

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0162

State trust lands-proposals and study.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Capital Financing &
Investments

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the office of
2 state lands and investments to solicit proposals for the
3 development of identified school and state trust lands in
4 Teton county; requiring the office to review proposals and
5 make recommendations as specified; requiring reports;
6 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective
7 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) Not later than August 1, 2020, the office of
14 state lands and investments shall solicit proposals on
15 opportunities for development of identified school trust

1 land parcel and of any other state trust lands in Teton
2 county that would maximize the value of the parcel to the
3 greatest extent possible. Any person may submit a proposal
4 to the office for consideration. Before soliciting
5 proposals, the office shall ensure that a map and a list of
6 all school trust land parcels and state trust lands are
7 available for the public to view. Proposals may include,
8 but are not limited to, commercial, retail, recreational,
9 agricultural and residential development.

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11 (b) The office of state lands and investments shall
12 review all submitted proposals for feasibility and shall
13 prepare a report with preliminary plans and recommendations
14 for the development of areas and parcels identified in
15 proposals that the office deems feasible. The plan shall:

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17 (i) Identify and recommend opportunities for the
18 transfer, lease, development or exchange of the state trust
19 land and school trust land parcels identified in the
20 feasible proposals in order to maximize the value of the
21 parcels to the greatest extent possible;

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1 (ii) Identify the potential increases or
2 decreases to public access for hunting, fishing and other
3 current recreational activities;

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5 (iii) Identify potential impacts to existing
6 grazing leases, water rights and irrigation and drainage
7 ditches;

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9 (iv) Consider any other opportunities not
10 included in submitted proposals but that would maximize the
11 value of parcels the office identifies to the greatest
12 extent possible;

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14 (v) Identify costs and sources of revenue to
15 develop and maintain the identified opportunities;

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17 (vi) Estimate the time needed to develop the
18 opportunities on the parcels;

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20 (vii) Identify specific changes to Wyoming law
21 that may be necessary in order to develop and maintain the
22 identified opportunities including public private
23 partnerships and the state's ability to partner with a

1 private entity for purposes of maximizing the return on
2 state funds;

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4 (viii) Identify any resources including
5 personnel necessary for the office of state lands and
6 investments or other state agencies to implement the
7 recommendations and opportunities identified in the plan.

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9 (c) The office of state lands and investments may
10 engage the services of research and consulting firms to
11 solicit proposals and prepare the proposed plan required by
12 this section.

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14 (d) The plan shall ensure that any opportunity for
15 development on any state trust land or school trust land
16 parcel would retain all of the state's royalty or other
17 income interests in the parcels.

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19 (e) The plan shall only include proposals that the
20 office of state lands and investments determines are
21 feasible to implement and that would maximize the value of
22 the parcels to the greatest extent possible.

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1 (f) The office of state lands and investments shall
2 regularly provide updates to the joint appropriations
3 committee and the select committee on capital financing and
4 investments on the status of proposals received by the
5 office and the status of the plan. Not later than October
6 31, 2020, the office of state lands and investments shall
7 submit and present the plan to the joint appropriations
8 committee, the select committee on capital financing and
9 investments and the board of land commissioners. The joint
10 appropriations committee and the select committee on
11 capital financing and investments shall consider the plan
12 and either committee may develop legislation as it deems
13 appropriate for consideration by the legislature.

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15 (g) The office of state lands and investments shall
16 consult with agencies, local governments and other
17 interested parties, including representatives from Teton
18 county and the county commissioners, and duly consider all
19 feedback provided throughout the process.

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21 **Section 2.** There is appropriated seventy-five
22 thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) from the general fund to the
23 office of state lands and investments for the purposes of

1 this act. This appropriation shall be for the period
2 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
3 June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred
4 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
5 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
6 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022. It is the
7 intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be
8 included in the office of state lands and investments'
9 standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal
10 biennium.

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

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17 (END)