

SENATE FILE NO. SF0128

Transfer of state lands-exchange.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Hicks and Representative(s) Crago,
Eklund and Sommers

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; removing the requirement
2 that state and federal lands be equal in size when
3 exchanged by the state and the federal government;
4 requiring that federal and state land exchanges be subject
5 to the orders, rules and regulations related to the
6 exchange of lands; and providing for an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-1-105 is amended to read:

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12 **36-1-105. Exchange of land granted by federal**
13 **government.**

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1 Whenever, in the judgment of a majority of the members of
2 the board, the interests of the state will be advanced by
3 granting, conveying or deeding to the United States of
4 America, any lands which have been heretofore granted,
5 selected by, and patented to the state, then, in such case
6 said board is hereby authorized and empowered to so grant,
7 convey and deed to the United States of America, such
8 lands. And the president of said board, and the director
9 are authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all
10 necessary instruments to complete such grant, or
11 conveyance; provided, always, that no such lands shall be
12 so granted, conveyed and deeded, unless the United States
13 of America shall, and will permit and allow this state to
14 select, and have patented to it, ~~an equal area of~~ other
15 lands in lieu of the lands so reconveyed to the United
16 States of America subject to W.S. 36-1-111; provided,
17 however, that the state shall not give both surface and
18 mineral rights with any lands exchanged unless it receives
19 the same from the federal government.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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