

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 school and state trust lands; requiring the
4 office to review proposals and make recommendations as
5 specified; requiring reports; providing an appropriation;
6 and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.**

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12 (a) Not later than August 1, 2020, the office of state
13 lands and investments shall solicit proposals on
14 opportunities for development of any school trust land
15 parcel and of any other state trust lands that would

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

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

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

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1 (ii) Identify the potential loss of public access
2 for hunting, fishing and other current recreational
3 activities;

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5 (iii) Consider any other opportunities not
6 included in submitted proposals but that would maximize the
7 value of parcels the office identifies to the greatest
8 extent possible;

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10 (iv) Identify costs and sources of revenue to
11 develop and maintain the identified opportunities;

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13 (v) Estimate the time needed to develop the
14 opportunities on the parcels;

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16 (vi) Identify specific changes to Wyoming law
17 that may be necessary in order to develop and maintain the
18 identified opportunities;

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20 (vii) Identify any resources including personnel
21 necessary for the office of state lands and investments or
22 other state agencies to implement the recommendations and
23 opportunities identified in the plan.

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2 (c) The office of state lands and investments may
3 engage the services of research and consulting firms to
4 solicit proposals and prepare the proposed plan required by
5 this section.

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

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12 (e) The plan shall only include proposals that the
13 office of state lands and investments determines are
14 feasible to implement and that would maximize the value of
15 the parcels to the greatest extent possible.

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17 (f) The office of state lands and investments shall
18 regularly provide updates to the joint appropriations
19 committee and the select committee on capital financing and
20 investments on the status of proposals received by the
21 office and the status of the plan. Not later than October
22 31, 2020, the office of state lands and investments shall
23 submit and present the plan to the joint appropriations

1 committee, the select committee on capital financing and
2 investments and the board of land commissioners. The joint
3 appropriations committee and the select committee on
4 capital financing and investments shall consider the plan
5 and either committee may develop legislation as it deems
6 appropriate for consideration by the legislature.

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8 **Section 2.** There is appropriated seventy-five
9 thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) from the general fund to the
10 office of state lands and investments for the purposes of
11 this act. This appropriation shall be for the period
12 beginning with the effective date of this act and ending
13 June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred
14 or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended,
15 unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall
16 revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022. It is the
17 intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be
18 included in the office of state lands and investments'
19 standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal
20 biennium.

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22 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
23 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

1 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
2 Constitution.

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