

Wyoming Liberty Index

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SF0008, Agency land sale, acquisition and exchange authority.

Sponsors: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands and Water Resources Interim Committee

Comments

Grants increased authority to the board of land commissioners to trade lands so as to increase its holdings. Since the lands should be privatized, the board should act as trustees for the trust beneficiaries, the people of Wyoming. This bill would improve the ability of the trustees to improve the estate of the beneficiaries. Still, such a grant of authority could be badly abused. Liberty neutral.

N: No fiscal or personnel impact. This bill is an attempt to place a ceiling on the amount of land that the State of Wyoming may hold a fee title interest in unless such gain is from sales or exchanges with the national government. This is flawed on two points: 1) It implies that the national government holds fee title interest in Wyoming State lands that are MANAGED by agencies of the national government, and 2) It imposes an arbitrary feel-good limitation on land holding by the State of Wyoming that can be overturned by the Legislature at any time in the future. The only beneficiaries of this bill are the bureaucracy of the State of Wyoming and the national government. And finally, ignoring the provisions of the Constitution of the USA almost always promotes the centralization of governmental power and damages Liberty.

Weighted Rating: -1.00. Unweighted Rating: -1.00.

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