

ENROLLED ACT NO. 83, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2020 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring the office of state lands and investments to solicit proposals for the development of identified school and state trust lands in Teton county; requiring the office to review proposals and make recommendations as specified; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1.

(a) Not later than August 1, 2020, the office of state lands and investments shall solicit proposals on opportunities for development of identified school trust land parcels and of any other state trust lands in Teton county that would maximize the value of the parcel to the greatest extent possible. Any person may submit a proposal to the office for consideration. Before soliciting proposals, the office shall ensure that a map and a list of all school trust land parcels and state trust lands are available for the public to view. Proposals may include, but are not limited to, commercial, retail, recreational, agricultural and residential development.

(b) The office of state lands and investments shall review all submitted proposals for feasibility and shall prepare a report with preliminary plans and recommendations for the development of areas and parcels identified in proposals that the office deems feasible. The plan shall:

(i) Identify and recommend opportunities for the transfer, lease, development or exchange of the state trust land and school trust land parcels identified in the

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feasible proposals in order to maximize the value of the parcels to the greatest extent possible;

(ii) Identify the potential increases or decreases to public access for hunting, fishing and other current recreational activities;

(iii) Identify potential impacts to existing grazing leases, water rights and irrigation and drainage ditches;

(iv) Consider any other opportunities not included in submitted proposals but that would maximize the value of parcels the office identifies to the greatest extent possible;

(v) Identify costs and sources of revenue to develop and maintain the identified opportunities;

(vi) Estimate the time needed to develop the opportunities on the parcels;

(vii) Identify specific changes to Wyoming law that may be necessary in order to develop and maintain the identified opportunities including public private partnerships and the state's ability to partner with a private entity for purposes of maximizing the return on state funds;

(viii) Identify any resources including personnel necessary for the office of state lands and investments or other state agencies to implement the recommendations and opportunities identified in the plan.

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(c) The office of state lands and investments may engage the services of research and consulting firms to solicit proposals and prepare the proposed plan required by this section.

(d) The plan shall ensure that any opportunity for development on any state trust land or school trust land parcel would retain all of the state's royalty or other income interests in the parcels.

(e) The plan shall only include proposals that the office of state lands and investments determines are feasible to implement and that would maximize the value of the parcels to the greatest extent possible.

(f) The office of state lands and investments shall regularly provide updates to the joint appropriations committee and the select committee on capital financing and investments on the status of proposals received by the office and the status of the plan. Not later than October 31, 2020, the office of state lands and investments shall submit and present the plan to the joint appropriations committee, the select committee on capital financing and investments and the board of land commissioners. The joint appropriations committee and the select committee on capital financing and investments shall consider the plan and either committee may develop legislation as it deems appropriate for consideration by the legislature.

(g) The office of state lands and investments shall consult with agencies, local governments and other interested parties and engage in good faith with representatives from Teton county and the county commissioners, recognizing the objectives of the comprehensive master plan for Teton county. The office of

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state lands and investments shall duly consider all feedback provided throughout the process.

Section 2. There is appropriated seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) from the general fund to the office of state lands and investments for the purposes of this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2022. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2022. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation not be included in the office of state lands and investments' standard budget for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk