

Wyoming Liberty Index

62nd Wyoming Legislature ★ 2014 Budget Session

SF0014, Court security funding.

Sponsors: Joint Appropriations Interim Committee

Aye votes: Senators Anderson, JD S02, Anderson, JL S28, Barnard, Bebout, Burns, Case, Christensen, Coe, Cooper, Craft, Dockstader, Driskill, Emerich, Esquibel, F., Geis, Hastert, Hicks, Hines, Johnson, Landen, Meier, Nicholas, P., Nutting, Perkins, Peterson, Ross, Rothfuss, Schiffer, Scott and Von Flatern

Comments

A court security boondoggle. It includes incentive for the counties to raise taxes, Creates a \$10,000,000.00 court security slush fund.

A: The total appropriation of \$10,000,000 is appropriated to the Court Security Assistance Fund, of which \$25,000 may be used by the Supreme Court for administrative expenses of the Court Security Commission in implementing this bill. This bill smells an awful lot like a slush fund. The money is not well targeted which makes it easier to buy influence and centralize power and governmental centralization is always inimical to Liberty. As proposed, 5-11-104 (e) doesn't really target need. Section 5-11-104 (e) would be reasonable were it limited to (i), (ii) and (vi) rather than effectively being open to just about anyone who wants their palm greased. For those who say it is needed to provide security against irate citizens, we would say that irate citizens, over and above the tiny percentage that are constitutionally criminally inclined, are a direct result of government that forgets that its powers are derived exclusively from and with the acquiescence of the People.

Weighted Rating: -1.00. Unweighted Rating: -1.00.

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