

WORKING DRAFT

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

State trust lands task force.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; creating a task force to
2 monitor the trust responsibilities of and funding for the
3 office of state lands and investments as specified;
4 providing for a sunset; providing appropriations; and
5 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.**

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11 (a) There is created a legislative-executive task
12 force to monitor trust responsibilities of and funding for
13 the office of state lands and investments consisting of
14 fifteen (15) members.

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1 (b) The task force shall be comprised of:

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3 (i) Two (2) senators from the senate, with not
4 more than one (1) member from the same political party.
5 The members shall be appointed by April 15, 2007 by the
6 president of the senate, who shall also appoint a
7 cochairman of the task force;

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9 (ii) Two (2) representatives from the house,
10 with not more than one (1) member from the same political
11 party. The members shall be appointed by April 15, 2007 by
12 the speaker of the house, who shall also appoint a
13 cochairman of the task force;

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15 (iii) The governor;

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17 (iv) The secretary of state;

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19 (v) The state auditor;

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21 (vi) The state treasurer;

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23 (vii) The state superintendent of public
24 instruction;

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2 (viii) One (1) member who shall be a duly
3 elected school district trustee and a member of the Wyoming
4 school boards association, appointed by the state board of
5 land commissioners;

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7 (ix) One (1) member representing grazing and
8 agriculture lessees on state trust lands, appointed by the
9 state board of land commissioners;

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11 (x) One (1) member representing mineral lessees
12 on state trust lands, appointed by the state board of land
13 commissioners;

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15 (xi) One (1) member representing public
16 recreational users of state trust lands, appointed by the
17 state board of land commissioners;

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19 (xii) One (1) member appointed by the state
20 board of land commissioners to represent parent-teacher
21 organizations; and

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1 (xiii) One (1) member representing either the
2 forest products industry or the forestry profession,
3 appointed by the state board of land commissioners.
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5 (c) The task force members shall serve until June 30,
6 2012.
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8 (d) The task force members appointed by the state
9 board of land commissioners shall be appointed by April 15,
10 2007 and shall serve at the pleasure of the state board of
11 land commissioners.
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13 (e) The task force members shall be paid salary,
14 travel and per diem for the performance of their official
15 duties as members of the task force. State officials shall
16 be paid salary and travel expenses out of their agency's
17 budget in the performance of their duties on the task
18 force. Members of the task force who are not state
19 officials shall be paid per diem and travel expenses in the
20 same manner as state legislators. Members of the task
21 force who are state legislators shall be paid salary, per
22 diem and travel expenses as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for
23 their official duties as members of the task force.
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1 (f) The task force shall:

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3 (i) Meet at least twice per year to monitor the
4 trust asset management responsibilities of and funding for
5 the office of state lands and investments;

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7 (ii) Consider the accomplishments of the office
8 of state lands and investments regarding trust asset
9 management responsibilities and funding;

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11 (iii) Make recommendations necessary for the
12 office of state lands and investments to proceed forward
13 with its trust asset management responsibilities;

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15 (iv) Determine if any funding, organizational or
16 other changes are necessary for the state board of land
17 commissioners and the office of state lands and investments
18 to prudently manage the trust assets;

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20 (v) Prepare and submit a report to the joint
21 agriculture, state lands and water resources interim
22 committee no later than September 1 of each year. The
23 report shall detail the task force's findings and recommend
24 whether any changes to the office of state lands and

1 investments' trust responsibilities or funding is
2 necessary; and

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4 (vi) Recommend to the joint agriculture, state
5 lands and water resources interim committee and the joint
6 appropriations interim committee any statutory changes that
7 may be required to implement the task force's
8 recommendations.

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10 (g) Staff support for the task force shall be
11 provided by the office of state lands and investments and
12 by any state agency upon request.

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14 **Section 2.** This act shall terminate June 30, 2012.

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16 **Section 3.**

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18 (a) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) is
19 appropriated from the general fund to the office of state
20 lands and investments to fund the meetings and activities
21 of the task force and to contract with appropriate
22 professionals as necessary to complete the duties assigned
23 to the task force in section 1 of this act. A request of
24 thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be included in

1 the 2009-2010 biennium standard budget request from the
2 office of state lands and investments for the purpose of
3 continuing funding of this task force.

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5 (b) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is appropriated
6 from the general fund to the legislative service office to
7 fund the expenses of the state legislative members of the
8 task force to complete the duties assigned to the task
9 force in section 1 of this act. A request of twenty
10 thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) shall be included in the
11 2007-2008 biennium standard budget request from the
12 legislative service office for the purpose of continuing
13 funding of this task force.

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15 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
16 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
17 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
18 Constitution.

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20 (END)