

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0257

Community and school access to public lands-2.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Henderson, Barlow and
Connolly and Senator(s) Hicks and Scott

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; specifying that school or
2 community needs for public land exchanges shall include
3 community and economic impacts of public access to adjacent
4 public lands; and 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.** W.S. 36-1-111(a)(ii) is amended to read:

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10 **36-1-111. Orders, rules and regulations relative to**
11 **exchange of lands.**

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13 (a) The board of land commissioners is hereby
14 authorized and empowered to pass and promulgate all such
15 orders, rules and regulations as may be necessary or

1 required relative to the appraisal and valuation of the
2 lands to be exchanged as provided in this act, and to
3 provide for the execution of conveyances, contracts and
4 other instruments pertaining to the exchange of the lands,
5 and to enable the director to effect and complete each
6 exchange of the lands. The board may authorize the
7 purchase of lands only in an amount necessary to effect and
8 complete the exchange of state-owned lands for other lands
9 and only for those lands identified in the authorization of
10 purchase. The board shall not use the power of eminent
11 domain pursuant to W.S. 1-26-801 et seq. to purchase any
12 lands under this section. The board of land commissioners
13 is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary
14 to implement the exchange of state lands on a value for
15 value basis. The exchange program may authorize a cash
16 equalization receipt or payment of up to twenty-five
17 percent (25%) of the value of the lands exchanged. Any
18 receipt shall be deposited into, and any payment shall be
19 made from, the permanent land fund. State lands may be
20 exchanged upon the board's finding the exchange is
21 necessary to:

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1 (ii) Meet a specific need of a school or
2 community for land. Specific needs may include community
3 and economic impacts of public access to adjacent federal,
4 state and state trust land and shall be considered in the
5 value analysis;

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2017.

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