

SENATE FILE NO. SF0066

State funded conservation easements-restrictions.

Sponsored by: Select Natural Resource Funding Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state funded conservation easements;  
2 imposing requirements on recipients of state funds;  
3 specifying terms of the agreement between the state and  
4 fund recipients; prohibiting specified conditions for the  
5 receipt of funds; specifying applicability of the act; 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.** W.S. 9-15-103 by creating new subsections  
11 (n) through (q) is amended to read:

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13 **9-15-103. Wyoming wildlife and natural resource trust**  
14 **account created; income account created; expenditures;**  
15 **purposes.**

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1       (n) Every conservation easement funded in whole or in  
2 part with monies made available by this act shall bind the  
3 parties thereto to an agreement which provides that the  
4 state of Wyoming is a third party beneficiary to the  
5 easement with the right to enforce the terms of the  
6 easement. The agreement shall provide that, if the terms  
7 of the easement are not satisfied, or if the easement is  
8 transferred, sold or extinguished without the consent of  
9 the board, the state of Wyoming shall have the right to  
10 recover the state's appreciated pro rata share of funds  
11 provided for the creation of the easement.

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13       (o) No funds shall be disbursed under this act for  
14 the purchase of easements which mandate specific livestock  
15 or crop management practices.

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17       (p) No funds shall be disbursed under this act for  
18 the purchase of easements which prohibit the use of land  
19 for ranching or farming if such ranching or farming could  
20 be conducted, using current or future technologies and  
21 techniques, without infringing on the underlying purpose of  
22 the easement.

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1       (q) No funds shall be distributed under this act for  
2 the purchase of easements which prohibit hunting.

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4       **Section 2.** This act shall not expand or diminish the  
5 rights and obligations imposed on any party who received  
6 funds under W.S. 9-15-101 through 9-15-107 prior to  
7 December 31, 2013.

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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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