

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

HB25-1332 be amended as follows:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike lines 13 through 15 and substitute
- 2 "public schools;".
- 3 Page 3, strike lines 3 through 23 and substitute:
- 4 "(e) Conservation; outdoor recreation; contributions to reducing
- 5 emissions and addressing climate change through the development of
- 6 transmission and renewable energy generation on state trust lands; and
- 7 housing for teachers, educators, school employees, and families with
- 8 children may all be identified as forms of benefits to the trust
- 9 beneficiaries;".
- 10 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 11 Page 4, strike line 19 and substitute "similar interests in land".
- 12 Page 4, strike lines 20 through 27.
- 13 Strike pages 5 through 7 and substitute:
- 14 "(2) The general assembly further finds and declares that:
- 15 (a) As the state approaches its 150th anniversary on August 1,
- 16 2026, there are opportunities to further implement the intent of section
- 17 10".
- 18 Page 8, strike lines 7 through 27.
- 19 Page 9, strike lines 1 through 6.
- 20 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 21 Page 9, line 14, after "expand" insert "conservation, restoration, and".
- 22 Page 9, strike lines 20 through 27.
- 23 Page 10, strike line 1 and substitute:
- 24 "(III) Respecting the rights of existing lessees; and".
- 25 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

- 1 Page 10, strike lines 8 through 13 and substitute "transmission siting, and  
2 housing, where appropriate."
- 3 Page 10, line 23, strike "MEANS:" and substitute "MEANS, WITH REGARD  
4 TO THE LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP TRUST:".
- 5 Page 12, strike lines 13 through 22 and substitute:
- 6 "FOR RECREATION, CONSERVATION, AND AGRICULTURE;  
7 (II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026,  
8 TO THE GOVERNOR; THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGRICULTURE,  
9 WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE  
10 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR  
11 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS;  
12 AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT;  
13 (III) BE ASSISTED BY A PROFESSIONAL FACILITATOR;  
14 (IV) ENGAGE SPECIALISTS OR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AS  
15 NEEDED, INCLUDING EXPERTS ON THE ECONOMY, LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY,  
16 AGRICULTURE, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE; AND".
- 17 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 18 Page 12, line 26, strike "FEBRUARY 28," and substitute "MARCH 16,".
- 19 Page 13, strike lines 5 through 27.
- 20 Page 14, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute:
- 21 "(3) (a) BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025, APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL  
22 APPOINT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE WORK GROUP PURSUANT TO  
23 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION. IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE  
24 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ACHIEVE GEOGRAPHIC  
25 DIVERSITY ON THE WORK GROUP. IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE WORK  
26 GROUP SHALL SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT, INCLUDING INPUT REGARDING  
27 IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICULAR PROPERTIES TO CONSIDER AND  
28 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE IN THE STUDY.  
29 (b) (I) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL  
30 APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:  
31 (A) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION  
32 ASSISTANCE BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-43.7-106;  
33 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION  
34 WITH EXPERTISE IN LAND CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP; AND  
35 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A WILDLIFE AND HABITAT  
36 CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION.  
37 (II) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:

2 (A) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER;

3 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF NONMOTORIZED RECREATION; AND

4 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE ENTITY

5 WITH EXPERIENCE LEASING PROPERTY ON STATE LANDS.

6 (III) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

7 SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:

8 (A) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MOTORIZED RECREATION; AND

9 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER OR

10 REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

11 (IV) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK

12 GROUP:

13 (A) ONE MEMBER WITH A BACKGROUND IN OUTDOOR EQUITY;

14 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RENEWABLE ENERGY

15 INDUSTRY WITH EXPERIENCE LEASING RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES ON

16 STATE TRUST LANDS; AND

17 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A HUNTING OR ANGLING

18 ORGANIZATION.

19 (V) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO THE

20 WORK GROUP:

21 (A) ONE EDUCATIONAL STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTING RURAL

22 SCHOOLS;

23 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINING INDUSTRY WITH

24 EXPERIENCE LEASING PROPERTY ON STATE TRUST LANDS; AND

25 (C) ONE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF A MUNICIPALITY.

26 (VI) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO

27 THE WORK GROUP:

28 (A) ONE OIL AND GAS OPERATOR WITH EXPERIENCE LEASING

29 PROPERTY ON STATE TRUST LANDS; AND

30 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER OR

31 REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

32 (VII) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:

33 (A) ONE MEMBER WITH ECONOMIC EXPERTISE RELATED TO ISSUES

34 THE WORK GROUP WILL STUDY, INCLUDING OPTION VALUE, AS DESCRIBED

35 IN SECTION 36-1-152.5 (1)(a)(V), AND CONSERVATION LEASING; AND

36 (B) ONE MEMBER WITH LEGAL EXPERTISE, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGE

37 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, FIDUCIARY DUTIES, AND STATUTES

38 GOVERNING THE ISSUES THE WORK GROUP WILL STUDY.

39 (VIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL,

40 THROUGH THE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CREATED IN

41 SECTION 24-44-102, PRESENT TO THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE AND THE

42 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE ON THE WORK GROUP AND ITS OBJECTIVES

43 AND INVITE THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE AND THE SOUTHERN UTE

44 INDIAN TRIBE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK GROUP. THE UTE MOUNTAIN

45 UTE TRIBE AND THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE MAY ACCEPT OR

1   DECLINE THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND, IF EITHER TRIBE ELECTS TO  
2   PARTICIPATE, THE TRIBE SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON  
3   THE WORK GROUP.

4           (IX) THE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CREATED IN  
5   SECTION 24-44-102 SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP ONE MEMBER  
6   WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY IN  
7   COLORADO."

8   Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

9   Page 14, line 15, strike "AND".

10   Page 14, strike line 17 and substitute "DESIGNEE;

11           (VI) THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER OR THE  
12   OFFICER'S DESIGNEE."

13   Page 15, strike line 6 and substitute "RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ON  
14   STATE TRUST LANDS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CHALLENGES  
15   ASSOCIATED WITH RECREATIONAL ACCESS ON STATE TRUST LAND PARCELS  
16   WITH EXISTING AGRICULTURAL LEASES; AND".

17   Page 15, strike lines 26 and 27.

18   Page 16, strike lines 1 through 4 and substitute:

19           "(c) IDENTIFICATION OF STATE TRUST LAND PARCELS THAT  
20   PRESENT UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSERVATION AND EDUCATIONAL  
21   PURPOSES, WHICH IDENTIFICATION MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS  
22   TO WHETHER AND HOW LONG-TERM DISPOSITION OF PARCELS SHOULD  
23   OCCUR, INCLUDING LEASE, EASEMENT, OR FEE TITLE ACQUISITION FOR  
24   CONSERVATION PURPOSES SUCH AS HABITAT RESTORATION OR ECOSYSTEM  
25   SERVICES. IDENTIFICATION OF PARCELS MUST INCLUDE CONSIDERATION  
26   OF:".

27   Page 16, strike lines 21 and 22 and substitute:

28           "(C) WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS;  
29           (D) HABITAT CONNECTIVITY; AND  
30           (E) AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES;".

31   Page 16, line 27, strike "STATES," and substitute "STATES AND  
32   CONSIDERATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF LESSEES AND ADJACENT  
33   LANDOWNERS,".

34   Page 17, line 4, before "LESSONS" insert "ANY APPLICABLE".

- 1 Page 19, line 15, strike "OCTOBER 1, 2025," and substitute "FEBRUARY 1,  
2 2026,".
- 3 Page 19, strike lines 23 through 27.
- 4 Page 20, strike lines 1 and 2.
- 5 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 6 Page 20, strike line 17 and substitute "VIEWING, AND AN ANALYSIS OF  
7 HOW THOSE STATES MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO CURRENT LEASES ON THE SAME  
8 PARCEL.".
- 9 Page 20, line 20, strike "DECEMBER 15, 2026," and substitute "FEBRUARY  
10 15, 2027,".
- 11 Strike page 21 and substitute:

12 "(b) A SPECIFIC PROCESS TO SUBSTANTIATE HOW THE STATE  
13 BOARD BALANCES REVENUE GENERATION WITH CONSERVING THE  
14 LONG-TERM VALUE OF STATE TRUST LANDS;

15 (c) ANY OTHER POLICIES OR RULES THE STATE BOARD, IN ITS  
16 DISCRETION, DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 10 OF ARTICLE IX  
17 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION; AND

18 (d) A SCHEDULE TO REVIEW AND UPDATE BY DECEMBER 2028, IF  
19 NECESSARY, ALL EXISTING STEWARDSHIP TRUST MANAGEMENT PLANS OR  
20 OTHER APPLICABLE PLANS TO ACHIEVE CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND  
21 REQUIRE CORRECTIVE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
22 EXISTING STEWARDSHIP TRUST POLICY AND LEASE TERMS.

23 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
24 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
25 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
26 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
27 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
28 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
29 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
30 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
31 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.".

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