiving benefits prior to July 1, 2024, either
29 alone or in combination with a member or retired or disabled
30 employee if the person is a survivor. If the person is a survivor,
31 the date shall be based on the initial retirement or disability
32 benefit of the applicable employee. Each payment to an eligible
33 person shall be in an amount calculated by multiplying the eligible
34 person's existing annual benefit by one percent (1.0%). The
35 additional payment under this section shall not be ongoing,
36 cumulative or in any way affect any future benefits paid to any
37 person.
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39 (b) There is appropriated eight million thirty-one thousand
40 seven hundred sixty-three dollars (\$8,031,763.00) from the general
41 fund to the board of the Wyoming retirement system for the purpose
42 of making the payment as provided in subsection (a) of this
43 section. This amount shall be allocated to each retirement plan on
44 a proportional basis using the amount of payments calculated under
45 subsection (a) of this section. To the extent there are
46 insufficient funds under this section, the Wyoming retirement
47 system shall reduce payments proportionately. This appropriation

1 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any
2 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation
3 shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent
4 of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the
5 board's standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal
6 biennium.

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

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

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23 [SEVERANCE TAXES - DISTRIBUTION AMENDMENTS]

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

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27 **39-14-801. Severance tax distributions; distribution**
28 **account created; formula.**

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30 (b) Before making distributions from the severance tax
31 distribution account under subsections (c) through (e) of this
32 section, an amount equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of tax
33 collected under W.S. 39-14-104(a)(i) and (b)(i) and 39-14-
34 204(a)(i) for the same period shall be deposited as follows:

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36 (v) For fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year ~~2028~~2026
37 these funds shall be deposited equally to the permanent Wyoming
38 mineral trust fund and to the common school account within the
39 permanent land fund and for fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028
40 these funds shall be deposited equally to the permanent Wyoming
41 mineral trust fund and to the general fund;".

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43 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
44 renumber as necessary. SHERWOOD, CONNOLLY, HARSHMAN, JARVIS