

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase			
GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000

Source of revenue and expenditure increase:

This bill authorizes gifts, donations, and bequests, including those which are limited in their purpose by the grantor except as provided in W.S. 36-1-503(a)(vi) in the Wyoming State Forestry Good Neighbor Authority revolving account (Account). This bill also removes the limit on the number of full-time and at-will employees funded by the Account.

The Office of State Lands and Investment's State Forestry Division (State Forestry) estimated that funds given to implement Good Neighbor Authority project agreements with the US Forest Service (USFS) and Wyoming Bureau of Land Management (WY BLM), including revenue from sold federal timber through the state contracting system, will generate annual revenue of \$6,000,000.

The proposed legislation allows flexibility to increase the amount of Good Neighbor Authority forestry projects on federal lands and allows for additional funding sources. Increasing project workload will increase the need for additional Good Neighbor Authority staffing. State Forestry estimates an annual expenditure increase of \$228,528 for the salary and benefits of 2 additional full-time employees for the next biennium. State Forestry also estimates that computers, software subscriptions, and supplies will cost \$121,000 in FY 2027, followed by continued annual supply costs of \$6,500 as well as expenditure increases for telecom-related services of \$2,360 per year. In addition to 2 full-time employees, contractual services of \$5,648,112, and \$5,762,612 are expected for FY 2027 and FY 2028 for increased project workload staffing.

Assumptions:

Estimated revenue and expenditures would increase due to the increased implementation of Good Neighbor Authority Agreement projects with the USFS and WY BLM.

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