

SENATE FILE NO. SF0041

Select federal natural resource management committee.

Sponsored by: Joint Minerals, Business and Economic  
Development Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the select federal natural resource  
2 management committee; modifying criteria for membership and  
3 duties of the committee; providing a definition; and  
4 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. 28-11-501(a)(i)(intro), (ii)(intro),  
9 (b) by creating a new paragraph (iv) and by creating a new  
10 subsection (c) is amended to read:

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12       **28-11-501. Appointment of members; powers and duties.**

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14       (a) Not later than March 15 following each general  
15 election, a select federal natural resource management  
16 committee shall be appointed subject to the following:

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2 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint  
3 three (3) members of the senate apportioned as nearly as  
4 possible to reflect the percentage of the elected  
5 membership of the majority and minority parties of the  
6 senate, provided not more than five (5) of the members of  
7 the select committee shall be from the same political  
8 party. ~~Select committee membership shall include:~~

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10 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives  
11 shall appoint three (3) members of the house apportioned as  
12 nearly as possible to reflect the percentage of the elected  
13 membership of the majority and minority parties of the  
14 house, provided not more than five (5) of the members of  
15 the select committee shall be from the same political  
16 party. ~~Select committee membership shall include:~~

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18 (b) The select committee shall:

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20 (iv) Consider issues related to the transfer of  
21 public lands. In considering the topic, the select  
22 committee:

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1                   (A) Shall determine the potential structure  
2 of ownership of public lands within the state including  
3 consideration of the state owning the surface rights,  
4 owning the subsurface rights, managing either the surface  
5 or subsurface, or both, or other ownership and management  
6 options as determined by the committee;

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8                   (B) Shall determine criteria for management  
9 of public lands including consideration of rights currently  
10 existing under federal law;

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12                   (C) Shall consider methods for the federal  
13 government to divest public lands held within the state  
14 including consideration of legal action and congressional  
15 action;

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17                   (D) Shall develop and introduce legislation  
18 as necessary related to the acquisition or management of  
19 public lands;

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21                   (E) May secure consulting services, if  
22 necessary, to provide technical assistance in compiling  
23 information related to public lands within the state or  
24 other issues related to the transfer of public lands.

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2       (c) As used in this section, "public lands" means any  
3 surface or subsurface lands within the boundaries of the  
4 state, title to which is held by the federal government.  
5 "Public lands" shall not include any land within the  
6 boundaries of a designated national park, designated  
7 national monument or wilderness area designated under the  
8 national wilderness preservation system.

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10       **Section 2.** W.S. 28-11-501(a)(i)(A) through (C) and  
11 (ii)(A) through (C) is repealed.

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

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