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HOUSE BILL NO.

Public records-requests for duplicated records.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to public records; clarifying to whom
- 2 public records requests should be made when records are
- 3 held by multiple agencies; and providing for an effective
- 4 date.

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

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- 8 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-202 by creating a new subsection
- 9 (f) is amended to read:

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- 11 16-4-202. Right of inspection; rules and regulations;
- 12 unavailability; training.

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1	(f) Requests for public records under this act where
2	the public records or copies of the public records are held
3	by more than one (1) governmental entity shall be made to
4	the governmental entity from which the public record
5	originated. A governmental entity that receives a request
6	for public records that originate from another governmental
7	entity shall notify the applicant within seven (7) business
8	days from the date of acknowledged receipt of the request
9	and shall forward the request to the governmental entity
10	holding the original record sought for inspection, if
11	known.
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15	STAFF COMMENT
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17	Current law provides that, if a governmental entity doesn't
18	have or doesn't control a requested public record, the
19	governmental entity must provide the name and contact
20	information of the appropriate designated public records
21	person, if known. <u>See</u> W.S. 16-4-202(b), produced below:
22 23	(b) If the public records requested are not in the
23 24	(b) If the public records requested are not in the custody or control of the governmental entity to whom
25	application is made, the designated public records person
26	shall notify the applicant within seven (7) business days
27	from the date of acknowledged receipt of the request of the
28	unavailability of the records sought and provide the name
29	and contact information of the appropriate designated
30	public records person if known.
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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2021.

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