

Alaska:

2015:

CACFA - Alaska State Lands Advisory Group (ASLAG)

Among other things, ASLAG has been tasked with understanding, discussing and advising on the viability of and potential for transferring the ownership and/or management of federal public lands in Alaska to the State of Alaska. The group is strictly advisory to CACFA and will not make decisions or set policy for the State.

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/cacfa/MeetingInformation.html>

HB 115: AK Sovereignty; US Transfer land to Alaska

Sponsor: Chenault, Johnson, Olson, Keller, Millett, Talerico, Herron

Description: An Act relating to the transfer of public land from the federal government to the state and to the disposal of that land; and providing for an effective date.

Status: Passed the House and is awaiting review by the Senate Resources Committee during the next legislative session (starting January 2016).

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?bill=HB%20115&session=29

Arizona:

2012:

SB 1332 federal lands; conveyance and taxation

Sponsor: Senator Melvin

Description: Requires the United States to extinguish title to all public lands in Arizona and transfer title of those lands to the state.

Status: Passed, vetoed by Governor Brewer

http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=SB1332&Session_ID=107

HCM 2002 federal lands; devolution to Arizona

Sponsor: Representatives Barton, Burges, Crandell: Fann, Gowan, Yee, Senator Allen

Description: Urges the United States government to immediately dispose of the public lands in Arizona's borders directly to the state of Arizona.

Status: Did Not Pass, Held in House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HCM2002&Session_ID=107

2015:

House Bill 2658 Transfer of Federal Lands; Study Committee

Sponsor: Representative Brenda Barton

Description: This bill develops a study committee to analyze the current use of public lands. The study committee will conduct hearings to collect, evaluate, and analyze information relating to federal lands in Arizona with the objective of understanding: environmental quality, economic productivity and sustainability, public health, safety and welfare, consistency with state and local objectives, ownership and jurisdictional responsibilities, and other elements important to the committee.

Status: Passed

http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HB2658&Session_ID=114

House Bill 2176 Federal Lands Relinquishment

Sponsor: Representative Bob Thorpe

Description: The bill would require the Arizona attorney general to annually request the federal government to relinquish all constitutionally federal land and transfer title to Arizona by December 31, 2021. Furthermore, this bill would allow the attorney general to initiate proceedings against the federal government to force the relinquishment of all remaining constitutional federal land in Arizona beginning January 1, 2022.

Status: Passed, vetoed by Governor

http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HB2176&Session_ID=114

House Bill 2318: Transfer of Public Land Compact

Sponsor: Representative Brenda Barton

Description: This bill would adopt a Compact with 11 Western States to develop legal mechanisms for transferring federally controlled public lands to member states. Furthermore, it establishes the compact and the commission to study and collect data and develop political and legal mechanisms to secure the transfer of certain public lands to the respective member states.

Status: Passed, vetoed by the Governor

http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HB2318&Session_ID=114

House Concurrent Memorial 2005: Federal Lands; Devolution to Arizona

Sponsor: Representative Brenda Barton

Description: This memorial urges the federal government to dispose of the public lands in, and transfer title to, Arizona by December 31, 2019.

Status: Passed

http://www.azleg.gov/DocumentsForBill.asp?Bill_Number=HCM2005&Session_ID=114

Colorado:

2013:

SB 13-142 Cede Federal Agricultural Public Lands

Sponsor: Rep Sonnenberg, Sen Renfroe

Description: This bill requires the federal government to cede or extinguish title to all public agricultural lands to the state of Colorado for management.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Appropriations Committee

http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2013a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/FEC5F5105557254D87257B4B0059FC65?open&file=SJR031_01.pdf

SJR 13-031 Request Federal Government to Ceded Agricultural Public Lands

Sponsor: Rep Sonnenberg, Sen Renfroe

Description: Request for certain agricultural lands managed by the federal government to be transferred to the state of Colorado.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2013a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/FEC5F5105557254D87257B4B0059FC65?open&file=SJR031_01.pdf

2015:

SB15-232: CO Federal Land Mgmt. Commission

Sponsor: Rep Baumgardner & Sen Sonnenberg --Coram

Description: The bill creates the Colorado federal land management commission (commission) consisting of 15 members. The bill requires the commission to conduct a study to address the transfer of public lands in Colorado from the federal government to the state in contemplation of congress turning over the management and control of those public lands to the state. The bill also requires the commission to submit reports of its findings and recommendations to the agriculture committees of the House of Representatives and the senate and requires the commission to make a presentation of

its final report to the agriculture committees of the House of Representatives and the senate.

Status: Did Not Pass. Passed Senate Committee. Held on Senate Second Reading Calendar

http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2015a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/10D8693843F31A4487257DC400824809?open&file=232_01.pdf

Idaho

2013:

HCR 21 Sate Acquiring Federal Land - Study

Sponsor: State Affairs Committee

Description: Stating findings of the Legislature and authorizing the Legislative Council to appoint a study committee to ascertain the process for the State of Idaho to acquire title to and control of public lands controlled by the federal government in the State of Idaho.

Status: Passed

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/HCR021.htm>

HCR 22 Federal Government – Public Lands- Transfer

Sponsor: Rep Denney, Sen Siddoway, State Affairs Committee

Stating findings of the Legislature and demanding that the federal government imminently transfer title to all of the public lands within Idaho's borders directly to the State of Idaho.

Status: Passed

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2013/HCR022.htm>

2015:

HCR8: Natural Resources Issues-Study

Sponsor: Raybould

Description: Stating findings of the Legislature and authorizing the Legislative Council to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of natural resource issues.

Status: Passed

<http://www.legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2015/HCR008.htm>

Montana

2013:

SJ 15 Interim Study on Public Land Management

Sponsor: Sen Fielder

Description: A joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Montana requesting an interim study evaluating the management of certain federal lands; assessing risks; and identifying solutions.

Status: Passed

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=15&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=SJ&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20131](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=15&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=SJ&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20131)

2015:

SB215 Prohibit State Sales of Public Lands Transferred from Feds to the State In the Future

Sponsor: Sen Fielder

Description: Prohibits the sales of land granted or transferred to the state.

STATUS: Did Not Pass. Tabled in Senate Natural Resource Committee.

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=215&P_BLT_P_BILL_TYP_CD=SB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=215&P_BLT_P_BILL_TYP_CD=SB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20151)

SB 274 Prohibit the Sale of the Federal Land in Montana

Sponsor: Sen Fielder

Description: Prohibits the sale of federal land in the state of Montana.

STATUS: Did Not Pass. Tabled in Senate Judiciary Committee.

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=274&P_BLT_P_BILL_TYP_CD=SB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=274&P_BLT_P_BILL_TYP_CD=SB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20151)

SB 298 Require Attorney General to Pursue Reimbursement of Money Owed to Montana Pursuant to the Enabling Act; Depositing Recovered Funds in the Permanent Fund for the Support of Common Schools

Sponsor: Sen Fielder

Description: Section 13 of Montana's Statehood Enabling Act requires the federal government to pay Montana 5% of the proceeds each time the United States sells public land in Montana. The funds are to be deposited into the State permanent fund for common schools. Some agencies have paid the amount owed to Montana, and some have not. SB298 directs Montana's Attorney General to pursue recovery of all funds owed to Montana for past, present, and future sales of public lands executed by the United States.

STATUS: Passed

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W\\$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=298&P_BLT_P_BILL_TYP_CD=SB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0210W$BSIV.ActionQuery?P_BILL_NO1=298&P_BLT_P_BILL_TYP_CD=SB&Z_ACTION=Find&P_SESS=20151)

HB496 Establish TPL Public Lands Task Force

Sponsor: Rep White

Description: Establishing the Public Lands Task Force to study the management responsibility for public land currently administered by the state of Montana or the United States, except congressionally designated Wilderness Areas and National Parks; requiring a final report; and appropriating funds.

Status: Passed, vetoed by Governor.

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0203W\\$BSRV.ActionQuery?P_SESS=20151&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=HB&P_BILL_NO=496&P_BILL_DFT_NO=&P_CHPT_NO=&Z_ACTION=Find&P_ENTY_ID_SEQ2=15235&P_SBJT_SBJ_CD=&P_ENTY_ID_SEQ=](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0203W$BSRV.ActionQuery?P_SESS=20151&P_BLTP_BILL_TYP_CD=HB&P_BILL_NO=496&P_BILL_DFT_NO=&P_CHPT_NO=&Z_ACTION=Find&P_ENTY_ID_SEQ2=15235&P_SBJT_SBJ_CD=&P_ENTY_ID_SEQ=)

Nevada

2013:

AB 227 Related to Public Lands; (BDR S-594)

Sponsor: Rep Ellison

Description: Creates the Nevada Land Management Task Force to conduct a study addressing the transfer of certain public lands in this State.

Status: Passed

<https://nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013/App#/77th2013/Bill/Overview/ab227>

2015:

SJR 1: Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 (BDR R-451)

Sponsor: Goicoechea, Gustavson, Ellison, Hansen, Oscarson, Wheeler, Hambrick, Dooling, Fiore, Kirner

Description: Urges Congress to enact legislation transferring title to certain public lands to the State of Nevada in accordance with the report prepared by the Nevada Land Management Task Force.

Status: Passed

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Reports/history.cfm?ID=34>
<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/78th2015/Reports/history.cfm?billname=SJR1>

New Mexico

2013:

HB 292 Transfer of Public Lands Act

Sponsor: Rep Herrell

Description: Defining public lands to be transferred from the federal government to the state; Developing a mechanism for the transfer of federal public lands to the state; Creating the public lands transfer task force.

Status: Did Not Pass. No recommendation by House Health, Government, Indian Affairs Committee and House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?chamber=H&legtype=B&legno=292&year=13>

SB 404 Transfer of Public Lands Act

Sponsor: Sen Woods

Description: Defining public lands to be transferred from the federal government to the state; Developing a mechanism for the transfer of federal public lands to the state; Creating the public lands transfer task force.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Judiciary and Senate Conservation Committees.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?chamber=S&legtype=B&legno=404&year=13>

SM93 Study Transfer of Federal Lands

Sponsor: Sen Sharer

Description: Requesting that the Legislative Finance Committee and Appropriate Interim Committees examine the idea of transferring federal lands to New Mexico and that the commissioner of public lands pursue the transfer of federal disposal land.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Conservation Committee.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?chamber=S&legtype=M&legno=93&year=13>

SJM 56 Study Transfer of Federal Lands

Sponsor: Sen Sharer

Description: Requesting that the Legislative Finance Committee and Appropriate Interim Committees examine the idea of transferring federal lands to New Mexico and that the commissioner of public lands pursue the transfer of federal disposal land.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Conservation Committee.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?chamber=S&legtype=JM&legno=56&year=13>

SJM 53 Examine Transfer of Federal Lands to State

Sponsor: Sen Sharer

Description: Requesting that the Legislative Finance Committee and Appropriate Interim Committees examine the idea of transferring federal lands to New Mexico and that the commissioner of public lands pursue the transfer of federal disposal land.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Rules and Senate Conservation Committees.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?chamber=S&legtype=JM&legno=53&year=13>

2014:

SM 47 Study Transfer of Federal Lands to State

Sponsor: Sen Griggs

Description: Recognizing the budgetary burdens created by the vast federal land holdings in New Mexico; Proposing a framework for the transfer of federal lands to New

Mexico; Requesting a study of the management capacity of state agencies to accommodate a transfer.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Rules and Senate Conservation Committees.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?chamber=S&legtype=M&legno=47&year=14>

2015:

HB 291: NM Federal Land Management Study Commission

Sponsor: Rep Herrell

Description: Creation of a study commission to consider whether to pursue transfer of federal public lands to the state and to study state management of federally owned ground for watershed protection.

Status: Did Not Pass. Passed House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee. Held in House Judiciary Committee.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?Chamber=H&LegType=B&LegNo=291&year=15>

SB 483 NM Federal Land Management Study Commission

Sponsor: Sen Sharer

Description: Creation of a study commission to consider whether to pursue transfer of federal public lands to the state and to study state management of federally owned ground for watershed protection.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in Senate Rules and Senate Conservation Committees.

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislation.aspx?Chamber=S&LegType=B&LegNo=483&year=15>

Oregon

2015:

HB3444 Relating to Federal Lands

Sponsor: Rep Weidner

Description: Requires United States to extinguish title to public lands and transfer title to public lands to state on or before December 13, 2018. Directs Department of State

Lands to study issues related to land transfer required by Act and to report on study to Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2017. Sunsets report requirement on January 2, 2018.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/HB3444>

HJM13

Sponsor: Rep Wilson

Description: Urging President and Congress to transfer title of certain federal public lands to State of Oregon.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/HJM13>

HB3240 Relating to federal lands; declaring an emergency

Sponsor: Rep Wilson and Rep Esquivel

Description: Establishes Task Force on the Transfer of Federal Land Ownership in Oregon. Sunsets December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Status: Did Not Pass. Held in House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use and Water. Referred to House Ways and Means Committee.

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Measures/Overview/HB3240>

Washington

2015:

HB 1262 \ SB 5405: Federal lands in state, transfer of, establishing legislative task force to study

Sponsor: Representatives Blake, Takko, Kretz, Springer, Short, Lytton, Wilcox, Pike, Reykdal, Haler, McCaslin, Buys. Senators Pearson, Dansel, Warnick

Description: Creates a legislative task force on the transfer of federal lands to study the risks, options, and benefits of transferring federal lands in this state to an alternative ownership.

Status: In Senate Rules Committee, "X" File.

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5405&year=2015>

HB 1192: Concerning the transfer of federal land to the state

Sponsor: Representatives Taylor, Shea, Kretz, G. Hunt, Short, Chandler, Schmick, Scott, McCaslin, Buys, Vick, Haler, Condotta, Young

Description: Establishes the transfer of public lands act. Creates the joint select committee on the transfer of public lands to analyze the various public lands in the state and make recommendations to the legislature regarding the disposal of these properties, including transfer of title.

Status: In House Committee on Capital Budget

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?year=2015&bill=1192>

HB 1115-2015-16: Capital Budget

Sponsor: Representatives Dunshee, DeBolt, Gregerson, Morris, Reykdal

Description: Sec 3241 P. 158 This was an appropriations bill. The bill contained a section where \$500,000 was appropriated to the Washington State Institute for Public Policy to study the issues and impacts of transferring federal land to the state of Washington.

Status: This bill with Section 3241 passed both the House and Senate. The governor did a partial veto of this bill and vetoed section 3241.

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1115&year=2015>

Wyoming

2015:

SF056: Select Federal Natural Resource Management Committee

AN ACT relating to public lands; providing that the office of state lands and investments shall commission a study and provide a report addressing management of public lands in Wyoming by the state of Wyoming as specified; specifying what the study shall not include; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

Status: Passed

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2015/billreference/BillReference.aspx?type=SF>

HB0209: Transfer of Federal Lands

Sponsor: Rep Miller

Description: AN ACT relating to public lands; providing legislative findings; requiring transfer of public lands; specifying distribution of proceeds from sale of public lands; creating a joint select committee on the transfer of public lands; providing duties of the committee; providing definitions; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

Status: Did Not Pass. Passed full House. Died in Senate Committee.

<http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2015/billreference/BillReference.aspx?type=ALL>

Utah

2012:

HB148 Transfer of Public Lands Act and Related Study

Sponsor: Rep Ivory

Description: This bill addresses issues related to public lands, including the transfer of title to public lands to the state and requiring the Constitutional Defense Council to study or draft proposed legislation on certain issues related to public lands.

Status: Passed

<http://le.utah.gov/~2012/bills/static/HB0148.html>

2014:

HB 164 Interstate Compact on Transfer of Public Lands

Sponsor: Rep Stratton

Description: This bill provides for an interstate compact for the transfer of western public lands from federal control to state control.

Status: Passed

<http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HB0164.html>

HCR 13 Concurrent Resolution on Transfer of Public Lands Act

Sponsor: Rep Noel

Description: This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor calls upon the federal government to honor the promises that it honored with all states east of Colorado and transfer title of public lands to all willing western states.

Status: Passed

<http://le.utah.gov/~2014/bills/static/HCR013.html>

2015:

HB132: Interstate Compact on Transfer of Public Lands Amendments

Sponsor: Rep Stratton \ Sen Vickers

Description: Adds financing provisions to the Interstate Compact on the Transfer of Public Lands.

Status: Passed

<http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0132.html>

HB303 S02: Legislative Approval of Land Transfers

Sponsor: Rep Stratton, Sen Hinkins

Description: requires the governor, an executive agency, or a political subdivision to submit a proposal to sell, exchange, or transfer 500 acres or more of state land for legislative approval; requires the governor, an executive agency, or a political subdivision to notify the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee of any proposal to sell, exchange, or transfer less than 500 acres of state land; and requires a political subdivision that enters into a discussion with a federal agent or entity regarding land management issues to provide written notice to the Legislature.

Status: Passed

<http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/HB0303.html>

SB48: Evaluating Federal Land

Sponsor: Sen Osmond, Rep Lifferth

Description: Directs the State Tax Commission to identify specified federal land and to make calculations of property tax and other revenues that would be generated if that land were privately owned; and requires the State Tax Commission to report to an appropriations subcommittee of the Legislature and to provide a copy of the report to specified federal officers.

Status: Did Not Pass. Passed full Senate and House Committee. Returned to House Rules Committee and held.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0048.html>

SB0105: Public Lands Act Amendments

Sponsor: Sen Dubakis \ Rep Stratton

Description: This bill requires the attorney general to file a petition by June 30, 2015, demanding a determination of the ownership of public lands.

Status: Did Not Pass. Passed full Senate and House Committee. Returned to House Rules Committee and held.

<http://le.utah.gov/~2015/bills/static/SB0105.html>

Funding Requests: Funding Request for County Planning, Legal Counsel and PR

Requester: Rep Stratton

Description: Provide funding for county socio-economic studies for NEPA planning, outside legal counsel and PR work on TPL for the state.

Status: Passed

Federal Legislative Matters

2015:

H.R. 1484 -- Honor the Nevada Enabling Act of 1864 Act

Sponsor: Congressman Amodei

Description: Direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal lands to the State of Nevada in fulfillment of the Nevada Statehood Enabling Act, and for other purposes.

Status: Introduced and referred to sub committee

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c114:H.R.1484>

Federal Land Action Group

Description: Representatives Chris Stewart (R-Utah) and Rob Bishop (R-Utah) launched the Federal Land Action Group, a congressional team that will develop a legislative framework for transferring public lands to local ownership and control. The Federal Land Action Group will hold a series of forums with experts on public lands policy, with the goal of introducing transfer legislation. Other members of the Group include Representatives Mark Amodei (R-Nev.), Diane Black (R-Tenn.), Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), Cresent Hardy (R-Nev.), and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY). Congressman Stewart is the chair of this working group and they held their first meeting on July 29, 2015.

<http://stewart.house.gov/flag>