

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains an appropriation of \$5,000,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Wyoming Retirement System (WRS) for the purpose of making the payment as provided in subsection (a). This appropriation is effective immediately.

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
RETIREMENT FUND - PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	\$1,214,099		
RETIREMENT FUND - FIREMAN B	\$8,943		
RETIREMENT FUND - GUARD FIRE	\$446		
RETIREMENT FUND - JUDICIAL	\$2,484		
RETIREMENT FUND -- LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$67,831		
RETIREMENT FUND - VOLUNTEER FIRE	\$13,327		
RETIREMENT FUND -WARDEN, PATROL & DCI	\$25,724		
TOTAL	\$1,332,854		

Source of expenditure increase:

The bill provides for a single, noncumulative benefit payment (inflation adjustment payment) to retirees or survivor beneficiaries, once on or before July 1, 2023. WRS estimates the total cost to the affected plans would be approximately \$6,332,854 and the bill provides an appropriation \$5,000,000. The required payment is resourced by roughly 79% appropriation and 21% fund balance. The amounts above would be taken from the applicable retirement fund.

The bill requires WRS to study and report to the JAC on the effect of inflation on retirees, projected funding ratios, contribution rates, recommended modifications and the feasibility of establishing an account within each fund for ad hoc adjustments for retirees.

Assumptions:

The amount of each check is the multiple of one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of an individual's current retirement benefit amount for the number of years since an individual's retirement was effective up to a maximum of 3% of the existing annual benefit. This check would only apply to retirees/beneficiaries with a benefit effective prior to July 1, 2021. This payment would not become an ongoing or cumulative benefit and would not permanently raise the retirement benefit for eligible retirees or survivor beneficiaries.

NOTICE-AGENCY ESTIMATE OF ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT REQUESTED

This bill has administrative impact that appears to increase duties or responsibilities of one or more state agencies and may impact agency spending or staffing requirements. As introduced, the bill does not modify any state agency budget or current personnel authorizations.

The following state agencies will be asked to provide their estimate of the administrative fiscal impact prior to the first committee meeting held to consider the bill:

Retirement System

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