

## 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 operations of  
3 government including primary and higher education programs;  
4 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.** [Governor's Office-Endangered Species  
9 Grants]. Not later than September 1, 2021, the governor's  
10 office shall report to the joint appropriations committee  
11 and the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural  
12 resources interim committee on the grants and contracts  
13 funded under the endangered species administration division  
14 within the governor's office for fiscal years 2019, 2020  
15 and 2021. The report shall include the amount of the grant  
16 or contract, recipient of the grant or contract, species of

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

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

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

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

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1           (ii) An explanation and accounting of all  
2 expenditures relating to the work performed by internal  
3 investment personnel;

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

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11           **Section 3.** [Department of Revenue-Effectiveness of  
12 Additional Positions and Technology].

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

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20           (i) The historical trend in tax assessments and  
21 collections, the trend in the compliance ratio, the trend  
22 in the number of reviews conducted by the department, and  
23 any increase in the amount of collections that is

1 reasonably attributable to the additional one (1) position  
2 added to the excise tax unit and the additional one (1)  
3 position added to the mineral tax unit under 2018 Wyoming  
4 Session Laws, Chapter 134, Section 2, Section 011;

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

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

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20 **Section 4.** [Department of Audit-Effectiveness of  
21 Additional Positions].

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1           (a) Not later than September 1, 2021 and September 1,  
2 2022, the department of audit shall report to the  
3 management audit committee, the joint appropriations  
4 committee and the joint revenue interim committee on the  
5 following:

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7           (i) The historic trend in tax assessments and  
8 collections attributable to audits, the per employee trend  
9 in tax assessments and collections attributable to audits,  
10 the trend in the compliance ratio, the trend in the number  
11 of audits conducted by the department and any increase in  
12 the number of audits and amount of assessments and  
13 collections estimated to be attributable to the additional  
14 three (3) positions added to the excise tax division under  
15 2018 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 134, Section 2, Section  
16 021;

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

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1           **Section 5.** [Department of Health-Long-Term Care  
2 Waiver].

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

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

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18           (ii) Estimated future costs may be reduced or  
19 avoided under either option.

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21           **Section 6.** [Department of Health-Developmental  
22 Preschool Funding].

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1           (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of  
2 health shall conduct a comprehensive review and rate  
3 rebasing assessment of developmental preschool services  
4 funding under W.S. 21-2-706 and report the results to the  
5 joint appropriations committee and the joint labor, health  
6 and social services interim committee. The report shall  
7 include the following:

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

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12                   (ii) The method of requesting fiscal year  
13 appropriations;

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15                   (iii) The mechanism for calculating  
16 payments and distributing funds to developmental preschool  
17 service providers;

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19                   (iv) Any related recommendations.

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21           **Section 7.** [Departments of Health and Corrections-  
22 Bulk Purchase of Medications].

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1           (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of  
2 health and department of corrections shall complete a study  
3 on the bulk purchase of medication and report the results  
4 to the joint appropriations committee and the joint labor,  
5 health and social services interim committee. In  
6 conducting the study, the departments shall:

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

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

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19           (iii) Estimate the potential savings that could  
20 result from bulk purchase of the medications in accordance  
21 with this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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20           (c) The judicial branch shall report quarterly during  
21 the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022  
22 to the joint appropriations committee on the judiciary's  
23 exercise of authority under 2020 Senate File 0001, Section

1 307, if enacted into law. The reports shall include the  
2 specific uses and dollar amounts for which the authority  
3 was exercised. No report is required under this subsection  
4 for any quarter the authority was not exercised.

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

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20 **Section 10.** [University of Wyoming and Department of  
21 Education-K-3 Reading Assessment and Intervention]. Not  
22 later than May 1, 2020, the University of Wyoming and the  
23 department of education shall submit a report to the joint

1 education interim committee. The report shall include  
2 information regarding the implementation of 2019 Wyoming  
3 Session Laws, Chapter 155 and the feasibility of the  
4 University of Wyoming college of education conducting a  
5 summer 2020 pilot program for K-3 teachers. The pilot  
6 program considered should provide scientifically validated  
7 instruction techniques on how and why to assess and  
8 directly and systematically teach phonological and phonemic  
9 awareness, phonics and techniques to improve reading  
10 fluency. This section is effective immediately.

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

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1           **Section 12.** [Department of Corrections-Incentives and  
2 Sanctions for Probation and Parole]. In addition to the  
3 report required under W.S. 7-13-1801(b)(vi), quarterly  
4 beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2022, the  
5 department of corrections shall report to the joint  
6 judiciary interim committee and the joint appropriations  
7 committee on the implementation of 2019 Wyoming Session  
8 Laws, Chapter 116. The reports shall include the number of  
9 persons sentenced with the incentives and sanctions  
10 provided under W.S. 7-13-1801 through 7-13-1803,  
11 comparative outcomes with those sentenced without  
12 incentives and sanctions and expenditures on the incentives  
13 and sanctions. The reports shall also include  
14 recommendations, if any, for statutory revisions.

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16           **Section 13.** [Department of Revenue-Reorganization to  
17 Oversee Gaming].

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19           (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the department of  
20 revenue shall complete a study and report to the joint  
21 appropriations committee:

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1           (i) The feasibility of creating a gaming  
2 division within the department of revenue to consolidate  
3 and oversee regulation of skill games allowed under the  
4 exceptions to criminal gambling under W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii),  
5 online gambling, the pari-mutuel commission and the Wyoming  
6 lottery corporation;

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8           (ii) The development of a reorganization plan  
9 and method, in cooperation with the pari-mutuel commission  
10 and the Wyoming lottery corporation, to accomplish the  
11 creation of a gaming division within the department of  
12 revenue in accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming  
13 Government Reorganization Act of 1989, W.S. 9-2-1701  
14 through 9-2-1707;

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16           (iii) Recommendations to operate the gaming  
17 division within the department of revenue using an  
18 enterprise fund with excess revenues going to the general  
19 fund and any other appropriate funding models;

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21           (iv) Recommendations for any legislation needed  
22 to implement a gaming division within the department of  
23 revenue.

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2           **Section 14.** [Shooting Sports and Tourism]. Not later  
3 than November 1, 2020, the board of tourism shall report to  
4 the joint travel, recreation, wildlife and cultural  
5 resources interim committee on the board's expenditures and  
6 efforts in the 2020 calendar year to promote shooting  
7 sports and shooting sports tourism.

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9           **Section 15.** [Agency Vacant and Filled Full-Time and  
10 Part-Time Employee Positions]. Not later than June 30, 2021  
11 and June 30, 2022, the department of transportation, the  
12 Wyoming tourism board, the University of Wyoming and the  
13 Wyoming business council shall report to the joint  
14 appropriations committee on the number within each agency  
15 of vacant and filled full-time and part-time employee  
16 positions funded by any source.

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18           **Section 16.** [Wyoming Business Council-Wyoming Council  
19 for Women's Issues]. Not later than October 1, 2020, the  
20 Wyoming council for women's issues created within the  
21 Wyoming business council under W.S. 9-12-501 and 9-12-502  
22 shall report to the joint minerals, business and economic  
23 development interim committee on its statutory obligations

1 regarding the status of women in Wyoming. The report shall  
2 include any efforts addressing economic development, data  
3 collection and partnerships with business technology  
4 organizations.

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6 **Section 17.** [Legislative Impacts on State Employee  
7 Duties, Compensation and Benefits]. Not later than November  
8 1, 2020, the department of administration and information  
9 shall report to the joint appropriations committee,  
10 management audit committee and management council on the  
11 impact of legislation adopted into law for each of the ten  
12 (10) years preceding the effective date of this section on  
13 state employee duties, compensation and benefits. The  
14 report shall include the impacts the legislation has had on  
15 state employee take home pay, health care coverage,  
16 retirement and pension benefits, attrition rates and shall  
17 include information on all additional responsibilities  
18 imposed upon state employees and whether a legislative  
19 appropriation was provided as a result of imposing these  
20 additional responsibilities.

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22 **Section 18.** [Department of Health-Employee Group  
23 Insurance Plan Continuous Study]. The department of health



1 shall report on the results of the continuous study  
2 required by W.S. 9-3-205(d) to the joint appropriations  
3 committee and the joint labor, health and social services  
4 interim committee.

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6 **Section 19.** [University Medical Education Programs].

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8 (a) Not later than October 1, 2020, the University of  
9 Wyoming shall report to the legislature expenditures for  
10 medical education programs for human health services,  
11 including but not limited to funds expended for the family  
12 medicine program under W.S. 21-17-125, the "WWAMI" medical  
13 education program, and medical education programs for human  
14 health care under W.S. 21-16-201 and 21-16-202.  
15 Undergraduate medical programs, nursing programs and  
16 pharmacy program expenditures need not be reported. The  
17 report shall include expenditures for the fiscal biennium  
18 ending June 30, 2020 by program.

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20 (b) The university shall also report estimated  
21 resources necessary to establish and maintain a medical  
22 school which would meet accreditation requirements for  
23 licensing as a physician under Wyoming's "Medical Practice

1 Act." The university shall include any recommendations  
2 regarding the establishment of a medical school in Wyoming  
3 under the purview of the university's board of trustees as  
4 it deems would be in the best interest of providing health  
5 care services to citizens of the state.

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7 (c) It is the intent of this section to compare  
8 current expenditures by the state for post-graduate medical  
9 education to anticipated costs of establishing an  
10 accredited medical school graduating students with  
11 credentials sufficient for licensure under the Wyoming  
12 Medical Practice Act, and the provisions of this section  
13 shall be construed in light of this intent.

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15 **Section 20.** [Wyoming Tourism Board-Tourism Promotion  
16 Expenditures]. Not later than November 1, 2020, the Wyoming  
17 tourism board shall report to the joint appropriations  
18 committee on its tourism promotion expenditures for each of  
19 the three (3) years preceding the effective date of this  
20 section. The report shall include data and information  
21 regarding expenditures targeted regionally, nationally, and  
22 internationally and detail the region or location that was  
23 the subject of expenditure.

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2           **Section 21.** [Effective date].

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4           (a) As used in this act, "effective immediately"  
5 means effective immediately upon completion of all acts  
6 necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article  
7 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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

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(END)