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HOUSE BILL 2425

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO CONDUCT A SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE STATE LAND DEPARTMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Auditor general; special audit; state land
3 department

4 A. The auditor general shall conduct a special audit pursuant to
5 section 41-1279.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, of the state land
6 department.

7 B. The special audit must examine all of the following:

8 1. Vacancy on state trust lands with a slope of less than fifteen
9 percent. The audit must include an analysis of whether any parties have
10 submitted applications or letters of interest for the state trust land
11 parcels and reasons provided by the state land department for denial of
12 any application or letter of interest.

13 2. Any commissioner-initiated land sales in counties with a
14 population of more than four hundred thousand persons that received only
15 one bid. The audit must include reasons why one bid was received on the
16 land sale, including an evaluation of the appraised value of the land that
17 was sold.

18 3. Any solar leases and sales on state trust lands that went to
19 public auction and received only one bid. The audit must include reasons
20 why one bid was received on the land lease or sale, including an
21 evaluation of the appraised value of the land that was leased or sold.

22 4. An evaluation of the reclamation requirements the state land
23 department requires of any solar lease or sale to restore the lands to
24 previous conditions at the end of the solar projects useful life.