

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 the office of state
3 lands and investments as specified; providing for funding
4 the trust responsibilities out of trust revenues; providing
5 an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.**

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11 (a) There is created an executive task force to
12 review the office of state lands and investments' trust and
13 nontrust responsibilities.

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

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1 (i) The governor or his designee;

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3 (ii) The secretary of state or his designee;

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5 (iii) The state auditor or his designee;

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7 (iv) The state treasurer or his designee;

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9 (v) The state superintendent of public
10 instruction or his designee;

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12 (vi) One (1) representative who shall be a duly
13 elected school district trustee and a member of the Wyoming
14 school boards association, appointed by the state loan and
15 investment board;

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17 (vii) One (1) representative of grazing and
18 agriculture lessees on state trust lands, appointed by the
19 state loan and investment board;

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21 (viii) One (1) representative of mineral lessees
22 on state trust lands, appointed by the state loan and
23 investment board;

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1 (ix) One (1) representative of public
2 recreational users of state trust lands, appointed by the
3 state loan and investment board;

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5 (x) One (1) representative from either the
6 forest products industry or the forestry profession,
7 appointed by the state loan and investment board; and

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9 (xi) One (1) at-large representative, appointed
10 by the state loan and investment board.

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12 (c) The task force shall be paid salary, travel and
13 per diem for the performance of their official duties as
14 members of the task force. State officials shall be paid
15 salary and travel expenses out of their agency's budget in
16 the performance of their duties on the task force. The
17 members of the task force who are not state officials shall
18 be paid per diem and travel expenses in the same manner as
19 state employees.

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21 (d) The task force shall:

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1 (i) Familiarize itself with the trust and
2 nontrust responsibilities of the office of state lands and
3 investments;

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5 (ii) Conduct a comprehensive review of the
6 office of state lands and investments' budget and its
7 expenditures for trust and nontrust responsibilities to
8 determine if any change to the funding of the office of
9 state lands and investments' trust responsibilities is
10 necessary;

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12 (iii) Conduct a comprehensive review of the
13 yearly revenues, by source, generated by state trust
14 surface and mineral lands to determine if any change to the
15 funding of the office of state lands and investments' trust
16 responsibilities is necessary;

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18 (iv) No later than June 1, 2006, prepare and
19 submit a report to the legislature. The report shall detail
20 the task force's findings, recommend whether any change in
21 the manner or source of funding for the office of state
22 lands and investments' trust responsibilities is necessary,
23 recommend whether the trust responsibilities should be
24 funded out of trust revenues, recommend whether the trust

1 land preservation and enhancement account should continue
2 to be funded; and

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4 (v) Recommend to the joint agriculture, public
5 lands and water resources interim committee any statutory
6 changes that may be required to implement the task force's
7 final recommendations.

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

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

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15 **Section 2.** Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) is
16 appropriated from the general fund to the office of state
17 lands and investments to fund the interim meetings and
18 activities of the task force and to contract with
19 appropriate professionals as necessary to complete the task
20 force study.

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1 **Section 3.** 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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