

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0035

Firefighters-paid leave and hazard pay.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the office of state lands and
2 investments; authorizing firefighters to receive hazard pay
3 and paid time off as specified; providing appropriations;
4 requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) Correctional forestry crew supervisors,
11 correctional crew supervisors, correctional forestry crew
12 managers and any other person in a wildland firefighting
13 occupation employed by the state forestry division of the
14 office of state lands and investments shall:

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1 (i) Receive a differential for firefighting work
2 deemed hazardous in accordance with federal standards for
3 firefighter hazard pay and subsection (b) of this section;
4 and

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6 (ii) Be eligible for paid time off in accordance
7 with federal standards for firefighter paid time off and
8 subsection (b) of this section.

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10 (b) For purposes of this section, the office of state
11 lands and investments shall monitor federal standards for
12 firefighting work deemed hazardous and firefighter paid
13 time off when determining compensation under subsection (a)
14 of this section, but those federal standards shall not be
15 binding on the office of state lands and investments.

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17 **Section 2.** There is appropriated four hundred twenty-
18 two thousand five hundred dollars (\$422,500.00) from the
19 general fund to the office of state lands and investments
20 for purposes of providing hazard pay pursuant to section
21 1(a)(i) of this act. This appropriation shall be for the
22 period beginning May 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. This
23 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any

1 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
2 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
3 by law on June 30, 2028. It is the intent of the
4 legislature that this appropriation be included in the
5 standard budget for the office of state lands and
6 investments for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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8 **Section 3.** The department of administration and
9 information and the office of state lands and investments
10 shall promulgate all rules necessary to implement this act.

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12 **Section 4.**

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14 (a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this
15 section, this act is effective May 1, 2026.

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17 (b) Sections 3 and 4 of this act are effective
18 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a
19 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of
20 the Wyoming Constitution.

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