

**DRAFT ONLY
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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Firefighters-paid leave and hazard pay.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sherwood

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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12 **STAFF COMMENT**

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14 **Representative Sherwood: This bill draft could also be**
15 **addressed in a budget bill footnote. It's a policy choice**

1 as to whether you want a budget bill footnote or a bill
2 draft.

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

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13 (i) Receive a differential for firefighting work
14 deemed hazardous in accordance with federal standards for
15 firefighter hazard pay; and

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17 (ii) Be eligible for paid time off in accordance
18 with federal standards for firefighter paid time off.

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20 **Section 2.** There is appropriated three hundred ninety
21 thousand dollars (\$390,000.00) from the general fund to the
22 office of state lands and investments for purposes of
23 providing hazard pay pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of this
24 act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning
25 July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation

1 shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose
2 and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this
3 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,
4 2028. It is the intent of the legislature that this
5 appropriation be included in the standard budget for the
6 office of state lands and investments for the immediately
7 succeeding fiscal biennium.

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

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13 **Section 4.**

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

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

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