

SENATE FILE NO. SF0019

State lands trust responsibilities.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public lands; creating a task force to
2 review the trust responsibilities of and funding for the
3 office of state lands and investments as specified; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) There is created a legislative-executive task
11 force to review funding for the office of state lands and
12 investments' trust programs.

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

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1 (i) The governor or a representative of the
2 governor's office;

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4 (ii) The secretary of state or a representative
5 of the secretary of state's office;

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7 (iii) The state auditor or a representative of
8 the auditor's office;

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10 (iv) The state treasurer or a representative of
11 the treasurer's office;

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13 (v) The state superintendent of public
14 instruction or a representative of the superintendent of
15 public instruction's office;

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17 (vi) One (1) representative who shall be a duly
18 elected school district trustee and a member of the Wyoming
19 school boards association, appointed by the president of
20 the senate and speaker of the house;

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22 (vii) One (1) representative of grazing and
23 agriculture lessees on state trust lands, appointed by the
24 president of the senate and speaker of the house;

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2 (viii) One (1) representative of mineral lessees
3 on state trust lands, appointed by the president of the
4 senate and speaker of the house;

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6 (ix) One (1) representative of public
7 recreational users of state trust lands, appointed by the
8 president of the senate and speaker of the house;

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

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15 (xi) Two (2) senators from the senate, with not
16 more than one (1) member from the same political party.
17 The members shall be appointed by the president of the
18 senate, who shall also appoint a cochairman of the task
19 force.

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21 (c) The task force members shall be paid salary,
22 travel and per diem for the performance of their official
23 duties as members of the task force. State officials shall
24 be paid salary and travel expenses out of their agency's

1 budget in the performance of their duties on the task
2 force. The members of the task force who are not state
3 officials shall be paid per diem and travel expenses in the
4 same manner as state legislators.

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6 (d) The task force shall:

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8 (i) Familiarize itself with the trust
9 responsibilities of the office of state lands and
10 investments;

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12 (ii) Conduct a comprehensive review of the
13 office of state lands and investments' budget and its
14 expenditures for trust responsibilities to determine if any
15 change to the budgeted funding of the office of state lands
16 and investments' trust responsibilities is necessary;

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18 (iii) Conduct a comprehensive review, by source,
19 of the relationship of administrative costs to revenues of
20 the office of state lands and investments' trust programs
21 to determine if any change to the budgeted funding of the
22 office of state lands and investments' trust
23 responsibilities is necessary;

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1 (iv) No later than June 1, 2006, prepare and
2 submit a report to the legislature. The report shall detail
3 the task force's findings, recommend whether any change in
4 the manner or source of funding for the office of state
5 lands and investments' trust responsibilities is necessary,
6 recommend any preferable alternatives for funding trust
7 responsibilities; and

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9 (v) Recommend to the joint agriculture, public
10 lands and water resources interim committee and the joint
11 appropriations interim committee any statutory changes that
12 may be required to implement the task force's final
13 recommendations.

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15 (e) Staff support for the task force shall be
16 provided by the office of state lands and investments and
17 by any state agency upon request.

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19 (f) This act shall terminate April 1, 2007.

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1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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