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62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

HB0141, Collection costs for debts owed to the state.

Sponsors: Representative(s) Burkhart and Madden and Senator(s) Hicks, Meier and Peterson

Comments

Allows the state and other government entities to use collection agencies to collect debt, and charge the debtor with the cost of the collection agency. This is potentially nasty, but in line with modern business practice.

R+: It is estimated that this will raise about \$312,000 per year. Greedy, greedy, greedy! It appears that this bill will privilege the State government over and above that of most businesses and citizens. When a business turns outstanding bills over to collection agencies, they do not expect to get the debt paid in full let alone get collection fees paid too. These days, government has its tentacles buried too deep in the economy to claim that their actions are economically neutral. In most cases, failure to pay debt is related to the economy and not to criminal intent. It is unconscionable to think that government deserves preferential treatment in a situation that it has helped to create!

Weighted Rating: -1.50. Unweighted Rating: 1.00.

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