

REFERENCE TITLE: state land department; disposition plan

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HB 2426

Introduced by
Representatives Griffin: Diaz, Taylor; Senator Gowan

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE FIVE YEAR DISPOSITION PLAN.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Five year disposition plan; requirements; delayed
3 repeal

4 A. Within two years of the effective date of this act, the state
5 land commissioner shall:

6 1. Complete the five year disposition plan for state lands pursuant
7 to section 37-331.03, subsection D, Arizona Revised Statutes.

8 2. Adopt written policies and procedures for updating the five year
9 disposition plan every five years.

10 3. Adopt written policies and procedures on how the state land
11 department will use the five year disposition plans for determining
12 whether state trust lands are or will be sent to public auction.

13 4. Provide a copy of the five year disposition plan and the
14 policies and procedures adopted pursuant to this section to the president
15 of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

16 B. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2029.

17 Sec. 2. Legislative findings

18 The legislature finds that:

19 1. According to the auditor general's performance audit and sunset
20 review of the state land department completed on July 9, 2025, the state
21 land department has failed to develop the statutorily required five year
22 disposition plans since 2016.

23 2. According to the auditor general's performance audit and sunset
24 review, all five members of the urban land planning oversight committee
25 have been vacant since at least 2018.

26 3. Pursuant to sections 37-331.02 and 37-331.03, Arizona Revised
27 Statutes, the urban land planning oversight committee serves in an
28 advisory role only and is not required for the commissioner to fulfill the
29 commissioner's obligations to create a five year disposition plan pursuant
30 to statute.

31 4. The fact that the governor has not appointed any members to the
32 urban land planning oversight committee has not absolved the commissioner
33 of the commissioner's obligations to create a five year disposition plan
34 as prescribed in section 37-331.03, Arizona Revised Statutes.

35 5. The creation of a five year disposition plan is necessary for
36 housing affordability and to ensure the highest and best use of the land
37 for the beneficiaries of the trust.