

FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is indeterminable.

Attorney General's Office: The extent and nature of public records compliance matters that may be referred to the office under § 16-4-203(f)(ii)(D) is indeterminable.

Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI): As currently drafted, the OSLI may be responsible for expenditures if a civil action is pursued against the agency which is indeterminable.

State Engineer's Office: The fiscal impact cannot be determined as it would depend on the volume of specific public records requests. If a request is large, it may be necessary to hire outside assistance or authorize overtime to comply with the deadlines mandated in the proposed statute.

Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT): Multiple, huge requests could tie up the WYDOT or cause the need for additional staff. Fines for not meeting deadlines could increase expenditures, which are indeterminable. The WYDOT does not believe this would be common, but the office has had larger inquiries that take time to fulfill.

Wyoming Retirement System: The bill shortens the response time for the agency from 30 days to 10 days or introduces additional administrative process to gain an exception from an ombudsman. It makes a public records request more urgent and less routine, but the impact is indeterminable.

In addition, other agencies may have similar impacts from this legislation, but this fiscal note focused on the largest agencies and agencies with more likely impacts from public records requests.

NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED

This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

University of Wyoming
Dept. of Environmental Quality
Dept. of Administration & Information
Governor's Office
Governor's Office - Office of the Ombudsman
Department of Family Services
Enterprise Technology Services
State Treasurer's Office
Office of the State Public Defender

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