

**DRAFT ONLY
NOT APPROVED FOR
INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

State trust lands-proposals and study.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman

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.

7

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

9

10 **Section 1.**

11

12 (a) Not later than August 1, 2020, the office of state
13 lands and investments shall solicit proposals on

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

11

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

17

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

23

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

4

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;

9

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

12

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

15

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

19

20 (c) The plan shall ensure that any opportunity for
21 development on any state trust land or school trust land
22 parcel would retain all of the state's overriding royalty
23 interests in the parcels.

1

2 (d) The plan shall only include proposals that the
3 office of state lands and investments determines are
4 feasible to implement and that would maximize the value of
5 the parcels to the greatest extent possible.

6

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

20

21 **Section 2.** There is appropriated XXX (\$XX,XXX) from
22 the general fund to the office of state lands and
23 investments for the purposes of soliciting proposals and

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

12

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

17

18

(END)