

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0101

State trust lands task force.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; creating a task force to
2 monitor the trust responsibilities of and funding for the
3 office of state lands and investments as specified;
4 providing for a sunset; providing appropriations; and
5 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 a legislative-executive task
12 force to monitor trust responsibilities of and funding for
13 the office of state lands and investments consisting of
14 fifteen (15) members.

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

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2 (i) Two (2) senators from the senate, with not
3 more than one (1) member from the same political party.
4 The members shall be appointed by April 15, 2007 by the
5 president of the senate, who shall also appoint a
6 cochairman of the task force;

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8 (ii) Two (2) representatives from the house,
9 with not more than one (1) member from the same political
10 party. The members shall be appointed by April 15, 2007 by
11 the speaker of the house, who shall also appoint a
12 cochairman of the task force;

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14 (iii) The governor;

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16 (iv) The secretary of state;

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18 (v) The state auditor;

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20 (vi) The state treasurer;

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22 (vii) The state superintendent of public
23 instruction;

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1 (viii) One (1) member who shall be a duly
2 elected school district trustee and a member of the Wyoming
3 school boards association, appointed by the state board of
4 land commissioners;

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6 (ix) One (1) member representing grazing and
7 agriculture lessees on state trust lands, appointed by the
8 state board of land commissioners;

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10 (x) One (1) member representing mineral lessees
11 on state trust lands, appointed by the state board of land
12 commissioners;

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14 (xi) One (1) member representing public
15 recreational users of state trust lands, appointed by the
16 state board of land commissioners;

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18 (xii) One (1) member appointed by the state
19 board of land commissioners to represent parent-teacher
20 organizations; and

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22 (xiii) One (1) member representing either the
23 forest products industry or the forestry profession,
24 appointed by the state board of land commissioners.

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2 (c) The task force members shall serve until June 30,
3 2008.

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5 (d) The task force members appointed by the state
6 board of land commissioners shall be appointed by April 15,
7 2007 and shall serve at the pleasure of the state board of
8 land commissioners.

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10 (e) The task force members shall be paid salary,
11 travel and per diem for the performance of their official
12 duties as members of the task force. State officials shall
13 be paid salary and travel expenses out of their agency's
14 budget in the performance of their duties on the task
15 force. Members of the task force who are not state
16 officials shall be paid per diem and travel expenses in the
17 same manner as state legislators. Members of the task
18 force who are state legislators shall be paid salary, per
19 diem and travel expenses as provided in W.S. 28-5-101 for
20 their official duties as members of the task force.

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22 (f) The task force shall:

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1 (i) Meet at least twice to monitor the trust
2 asset management responsibilities of and funding for the
3 office of state lands and investments;

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5 (ii) Consider the accomplishments of the office
6 of state lands and investments regarding trust asset
7 management responsibilities and funding;

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9 (iii) Make recommendations necessary for the
10 office of state lands and investments to proceed forward
11 with its trust asset management responsibilities;

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13 (iv) Determine if any funding, organizational or
14 other changes are necessary for the state board of land
15 commissioners and the office of state lands and investments
16 to prudently manage the trust assets and, if changes are
17 recommended, detail specific areas requiring additional
18 funding and the priorities and costs associated with the
19 recommendations;

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21 (v) Prepare and submit a report to the joint
22 agriculture, state lands and water resources interim
23 committee no later than September 1 of each year. The
24 report shall detail the task force's findings and recommend

1 whether any changes to the office of state lands and
2 investments' trust responsibilities or funding is
3 necessary; and

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5 (vi) Recommend to the joint agriculture, state
6 lands and water resources interim committee and the joint
7 appropriations interim committee any statutory changes that
8 may be required to implement the task force's
9 recommendations.

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

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15 **Section 2.** This act shall terminate June 30, 2008.

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17 **Section 3.**

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19 (a) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) is
20 appropriated from the general fund to the office of state
21 lands and investments to fund the meetings and activities
22 of the task force and to contract with appropriate
23 professionals as necessary to complete the duties assigned
24 to the task force in section 1 of this act.

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2 (b) Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is appropriated
3 from the general fund to the legislative service office to
4 fund the expenses of the state legislative members of the
5 task force to complete the duties assigned to the task
6 force in section 1 of this act.

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

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