

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 and funding from the office of state lands and  
5 investments; making conforming statutory changes; requiring  
6 rulemaking; and providing for effective dates.

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

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

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13 **36-2-107. Rules and regulations; general penalty for**  
14 **violations; enforcement.**

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

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13           **36-3-102. Duties generally.**

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

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22           **Section 2.**

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

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13           (b) Notwithstanding any conflicting provision of law,  
14 on July 1, 2022, the governor shall transfer to the  
15 department of agriculture three hundred thousand dollars  
16 (\$300,000.00) and any property and equipment within the  
17 office of state lands and investments as necessary to  
18 implement this act. The department of agriculture and  
19 office of state lands and investments shall work  
20 collaboratively to develop recommendations to the governor  
21 regarding which funding, property and equipment shall be  
22 transferred to implement this act.

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1           (c) The department of agriculture and office of state  
2 lands and investments shall work collaboratively to develop  
3 appropriate budget requests for the 2023-2024 supplemental  
4 budget that reflect the transfer of the funding, property,  
5 equipment and authority mandated by this act.

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7           **Section 3.**

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

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14           (b) The department of agriculture shall promulgate  
15 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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