

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0294

School trust lands-studies.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Harshman, Connolly, Freeman,
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Coe, Gierau, Pappas and Wasserburger

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the office of state
2 lands and investments to study and prepare a proposed plan on
3 the development of school trust land parcels as specified;
4 requiring the office to solicit proposals as specified;
5 requiring reports and a presentation of the plan; and
6 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.**

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12 (a) The office of state lands and investments shall
13 study and prepare a proposed plan on the development of the
14 following areas and parcels of school trust lands:

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1 (i) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to
2 Interstate 25, from the Wyoming-Colorado state line to
3 Whitaker Road;

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5 (ii) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to
6 Interstate 80, from the Wyoming-Nebraska state line to five
7 (5) miles west of Pine Bluffs;

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9 (iii) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to
10 Interstate 80, from the Wyoming-Utah state line to five (5)
11 miles east of Evanston;

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13 (iv) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to
14 Interstate 90, from the Wyoming-Montana state line to
15 Sheridan;

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17 (v) Any school trust land parcels adjacent to
18 Interstate 90, from the Wyoming-South Dakota state line to
19 Sundance;

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21 (vi) The land within the boundaries of the Grand
22 Teton National Park known as the Kelly parcel on Gros Ventre
23 Road, containing six hundred forty (640) acres, more or less,

1 and being more particularly described as: Section 36,
2 Township 43 North, Range 115 West, 6th P.M., Teton County,
3 WY.

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5 (b) The office of state lands and investments shall
6 identify school trust land parcels within the areas specified
7 in paragraphs (a)(i) through (v) of this section for the
8 development study and plan required in this section.

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10 (c) The proposed plan shall:

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12 (i) Identify and recommend opportunities for
13 development on the school trust land parcels identified in
14 subsections (a) and (b) of this section in order to maximize
15 the value of the parcels to the greatest extent possible;

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17 (ii) Consider opportunities for development on the
18 identified parcels from solicited proposals as required by
19 subsection (e) of this section;

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21 (iii) Consider any other opportunities not
22 included in solicited proposals but that would nevertheless
23 maximize the value of the identified parcels to the greatest

1 extent possible, including consideration of the following
2 opportunities:

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4 (A) Commercial development;

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6 (B) Residential development including
7 development of low and moderate income housing;

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9 (C) Sustainable development of natural
10 resources;

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12 (D) Development of limited gaming
13 opportunities such as the use of slot machines and the card
14 games of blackjack and poker.

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16 (iv) Identify costs and sources of revenue to
17 develop and maintain the opportunities on the identified
18 parcels;

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20 (v) Estimate the time needed to develop the
21 opportunities on the identified parcels;

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1 (vi) Identify specific changes to Wyoming law that
2 may be necessary in order to develop and maintain the
3 opportunities on the identified parcels.

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5 (d) The proposed plan shall ensure that any opportunity
6 for development on the identified parcels would retain all of
7 the state's overriding royalty interests in the identified
8 parcels.

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10 (e) The office of state lands and investments shall
11 solicit proposals from international and domestic development
12 firms on opportunities for development on the identified
13 parcels that would maximize the value of the parcel to the
14 greatest extent possible. The office of state lands and
15 investments may also engage the services of research or
16 consulting firms as necessary to conduct the study and prepare
17 the proposed plan required by this section.

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19 (f) The office of state lands and investments shall
20 regularly provide updates to the joint appropriations
21 committee on the status of the study and proposed plan. The
22 office of state lands and investments shall present the final
23 report to the joint appropriations committee and the board of

1 land commissioners no later than November 30, 2019 which shall
2 include the proposed plan with solicited proposals as
3 required by this section. The joint appropriations committee
4 shall consider the report and develop legislation it deems
5 appropriate for consideration by the legislature.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
8 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as
9 provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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