

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0294

State trust lands-studies.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Connolly, Freeman,  
Paxton, Schwartz and Sommers and Senator(s)  
Coe, Gierau, Pappas and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the office of state  
2 lands and investments to study and prepare a proposed plan on  
3 the development of school trust land and other state trust  
4 lands as specified; requiring the office to solicit proposals  
5 as specified; requiring reports and a presentation of the  
6 plan; providing an appropriation; and providing for an  
7 effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) The office of state lands and investments shall  
14 study and prepare a proposed plan on the development of the

1 following areas and parcels of school trust lands and state  
2 trust lands:

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4 (i) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to  
5 Interstate 25, from the Wyoming-Colorado state line to  
6 Whitaker Road;

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8 (ii) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to  
9 Interstate 80, from the Wyoming-Nebraska state line to five  
10 (5) miles west of Pine Bluffs;

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12 (iii) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to  
13 Interstate 80, from the Wyoming-Utah state line to five (5)  
14 miles east of Evanston;

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16 (iv) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to  
17 Interstate 90, from the Wyoming-Montana state line to  
18 Sheridan;

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20 (v) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to  
21 Interstate 90, from the Wyoming-South Dakota state line to  
22 Sundance;

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1           (vi) The land within the boundaries of the Grand  
2 Teton National Park known as the Kelly parcel on Gros Ventre  
3 Road, containing six hundred forty (640) acres, more or less,  
4 and being more particularly described as: Section 36,  
5 Township 43 North, Range 115 West, 6th P.M., Teton County,  
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8           (vii) Other state trust lands that present an  
9 opportunity for development that would maximize the parcel  
10 value as determined by the office of state lands and  
11 investments.

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13          (b) The office of state lands and investments shall  
14 identify school trust land parcels within the areas specified  
15 in paragraphs (a)(i) through (v) of this section and state  
16 trust lands under paragraph (a)(vii) of this section for the  
17 development study and plan required in this section.

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19          (c) The proposed plan shall:

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21           (i) Identify and recommend opportunities for  
22 development on or sale, transfer, lease, exchange or any other  
23 option for the trust land parcels identified in subsections

1 (a) and (b) of this section in order to maximize the value of  
2 the parcels to the greatest extent possible;

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4 (ii) Identify the potential loss of public access  
5 for hunting, fishing and other current recreational  
6 activities;

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8 (iii) Consider opportunities for development on  
9 the identified parcels from solicited proposals as required  
10 by subsection (e) of this section;

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12 (iv) Consider any other opportunities not included  
13 in solicited proposals but that would nevertheless maximize  
14 the value of the identified parcels to the greatest extent  
15 possible, including consideration of the following  
16 opportunities:

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18 (A) Commercial development;

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20 (B) Residential development including  
21 development of low and moderate income housing;

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1                   (C) Sustainable development of natural  
2 resources;

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4                   (D) Development of limited gaming  
5 opportunities such as the use of slot machines and the card  
6 games of blackjack and poker.

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8                   (v) Identify costs and sources of revenue to  
9 develop and maintain the opportunities on the identified  
10 parcels;

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12                   (vi) Estimate the time needed to develop the  
13 opportunities on the identified parcels;

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15                   (vii) Identify specific changes to Wyoming law  
16 that may be necessary in order to develop and maintain the  
17 opportunities on the identified parcels.

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19                   (d) The proposed plan shall ensure that any opportunity  
20 for development on the identified parcels would retain all of  
21 the state's overriding royalty interests in the identified  
22 parcels.

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1           (e) The office of state lands and investments shall  
2 solicit proposals from international and domestic development  
3 firms on opportunities for development on the identified  
4 parcels that would maximize the value of the parcel to the  
5 greatest extent possible. The office of state lands and  
6 investments may also engage the services of research or  
7 consulting firms as necessary to conduct the study and prepare  
8 the proposed plan required by this section.

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10           (f) The office of state lands and investments shall  
11 regularly provide updates to the joint appropriations  
12 committee and the agriculture, state and public lands and  
13 water resources interim committee on the status of the study  
14 and proposed plan. The office of state lands and investments  
15 shall present the final report to the joint appropriations  
16 committee, the agriculture, state and public lands and water  
17 resources interim committee and the board of land  
18 commissioners no later than November 30, 2019 which shall  
19 include the proposed plan with solicited proposals as  
20 required by this section. The joint appropriations committee  
21 and the agriculture, state and public lands and water  
22 resources interim committee shall consider the report and

1 either committee may develop legislation it deems appropriate  
2 for consideration by the legislature.

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4       **Section 2.** There is appropriated seventy-five thousand  
5 dollars (\$75,000.00) from the general fund to the office of  
6 state lands and investments. This appropriation shall be for  
7 the period beginning with the effective date of this act and  
8 ending November 30, 2019. This appropriation shall only be  
9 expended for the purpose of the trust land development study  
10 as described in section 1 of this act. Notwithstanding any  
11 other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be  
12 transferred or expended for any other purpose and any  
13 unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this  
14 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on November 30,  
15 2019. This appropriation shall not be included in the office  
16 of state lands and investments' 2021-2022 standard biennial  
17 budget request.

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

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