SENATE FILE NO. SF0038

Financial reporting amendments-2.

Sponsored by: Management Audit Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to financial reporting to the department of

2 audit; amending enforcement of financial reporting

3 requirements through limiting disbursement of certain tax

4 revenues; clarifying good cause for extending reporting

5 deadline; and providing for an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-507(j) by creating a new
- 10 paragraph (ii) and by amending and renumbering (ii) as (iv)
- 11 and 9-1-510(b) are amended to read:

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- 9-1-507. Examination of books of state institutions,
- 14 agencies and certain districts and entities; independent

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15 audit authorized; guidelines.

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The director of the department of audit shall

2 certify: 3 4 (ii) To the director of the state department of revenue by October 5 of each year, a list of counties, 5 cities and towns that failed to comply with paragraph 6 7 (a)(vii) of this section. Notwithstanding any other 8 provision of law, the director of the department of revenue shall withhold monthly disbursements of state and local 9 10 sales, use and lodging tax revenues under W.S. 39-15-111, 11 39-15-211, 39-16-111 and 39-16-211 to the noncompliant 12 county, city or town for the period after October 15 until the noncompliant county, city or town has come into 13 compliance unless good cause for noncompliance is shown to 14 the director of the department of audit as described in 15 16 W.S. 9-1-510(b). All withheld disbursements under this 17 paragraph shall be retained by director of the department of revenue in the account from which the disbursement would 18 19 be made until the county, city or town is in compliance 20 with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section, or as otherwise 21 provided by law. The director of the department of audit 22 shall certify to the director of the department of revenue when a county, city or town comes into compliance with 23

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1 paragraph (a)(vii) of this section. The director of the

2 department of revenue shall certify monthly to the

3 department of audit, the legislature and the noncompliant

4 county, city or town the amount of disbursements withheld

5 until the noncompliant county, city or town has come into

6 compliance.

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8 (ii) (iv) To the board of county commissioners and to the special district or entity described in W.S. 9 10 16-4-125(c) that receives funding from a municipality as 11 defined by W.S. 16-4-102(a)(xiv) or other entities specified in W.S. 16-12-202(a) by October 5 of each year 12 any special district or other entity in the county, no 13 matter how formed, that failed to comply with paragraph 14 (a)(vii) of this section. If, by November 30 of that same 15 16 year, the district or other entity has failed to comply 17 with paragraph (a)(vii) of this section, the director of the department of audit shall file notice with the county 18 commissioners, the county treasurer and the county clerk. 19 20 The county commissioners shall place a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county indicating 21 the special district or other entity is in danger of being 22 dissolved due to failure to comply with the legal reporting 23

1	requirements. The county commissioners shall assess the
2	special district or other entity the cost of the public
3	notice. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
4	county treasurer shall withhold any further distribution
5	disbursements of money to the district or other entity
6	until the department certifies to the county treasurer that
7	the district or other entity has complied with all
8	reporting requirements unless good cause for noncompliance
9	is shown to the director of the department of audit as
10	described in W.S. 9-1-510(b). If the special district or
11	other entity fails to file the required report on or before
12	December 30 of that same year, the county commissioners
13	shall seek to dissolve the special district or other entity
14	in accordance with the process described by W.S. 22-29-401
15	et seq. This paragraph shall apply in addition to any other
16	provision for dissolution in the principal act for a
17	special district or other entity. The county treasurer
18	shall certify monthly to the department of audit, the
19	legislature and the noncompliant district or entity the
20	amount of disbursements withheld until the noncompliant
21	district or entity has come into compliance.

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1 9-1-510. Instructions to public officers; failure of 2 public officer to obey. 3 4 (b) Reports of books and accounts filed in the office 5 of the director of the state department of audit as required by W.S. 9-1-507(a)(iii) shall be filed within 6 7 three (3) months after the end of the fiscal year being 8 reported, and shall be in such form and detail as the director may require. Upon a request in writing and good 9 10 cause shown, the director may allow an extension of time 11 for filing a report or such additional information as may 12 be required. For purposes of this subsection, "good cause" means reasons beyond the control of the reporting entity. 13 The director of the department of audit may require the 14 15 reporting entity to provide a letter of engagement with a 16 certified public accountant or other evidence of good faith 17 to establish good cause. 18 19 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-1-507(j)(i) and (iii) are repealed. 20 21 Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2024. 22

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