

SENATE FILE NO. SF0008

Weed and pest-reorganization.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &  
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to weed and pest control; providing that  
2 the department of agriculture shall administer weed and  
3 pest control functions on state lands; transferring related  
4 functions from the office of state lands and investments;  
5 making conforming statutory changes; providing  
6 appropriations; requiring rulemaking; and providing for  
7 effective dates.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-2-107(a) and 36-3-102 by creating  
12 a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

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14 **36-2-107. Rules and regulations; general penalty for**  
15 **violations; enforcement.**

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2 (a) The board shall have the power and authority to  
3 promulgate and adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent  
4 with the laws of the state, as it may from time to time  
5 deem necessary in the direction, control, disposition and  
6 care of all state lands, and to preserve the value of the  
7 land and to recognize the fiduciary duties of the state  
8 land office. Rules adopted under this subsection shall  
9 provide that weed and pest control on all state lands be  
10 coordinated with and managed by the department of  
11 agriculture pursuant to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control  
12 Act.

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14 **36-3-102. Duties generally.**

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16 (d) For any lands belonging to or under the control  
17 of the state of Wyoming, the director shall coordinate with  
18 the department of agriculture regarding weed and pest  
19 control needs and control efforts, which the department of  
20 agriculture shall manage pursuant to the Wyoming Weed and  
21 Pest Control Act.

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23 **Section 2.**

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2 (a) On July 1, 2022, the functions within the office  
3 of state lands and investments that administer weed and  
4 pest control programs shall be transferred to the  
5 department of agriculture. The authority in programs  
6 transferred to the department of agriculture by this act  
7 shall be under the control of the department of  
8 agriculture. For lands under the management of the office  
9 of state lands and investments, the department of  
10 agriculture shall coordinate with the office of state lands  
11 and investments regarding weed and pest control needs and  
12 control efforts.

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14 (b) There is appropriated two hundred fifty-eight  
15 thousand dollars (\$258,000.00) from the school foundation  
16 program account to the department of agriculture for the  
17 period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024 to  
18 be expended only for matching funds for grants for weed and  
19 pest control on state school lands. Except as otherwise  
20 provided in this subsection, funds from this appropriation  
21 shall only be expended after each grant applicant provides  
22 a match of at least one dollar (\$1.00) from any source for  
23 every one dollar (\$1.00) requested from this appropriation.

1 The matching requirement of this subsection shall not be  
2 required if the applicant is the office of state lands and  
3 investments for weed and pest control on state school  
4 lands. It is the intent of the legislature that this  
5 appropriation be included in the department of  
6 agriculture's standard budget request for the immediately  
7 succeeding fiscal biennium.

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9 (c) There is appropriated forty-two thousand dollars  
10 (\$42,000.00) from the general fund to the department of  
11 agriculture for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and  
12 ending June 30, 2024 to be expended only for matching funds  
13 for grants for weed and pest control on state lands that  
14 are not state school lands. Except as otherwise provided in  
15 this subsection, funds from this appropriation shall only  
16 be expended after each grant applicant provides a match of  
17 at least one dollar (\$1.00) from any source for every one  
18 dollar (\$1.00) requested from this appropriation. The  
19 matching requirement of this subsection shall not be  
20 required if the applicant is the office of state lands and  
21 investments for weed and pest control on state lands that  
22 are not state school lands. It is the intent of the  
23 legislature that this appropriation be included in the

1 department of agriculture's standard budget request for the  
2 immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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4 **Section 3.**

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6 (a) The office of state lands and investments shall  
7 amend any administrative rules and regulations as necessary  
8 to provide that weed and pest control on all state lands  
9 shall be managed by the department of agriculture.

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11 (b) The department of agriculture shall promulgate  
12 any rules or regulations necessary to implement this act.

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1           **Section 4.**

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3           (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this  
4 section, this act is effective July 1, 2022.

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6           (b) Sections 2 through 4 of this act are effective  
7 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a  
8 bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of  
9 the Wyoming Constitution.

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