

# Wyoming Liberty Index

62<sup>nd</sup> Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

## **HB0052, National guard funding-maintenance.**

Sponsors: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

### **Comments**

Appropriates \$2,300,000 for armory maintenance. Creates a separate account for armory maintenance. Creates two new positions and funds them from the federal teat. We need to get off the federal teat as it becomes less and less reliable. We certainly should not make ourselves even more dependent on it. Note, the bill died on introduction, but I'm told the appropriation is in the budget anyway.

A: This bill contains an appropriation of \$2,300,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Military Department. On the negative side, this appropriates money from the Wyoming economy for expenditure by the government. On the plus side, the monies are appropriated in support of a Constitutionally valid purpose, i.e. national defense. We'll hem and haw a bit before calling this one liberty neutral.

Weighted Rating: -0.50. Unweighted Rating: -0.50.

### **Categories**

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