FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact is indeterminable.

According to the Wyoming Military Department (Department), there is no way to estimate the fiscal impact on the benefits Wyoming grants military veterans. The number of military personnel that may be impacted is indeterminable.

The Wyoming National Guard may have anywhere between 25 and 150 members who might ultimately be separated for failure to be worldwide-deployment-qualified for failure to have the COVID-19 vaccine once all religious exemptions are adjudicated. However, the Department will not know this information for months.

According to the Department, no benefits offered by the Department would be impacted in the long term due to this legislation. Examples would be state education benefits and military assistance.

Any cost associated to identify these individual service members to satisfy the intent of this legislation would come from existing federal and state resources currently appropriated to the Department.

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