

SENATE BILL NO. 236

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO RECOMMEND OPTIONS TO DEVELOP A REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Legislative findings -- development of real property management strategy.** (1) The legislature finds that:

(a) Montana does not currently have a complete and accurate inventory of all nontrust real property owned by the state, and without such an inventory it is impossible to know how many parcels and how many acres of nontrust real property the state owns;

(b) the state needs a centralized real property transaction function to facilitate and oversee the processes for acquiring, disposing of, and transferring real property on behalf of agencies that do not have that management authority under existing state law;

(c) the legislature should evaluate the need for a centralized, statewide real property management strategy covering all real property assets used by various agencies for the day-to-day administration of state government, including responsibility for maintenance of the existing inventory of nontrust real property.

(2) (a) To address the findings in subsection (1), the department of administration shall, before September 15, 2020, recommend to the state administration and veterans' affairs committee interim committee options that would enable the department to develop a centralized, statewide real property management strategy.

(b) The options must address how the strategy would include:

(i) a centralized real property transaction function to facilitate and oversee the processes for acquiring, disposing of, and transferring real property on behalf of agencies not authorized by statute to perform those functions; and

(ii) implementation of processes to ensure efficient use of real property and timely decisions to repurpose or dispose of underutilized or surplus real property.

(3) The department of administration shall address options to incorporate the duties assigned to the



- 1 department of natural resources and conservation pursuant to Title 77, chapter 1, part 7, related to nontrust land
- 2 into the statewide real property management strategy.
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