

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 21, 2025
Date

Committee on Agriculture, Water & Natural Resources.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1332 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

- 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.

- 1 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 2 Page 9, line 14, after "expand" insert "conservation, restoration, and".
- 3 Page 9, strike lines 20 through 27.
- 4 Page 10, strike line 1 and substitute:
- 5 "(III) Respecting the rights of existing lessees; and".
- 6 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.
- 7 Page 10, strike lines 8 through 13 and substitute "transmission siting, and
8 housing, where appropriate."
- 9 Page 10, line 23, strike "MEANS:" and substitute "MEANS, WITH REGARD
10 TO THE LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP TRUST:".
- 11 Page 12, strike lines 13 through 22 and substitute:
- 12 "FOR RECREATION, CONSERVATION, AND AGRICULTURE;
13 (II) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026,
14 TO THE GOVERNOR; THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AGRICULTURE,
15 WATER, AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE
16 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, OR THEIR
17 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES; THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS;
18 AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT;
19 (III) BE ASSISTED BY A PROFESSIONAL FACILITATOR;
20 (IV) ENGAGE SPECIALISTS OR SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AS
21 NEEDED, INCLUDING EXPERTS ON THE ECONOMY, LANDSCAPE ECOLOGY,
22 AGRICULTURE, AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE; AND".
- 23 Renumber succeeding subparagraph accordingly.
- 24 Page 12, line 26, strike "FEBRUARY 28," and substitute "MARCH 16,".
- 25 Page 13, strike lines 5 through 27.
- 26 Page 14, strike lines 1 through 6 and substitute:
- 27 "(3) (a) BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2025, APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL
28 APPOINT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE WORK GROUP PURSUANT TO

1 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION. IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS, THE
2 APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ACHIEVE GEOGRAPHIC
3 DIVERSITY ON THE WORK GROUP. IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE WORK
4 GROUP SHALL SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT, INCLUDING INPUT REGARDING
5 IDENTIFICATION OF PARTICULAR PROPERTIES TO CONSIDER AND
6 MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCLUDE IN THE STUDY.

7 (b) (I) THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL
8 APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:

9 (A) ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION
10 ASSISTANCE BOARD CREATED IN SECTION 22-43.7-106;

11 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION
12 WITH EXPERTISE IN LAND CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP; AND

13 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A WILDLIFE AND HABITAT
14 CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION.

15 (II) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
16 SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:

17 (A) ONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER;

18 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF NONMOTORIZED RECREATION; AND

19 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE ENTITY
20 WITH EXPERIENCE LEASING PROPERTY ON STATE LANDS.

21 (III) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:

23 (A) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MOTORIZED RECREATION; AND

24 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER OR
25 REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

26 (IV) THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK
27 GROUP:

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

29 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RENEWABLE ENERGY
30 INDUSTRY WITH EXPERIENCE LEASING RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES ON
31 STATE TRUST LANDS; AND

32 (C) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A HUNTING OR ANGLING
33 ORGANIZATION.

34 (V) THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO THE
35 WORK GROUP:

36 (A) ONE EDUCATIONAL STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTING RURAL
37 SCHOOLS;

38 (B) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MINING INDUSTRY WITH
39 EXPERIENCE LEASING PROPERTY ON STATE TRUST LANDS; AND

40 (C) ONE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF A MUNICIPALITY.

41 (VI) THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL APPOINT TO
42 THE WORK GROUP:

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

1 PROPERTY ON STATE TRUST LANDS; AND
2 (B) ONE MEMBER WHO IS AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCER OR
3 REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION.
4 (VII) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP:
5 (A) ONE MEMBER WITH ECONOMIC EXPERTISE RELATED TO ISSUES
6 THE WORK GROUP WILL STUDY, INCLUDING OPTION VALUE, AS DESCRIBED
7 IN SECTION 36-1-152.5 (1)(a)(V), AND CONSERVATION LEASING;
8 (B) ONE MEMBER WITH LEGAL EXPERTISE, INCLUDING KNOWLEDGE
9 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, FIDUCIARY DUTIES, AND STATUTES
10 GOVERNING THE ISSUES THE WORK GROUP WILL STUDY; AND
11 (C) ONE MEMBER WITH WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
12 EXPERIENCE.
13 (VIII) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL,
14 THROUGH THE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CREATED IN
15 SECTION 24-44-102, PRESENT TO THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE AND THE
16 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE ON THE WORK GROUP AND ITS OBJECTIVES
17 AND INVITE THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE AND THE SOUTHERN UTE
18 INDIAN TRIBE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK GROUP. THE UTE MOUNTAIN
19 UTE TRIBE AND THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE MAY ACCEPT OR
20 DECLINE THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND, IF EITHER TRIBE ELECTS TO
21 PARTICIPATE, THE TRIBE SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON
22 THE WORK GROUP.
23 (IX) THE COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS CREATED IN
24 SECTION 24-44-102 SHALL APPOINT TO THE WORK GROUP ONE MEMBER
25 WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY IN
26 COLORADO."

27 Reletter succeeding paragraph accordingly.

28 Page 14, line 15, strike "AND".

29 Page 14, strike line 17 and substitute "DESIGNEE; AND

30 (VI) THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER OR THE
31 OFFICER'S DESIGNEE."

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

36 Page 15, line 22, after "RESILIENCY," insert "WATER RESOURCES,".

37 Page 15, strike lines 26 and 27.

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

2 "(c) IDENTIFICATION OF STATE TRUST LAND PARCELS THAT
3 PRESENT UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSERVATION AND EDUCATIONAL
4 PURPOSES, WHICH IDENTIFICATION MAY INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS
5 TO WHETHER AND HOW LONG-TERM DISPOSITION OF PARCELS SHOULD
6 OCCUR, INCLUDING LEASE, EASEMENT, OR FEE TITLE ACQUISITION FOR
7 CONSERVATION PURPOSES SUCH AS HABITAT RESTORATION OR ECOSYSTEM
8 SERVICES. IDENTIFICATION OF PARCELS MUST INCLUDE CONSIDERATION
9 OF:".

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

11 "(C) WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN AREAS;
12 (D) HABITAT CONNECTIVITY; AND
13 (E) AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES;".

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

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

18 Page 19, line 15, strike "OCTOBER 1, 2025," and substitute "FEBRUARY 1,
19 2026,".

20 Page 19, strike lines 23 through 27.

21 Page 20, strike lines 1 and 2.

22 Reletter succeeding paragraphs accordingly.

23 Page 20, strike line 17 and substitute "VIEWING, AND AN ANALYSIS OF
24 HOW THOSE STATES MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO CURRENT LEASES ON THE SAME
25 PARCEL.".

26 Page 20, line 20, strike "DECEMBER 15, 2026," and substitute "FEBRUARY
27 15, 2027,".

28 Strike page 21 and substitute:

29 "(b) A SPECIFIC PROCESS TO SUBSTANTIATE HOW THE STATE
30 BOARD BALANCES REVENUE GENERATION WITH CONSERVING THE

1 LONG-TERM VALUE OF STATE TRUST LANDS;
2 (c) ANY OTHER POLICIES OR RULES THE STATE BOARD, IN ITS
3 DISCRETION, DEEMS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 10 OF ARTICLE IX
4 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION; AND
5 (d) A SCHEDULE TO REVIEW AND UPDATE BY DECEMBER 2028, IF
6 NECESSARY, ALL EXISTING STEWARDSHIP TRUST MANAGEMENT PLANS OR
7 OTHER APPLICABLE PLANS TO ACHIEVE CONSERVATION PURPOSES AND
8 REQUIRE CORRECTIVE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
9 EXISTING STEWARDSHIP TRUST POLICY AND LEASE TERMS.
10 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
13 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
14 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
15 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
16 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
17 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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