

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0151

State lands corridor committee.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Baker

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public lands; creating a state lands  
2 corridor committee; specifying membership; providing duties  
3 and responsibilities; requiring reports; providing an  
4 appropriation; 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.**

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10 (a) There is created the state lands corridor  
11 committee consisting of eleven (11) members appointed as  
12 follows:

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14 (i) Five (5) members appointed by the governor;

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1           (ii) Three (3) members of the senate appointed  
2 by the president of the senate, one (1) of whom shall be a  
3 member of the minority party;

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5           (iii) Three (3) members of the house of  
6 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of  
7 representatives, one (1) of whom shall be a member of the  
8 minority party.

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10          (b) The mission of the committee shall be to  
11 determine how state lands can be used to develop state  
12 owned utility corridors by the exchange, sale or trade of  
13 state lands in order to maximize revenues from state lands.  
14 In fulfilling its mission to develop state owned utility  
15 corridors the committee shall:

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17           (i) Analyze how state lands can be utilized to  
18 form utility corridors within the state;

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20           (ii) Evaluate the types and kinds of utilities  
21 that will utilize the corridors and the infrastructure that  
22 will be placed within the corridors;

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1           (iii) Consider the feasibility of multiple use  
2 within the corridors, including current use of the state  
3 land and the possibility of different uses or access to  
4 other public lands as a result of the corridors;

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6           (iv) Examine the potential lease income that may  
7 be available from utilities and other state lease holders;

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9           (v) Evaluate the size and location of potential  
10 corridors, including mapping of the potential corridor;

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12           (vi) Identify and analyze concerns in  
13 establishing a corridor or corridors, including wildlife  
14 and access issues;

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16           (vii) Identify alternate or additional means  
17 available to build a state owned utility corridor;

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19           (viii) Develop legislation, budget, staff and  
20 expertise needed to build a corridor;

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22           (ix) Make recommendations that fulfill the  
23 mission of the committee.

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1           (c) Administrative support for the committee shall be  
2 provided through the office of the governor. The committee  
3 may also engage the services of research firms or  
4 consulting expertise as necessary to carry out the purposes  
5 of this act. Any agency of the executive branch as  
6 directed by the governor, shall provide necessary  
7 administrative and technical assistance to the committee in  
8 carrying out the purposes of this act.

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10           (d) The committee shall report its findings with any  
11 recommendations to the governor and the legislature on or  
12 before December 31, 2003. The committee shall continue  
13 until December 31, 2004, performing the duties specified in  
14 this act and making a final report to the governor and  
15 legislature on or before September 1, 2004.

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17           **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general  
18 fund sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00), or as much  
19 thereof as may be necessary to the office of the governor  
20 to carry out the purposes of this act. Notwithstanding  
21 W.S. 9-2-1008 this appropriation shall not lapse at the end  
22 of the fiscal period but shall carry over as authorized by  
23 W.S. 9-4-207.

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

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