

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0002

General government reports.

Sponsored by: Joint Appropriations Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 requiring studies and reports for the general operations of
3 government; and providing for effective dates.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** [Governor's Office-Endangered Species
8 Grants]. Not later than September 1, 2021, the governor's
9 office shall report to the joint appropriations committee
10 and the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural
11 resources interim committee on the grants and contracts
12 funded under the endangered species administration division
13 within the governor's office for fiscal years 2019, 2020
14 and 2021. The report shall include the amount of the grant
15 or contract, recipient of the grant or contract, species of
16 focus, purpose of the research being conducted under the

1 grant or contract, primary location of the research on the
2 species of focus and any material findings or outcomes of
3 the funded research.

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5 **Section 2.** [State Treasurer's Office-Internal
6 Investing].

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8 (a) Not later than September 1, 2021 and September 1,
9 2022, the state treasurer's office shall report to the
10 joint appropriations committee and the select committee on
11 capital financing and investments on the documented savings
12 resulting from increased use of internal investment
13 personnel and reduced payments for external investment
14 managers. The reports shall include the following:

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16 (i) The documented savings, which shall be
17 limited to avoided or reduced expenditures from terminated
18 or renegotiated contracts with external investment
19 managers;

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21 (ii) An explanation and accounting of all
22 expenditures relating to the work performed by internal
23 investment personnel;

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2 (iii) A performance report for the internally
3 invested funds, including benchmark comparisons, overall
4 investment return on the funds and a comparative
5 performance with the externally managed funds for similar
6 timeframes.

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8 **Section 3.** [Department of Revenue-Effectiveness of
9 Additional Positions and Technology].

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11 (a) Not later than September 1, 2021 and September 1,
12 2022, the department of revenue shall report to the
13 management audit committee, the joint appropriations
14 committee and the joint revenue interim committee on the
15 following:

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17 (i) The historical trend in tax assessments and
18 collections, the trend in the compliance ratio, the trend
19 in the number of reviews conducted by the department, and
20 any increase in the amount of collections that is
21 reasonably attributable to the additional one (1) position
22 added to the excise tax unit and the additional one (1)

1 position added to the mineral tax unit under 2018 Wyoming
2 Session Laws, Chapter 134, Section 2, Section 011;

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4 (ii) Separately documented expenditure
5 reductions, estimated costs avoided and estimated increased
6 revenue collections resulting from the acquisition of
7 oblique and orthogonal imagery technology and the
8 acquisition of commercial off-the-shelf managed business
9 solutions support for the department's excise and mineral
10 tax systems;

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12 (iii) Recommendations regarding the optimal
13 level of department staffing, opportunities for additional
14 efficiencies and an objective, post-implementation
15 assessment of the initiatives described in paragraphs (i)
16 and (ii) of this subsection.

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18 **Section 4.** [Department of Audit-Effectiveness of
19 Additional Positions].

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21 (a) Not later than September 1, 2021 and September 1,
22 2022, the department of audit shall report to the
23 management audit committee, the joint appropriations

1 committee and the joint revenue interim committee on the
2 following:

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4 (i) The historic trend in tax assessments and
5 collections attributable to audits, the per employee trend
6 in tax assessments and collections attributable to audits,
7 the trend in the compliance ratio, the trend in the number
8 of audits conducted by the department and any increase in
9 the number of audits and amount of assessments and
10 collections estimated to be attributable to the additional
11 three (3) positions added to the excise tax division under
12 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134, Section 2, Section
13 021;

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15 (ii) Recommendations regarding the optimal level
16 of department staffing, opportunities for additional
17 efficiencies and an objective, post-implementation
18 assessment of the additional positions referenced in
19 paragraph (i) and of this subsection.

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21 **Section 5.** [Department of Health-Long-Term Care
22 Waiver].

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1 (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of
2 health shall complete a study on the comparative costs of
3 the long-term care waiver and care in any public or private
4 institutional setting for which the state is expending
5 funds under the Medicaid program and report the results of
6 the study to the joint appropriations committee and the
7 joint labor, health and social services interim committee.
8 In conducting the study, the department shall examine the
9 comparative financial advantages and disadvantages of the
10 options and consider whether:

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12 (i) Services in an institutional setting would
13 be pursued in the absence of a waiver;

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15 (ii) Estimated future costs may be reduced or
16 avoided under either option.

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18 **Section 6.** [Department of Health-Developmental
19 Preschool Funding].

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21 (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of
22 health shall conduct a comprehensive review and rate
23 rebasing assessment of developmental preschool services

1 funding under W.S. 21-2-706 and report the results to the
2 joint appropriations committee and the joint labor, health
3 and social services interim committee. The report shall
4 include the following:

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6 (i) The adequacy of funding for the
7 services specified in W.S. 21-2-706;

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9 (ii) The method of requesting fiscal year
10 appropriations;

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12 (iii) The mechanism for calculating
13 payments and distributing funds to developmental preschool
14 service providers;

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16 (iv) Any related recommendations.

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18 **Section 7.** [Departments of Health and Corrections-
19 Bulk Purchase of Medications].

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21 (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of
22 health and department of corrections shall complete a study
23 on the bulk purchase of medication and report the results

1 to the joint appropriations committee and the joint labor,
2 health and social services interim committee. In
3 conducting the study, the departments shall:

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5 (i) Investigate opportunities to join other
6 state agencies and other states to solicit one (1) or more
7 bids for the bulk purchase of medications that could be
8 purchased at a lower price through bulk purchasing or
9 strategic sourcing, including hepatitis C treatments that
10 are used within the correctional system or that are used by
11 state health care programs;

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13 (ii) Consider the methods and limitations of
14 joint contracting between agencies and with other states;

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16 (iii) Estimate the potential savings that could
17 result from bulk purchase of the medications in accordance
18 with this subsection.

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20 **Section 8.** [Departments of Health and Corrections and
21 Judiciary-Use of Budgetary Flex Measures].

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1 (a) The department of health shall report quarterly
2 during the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June
3 30, 2022 to the joint appropriations committee and the
4 joint labor, health and social services interim committee
5 on the department's exercise of authorities under 2020
6 Senate File 0001, Section 305(a)(i) and Section 307, if
7 enacted into law. The reports shall include the following:

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9 (i) The specific uses and dollar amounts for
10 which the authorities were exercised each quarter;

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12 (ii) The cumulative amounts resulting from the
13 authorities exercised for the 2021-2022 biennium;

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15 (iii) The amount of any actual biennial budget
16 shortfall and an estimate of anticipated budget shortfalls,
17 if any, prior to June 30, 2022, as well as the anticipated
18 use of available budget transfer authorities to address
19 existing and future budget shortfalls.

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21 (b) The department of corrections shall report
22 quarterly during the period beginning July 1, 2020 and
23 ending June 30, 2022 to the joint appropriations committee

1 on the department's exercise of authorities under 2020
2 Senate File 0001, Section 307, if enacted into law. The
3 reports shall include the following:

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5 (i) The specific uses and dollar amounts for
6 which the authorities were exercised each quarter;

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8 (ii) The cumulative amounts resulting from the
9 authorities exercised for the 2021-2022 biennium;

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11 (iii) The amount of any actual biennial budget
12 shortfall and an estimate of anticipated budget shortfalls,
13 if any, prior to June 30, 2022 as well as the anticipated
14 use of available budget transfer authorities to address
15 existing and future budget shortfalls.

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17 (c) The judicial branch shall report quarterly during
18 the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022
19 to the joint appropriations committee on the judiciary's
20 exercise of authority under 2020 Senate File 0001, Section
21 307, if enacted into law. The reports shall include the
22 specific uses and dollar amounts for which the authority

1 was exercised. No report is required under this subsection
2 for any quarter the authority was not exercised.

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4 **Section 9.** [Wyoming Tourism Board-Regional Marketing
5 Efforts]. Not later than October 1, 2020 and October 1,
6 2021, the Wyoming tourism board shall require the recipient
7 of any grants associated with "salt to stone" regional
8 marketing in southwest Wyoming to submit a report jointly
9 with the board to the joint travel, recreation, wildlife
10 and cultural resources interim committee and the joint
11 appropriations committee. The report shall include
12 information on the expenditure of grant funds,
13 recommendations for future grants and measurable impacts of
14 the grant related efforts, including local lodging tax
15 collections and local sales and use tax collections for
16 relevant industry classifications.

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18 **Section 10.** [University of Wyoming and Department of
19 Education-K-3 Reading Assessment and Intervention]. Not
20 later than May 1, 2020, the University of Wyoming and the
21 department of education shall submit a report to the joint
22 education interim committee. The report shall include
23 information regarding the implementation of 2019 Wyoming

1 Session Laws, Chapter 155 and the feasibility of the
2 University of Wyoming college of education conducting a
3 summer 2020 pilot program for K-3 teachers. The pilot
4 program considered should provide scientifically validated
5 instruction techniques on how and why to assess and
6 directly and systematically teach phonological and phonemic
7 awareness, phonics and techniques to improve reading
8 fluency. This section is effective immediately.

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10 **Section 11.** [Department of Enterprise Technology
11 Services-Strategic Purchasing of Computers]. Not later than
12 December 1, 2020 and not later than December 1, 2021, the
13 department of enterprise technology services shall report
14 to the joint appropriations committee on identifiable
15 savings resulting from the strategic bulk computer
16 purchasing program, general results of the initiative and
17 the number of waivers and reasons for any waivers. The
18 report shall include a description of the program and
19 recommendations, if any, for statutory revisions.

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21 **Section 12.** [Department of Corrections-Incentives and
22 Sanctions for Probation and Parole]. In addition to the
23 report required under W.S. 7-13-1801(b)(vi), quarterly

1 beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022, the
2 department of corrections shall report to the joint
3 judiciary interim committee and the joint appropriations
4 committee on the implementation of 2019 Wyoming Session
5 Laws, Chapter 116. The reports shall include the number of
6 persons sentenced with the incentives and sanctions
7 provided under W.S. 7-13-1801 through 7-13-1803,
8 comparative outcomes with those sentenced without
9 incentives and sanctions and expenditures on the incentives
10 and sanctions. The reports shall also include
11 recommendations, if any, for statutory revisions.

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13 **Section 13.** [Effective date].

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15 (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately" means
16 effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary
17 for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section
18 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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20 (b) Except as otherwise provided, this act is
21 effective July 1, 2020.

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