

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0080

Land appraisal appeal process.

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

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the board of land  
2 commissioners to provide a process by regulation for a  
3 hearing related to the appraisal of lands to be exchanged;  
4 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)(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. The regulations shall include a  
8 procedure for a landowner to contest the appraisal and  
9 valuation of lands to be exchanged under this section by  
10 providing additional evidence related to the value of the  
11 lands at a hearing in front of the board. At its  
12 discretion, the board may authorize a new appraisal. The  
13 board may authorize the purchase of lands only in an amount  
14 necessary to effect and complete the exchange of  
15 state-owned lands for other lands and only for those lands  
16 identified in the authorization of purchase. The board  
17 shall not use the power of eminent domain pursuant to W.S.  
18 1-26-801 et seq. to purchase any lands under this section.  
19 The board of land commissioners is authorized to promulgate  
20 rules and regulations necessary to implement the exchange  
21 of state lands on a value for value basis. The exchange  
22 program may authorize a cash equalization receipt or  
23 payment of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the value of

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

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6 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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