



**HB0070**

**Local government distributions.**

Sponsored By: Joint Appropriations Committee

AN ACT relating to local government funding; providing funding to cities and towns; providing funding to counties; providing local government funding formulas and distributions; providing legislative intent; providing appropriations; and providing for an effective date.

1/22/2024 Bill Number Assigned  
1/24/2024 H Received for Introduction  
2/12/2024 H Introduced and Referred to H02 - Appropriations 57-3-2-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allred, Andrew, Banks, Bear, Berger, Brown, Burkhart, Jr, Byron, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Conrad, Crago, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Henderson, Hornok, Knapp, Larsen, Lloyd, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Niemiec, Northrup, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Sherwood, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Speaker Sommers, Stith, Storer, Strock, Tarver, Trujillo, Walters, Ward, Washut, Western, Winter, Wylie, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dan, Zwonitzer, Dave

**Nays:** Representative(s) Allemand, Jennings, Styvar

**Excused:** Representative(s) Angelos, Larson, Jt

**Ayes** 57    **Nays** 3    **Excused** 2    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/13/2024 H02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 7-0-0-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Henderson, Larsen, Nicholas, Sherwood, Stith, Walters, Zwonitzer

**Ayes** 7    **Nays** 0    **Excused** 0    **Absent** 0    **Conflicts** 0

2/13/2024 H Placed on General File

**HB0070HW001/ADOPTED**

Page 1-line 12 After "\$105,000,000.00)" insert "plus an additional five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$5,250,000.00) for the costs of inflation". LARSON, JT, BANKS, BROWN

2/13/2024 H COW:Passed

**HB0070H2001/ADOPTED (CORRECTED COPY)**

Delete the Larson, JT et al. committee of the whole amendment (HB0070HW001/A) entirely and further amend as follows:

Page 1-line 11 Delete "one".

Page 1-line 12 Delete "hundred five million dollars (\$105,000,000.00)" and insert "one hundred forty-six million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$146,250,000.00)". ZWONITZER, DN

**HB0070H2002/WITHDRAWN**

2/14/2024 H 2nd Reading:Passed

2/15/2024 H 3rd Reading:Passed 59-2-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Representative(s) Allemand, Allred, Andrew, Banks, Bear, Berger, Brown, Burkhart, Jr, Byron, Chadwick, Chestek, Clouston, Conrad, Crago, Davis, Eklund, Haroldson, Harshman, Heiner, Henderson, Hornok, Knapp, Larsen, Lloyd, Larson, Jt, Lawley, Locke, Neiman, Newsome, Nicholas, Niemiec, Northrup, Oakley, Obermueller, O'hearn, Olsen, Ottman, Pendergraft, Penn, Provenza, Rodriguez-Williams, Sherwood, Singh, Slagle, Smith, Speaker Sommers, Stith, Storer, Strock, Styvar, Tarver, Trujillo, Walters, Ward, Washut, Western, Winter, Wylie, Yin, Zwonitzer, Dave

**Nays:** Representative(s) Jennings, Zwonitzer, Dan

**Excused:** Representative Angelos

**Ayes** 59      **Nays** 2      **Excused** 1      **Absent** 0      **Conflicts** 0

2/15/2024 S Received for Introduction

2/20/2024 S Introduced and Referred to S02 - Appropriations

2/23/2024 S02 - Appropriations:Recommend Do Pass 4-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** Senator(s) Anderson, Gierau, Kinskey, Salazar

**Excused:** Senator Nethercott

**Ayes** 4      **Nays** 0      **Excused** 1      **Absent** 0      **Conflicts** 0

2/23/2024 S Placed on General File

**HB0070SW001/FAILED**

**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

**(CORRECTED COPY)**

Page 1-line 4      After "intent;" insert "providing additional funding to local law enforcement agencies experiencing an increase in arrests;".

Page 14-line 10      After "(e)" insert "Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section,".

Page 14-after line 18      Insert:

"[LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNDING]

(f) From the legislative stabilization reserve account there is appropriated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) to the office of state lands and investments to be allocated pursuant to the following and as further provided in this section:

(i) Any local law enforcement agency of a county, city or town that experienced a fifteen percent (15%) or more increase in total arrests from calendar year 2023 compared to total arrests in calendar year 2022 may apply to the office of state lands and investments no later than August 1, 2024 to receive funds under this subsection;

(ii) The office of state lands and investments shall directly distribute funds to each qualifying law enforcement agency that applies for funds under this subsection not later than November 1, 2024. Funds shall be distributed proportionally to each qualifying law enforcement agency that

applies under this section based on the increase in operational expenses from calendar year 2023 compared to calendar year 2022;

(iii) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section, funds distributed under this subsection shall be expended by the local law enforcement agency to increase the operational capacity and effectiveness of the local law enforcement agency and may be expended on operational costs, jail fees, overtime, additional personnel or other related costs associated with the increase in arrests.". BONER

**HB0070SW002/FAILED**

**(TO ENGROSSED COPY)**

Page 1-line 14

After "investments to" insert "be allocated as specified in this section. Of this general fund appropriation, not more than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be allocated in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. The remaining funds shall".

Page 14-after line 3

Insert and renumber as necessary:

"[TITLE 25 REIMBURSEMENT FUNDING]

(d) From funds appropriated in subsection (a) of this section, there is appropriated six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) to the office of state lands and investments for allocation to counties for reimbursement of costs the county incurs under W.S. 25-10-112 and 25-10-125(b). Funds from this appropriation shall be allocated in accordance with the following:

(i) To be eligible for an allocation under this subsection, a county shall have an assessed value for the prior tax year corresponding to the most recently completed calendar year of less than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) per mill;

(ii) Each county seeking reimbursement under this subsection shall submit a request to the office of state lands and investments. Upon receiving a request under this paragraph, the office of state lands and investments shall disburse funds from this appropriation in an amount equal to the costs the county seeks to reimburse, subject to this subsection;

(iii) Reimbursements under this subsection shall be limited to costs the county incurs under W.S. 25-10-112 and 25-10-125(b) during fiscal years 2025 and 2026;

(iv) No county shall receive more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from funds appropriated under this subsection for fiscal years 2025 and 2026."

Page 14-line 5

Delete "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 14-line 10

Delete "(e)" and insert "(f)".

To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and renumber as necessary. STEINMETZ

2/28/2024

S COW:Passed

2/29/2024

S 2nd Reading:Passed

3/1/2024

S 3rd Reading:Passed 30-0-1-0-0

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes:** (s) Anderson, Baldwin, Barlow, Biteman, Boner, Bouchard, Brennan, Case, Cooper, Dockstader, Ellis, French, Furphy, Gierau, Hicks, Hutchings, Ide, Jones, Kinskey, Kolb, Laursen, Mckeown, Nethercott, Pappas, President Driskill, Rothfuss, Salazar, Schuler, Scott, Steinmetz

**Excused:** Landen

**Ayes** 30      **Nays** 0      **Excused** 1      **Absent** 0      **Conflicts** 0

3/1/2024      Assigned Number HEA No. 0029

3/4/2024      H Speaker Signed HEA No. 0029

3/4/2024      S President Signed HEA No. 0029