ENROLLED ACT NO. 39, SENATE

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

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

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

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

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

36-3-102. Duties generally.

(d) For any lands belonging to the state of Wyoming and under the control of the board of land commissioners, the director shall coordinate with the department of agriculture regarding weed and pest control needs and

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control efforts, which the department of agriculture shall manage pursuant to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Control Act.

Section 2.

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

(b) There is appropriated two hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$258,000.00) from the school foundation program account to the department of agriculture for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024 to be expended only for matching funds for grants for weed and pest control on state school lands. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, funds from this appropriation shall only be expended after each grant applicant provides a match of at least one dollar (\$1.00) from any source for every one dollar (\$1.00) requested from this appropriation. The matching requirement of this subsection shall not be required if the applicant is the office of state lands and investments for weed and pest control on state school lands. It is the intent of the legislature that this department appropriation be included in the of agriculture's standard budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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(c) There is appropriated forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00) from the general fund to the department of agriculture for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2024 to be expended only for matching funds for grants for weed and pest control on state lands that are not state school lands. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, funds from this appropriation shall only be expended after each grant applicant provides a match of at least one dollar (\$1.00) from any source for every one dollar (\$1.00) requested from this appropriation. The matching requirement of this subsection shall not be required if the applicant is the office of state lands and investments for weed and pest control on state lands that are not state school lands. It is the intent of the legislature that this appropriation be included in the department of agriculture's standard budget request for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

Section 3.

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

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

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Section 4.

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

(b) Sections 2 through 4 of this act are 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 Senate.

Chief Clerk