HOUSE BILL NO. HB0076

Uniform statewide payment processing.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Andrew and Oakley and Senator(s) Baldwin, Driskill, Landen, Steinmetz and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
- 2 amending requirements for statewide payment processor
- 3 services; requiring disclosure of fees; requiring a report;
- 4 and providing for an effective 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. 9-4-217(h) is amended to read:

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- 10 9-4-217. Uniform state accounting system; uniform
- 11 statewide payment processing.

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- 13 (h) The department of enterprise technology services
- 14 shall contract with a payment processor for uniform
- 15 statewide payment processing services that each executive

1 branch agency as defined by W.S. 9-2-1002(a)(i), including 2 the game and fish department and the Wyoming department of 3 transportation, shall utilize, except as specifically 4 prohibited by law or as otherwise provided in 5 subsection, to allow any tax, assessment, license, permit, fee, fine, or other money owing to the state or collectible 6 by the state on behalf of another unit of government to be 7 paid by negotiable paper, or in payment of any bail deposit 8 9 or other trust deposit. The statewide payment processor 10 contract shall establish a uniform rate or uniform fee for the costs of processing payment transactions for all 11 12 agencies. If the administrative head of a division within 13 a department an agency determines that it is not feasible 14 to utilize the statewide payment processor contract, the 15 administrative head shall may request a waiver from the 16 state chief information officer. If the waiver is granted, 17 the division agency may, except as otherwise prohibited by law, contract with a payment processor for the purposes 18 19 specified in this subsection and as reasonably limited by 20 the waiver. The University of Wyoming, Wyoming community 21 colleges and the judicial and legislative departments of state government may, except as otherwise prohibited by 22 23 law, contract with a payment processor or utilize the

1 statewide payment processor contract for the purposes 2 specified in this subsection. As used in this subsection, 3 "negotiable paper" means money orders, paper arising from 4 the use of a lender credit card as defined in W.S. 40-14-140(a)(ix), checks and drafts, including, without 5 limitation, sales drafts and checks and drafts signed by a 6 7 holder of a lender credit card issued by a bank maintaining 8 a revolving loan account as defined in W.S. 40-14-308, for 9 lender credit card holders. The acceptance of negotiable 10 paper by the state or any of its agencies under this 11 subsection shall be in accordance with and subject to the 12 same terms and conditions provided by W.S. 18-3-505. Any 13 assessed for processing a payment under this subsection may shall be borne by the agency or person 14 15 tendering payment. Any fees borne by the person tendering payment pursuant to this subsection may shall only be used 16 17 by the state auditor or the collecting agency responsible for the collection of such fees to pay the processing costs 18 19 of rendering the payment transaction. The collecting agency 20 shall clearly and conspicuously disclose any debit or credit card fees assessed for processing payment 21 transactions under this subsection at the time the fees are 22 collected, which shall include disclosure on any website 23

used by the agency to accept payments. As used in this 1 2 subsection: 3 4 (i) "Agency" means as defined by W.S. 5 9-2-1002(a)(i);6 7 (ii) "Negotiable paper" means money orders, 8 paper arising from the use of a lender credit card as defined in W.S. 40-14-140(a)(ix), checks and drafts, 9 10 including, without limitation, sales drafts and checks and drafts signed by a holder of a lender credit card issued by 11 12 a bank maintaining a revolving loan account as defined in W.S. 40-14-308, for lender credit card holders. 13 14 Section 2. Any office, department, board, commission 15 16 operating unit of the executive branch of 17 government affected by amendments made to W.S. 9-4-217(h), as provided by this act, shall report to the department of 18 19 enterprise technology services by May 31, 2022 regarding 20 any savings, efficiencies or inefficiencies resulting from implementation of this act. The department of enterprise 21 technology services shall 22 summarize the findings and

1 provide a report of the findings to the joint

2 appropriations committee by June 30, 2022.

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4 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon

5 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

6 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming

7 Constitution.

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9 (END)