

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0020

Land exchanges-notice.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring notice and  
2 opportunity to comment before completing an exchange;  
3 specifying applicability; and providing for an effective  
4 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)(intro) is amended to  
9 read:

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

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14 (a) The board of land commissioners is hereby  
15 authorized and empowered to pass and promulgate all such

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

1 and any payment shall be made from, the permanent land  
2 fund. State lands may be exchanged upon the board's finding  
3 the exchange is necessary to:

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5       **Section 2.** This act shall apply to all state land  
6 exchanges initiated or considered after the effective date  
7 of this act.

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

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