

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase Judicial Systems Automation Fund	\$436,825	\$436,825	\$441,192

Source of revenue increase: This bill removes specific amounts in Wyoming Statute related to the court automation fee assessed on court filings and provides for the Supreme Court to establish the court automation fees by rule. The Supreme Court estimates an initial revenue increase in the form of court automation fees to the Judicial Systems Automation Fund of \$436,825 in FY 2027, \$436,825 in FY 2028, and \$441,192 in FY 2029.

Assumptions: The Supreme Court's estimates assume an increase of \$5.00 in the court automation fee effective July 1, 2026. The Supreme Court indicates a \$5.00 fee increase generates revenue of approximately \$900,000 per biennium. The bill requires the fees to be set at an amount necessary to ensure that, to the extent practicable, the total revenue generated from the court automation fees collected is sufficient to address but not exceed the direct and indirect costs associated with items in W.S. 5-2-120(a). The Supreme Court indicated it will carefully consider the projected cost to the Judicial Systems Automation Fund to determine the actual increase necessary to address but not exceed the direct and indirect costs of the fund.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that the bill will result in an indeterminate administrative expenditure increase.

The Department of Family Services Child Support Program is the largest filer with the district courts, paying full court fees for approximately 3,000 filings per year. While the Department of Family Services has in the past been able to maintain its budget for filing fees increases through legislative appropriations, additional fee changes may result in increased administrative expenditures.

The Office of the Public Defender indicates no significant or personnel impact.

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