

Senate File 2324 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 2324
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3129)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to restrictions on the acquisition of real
2 property by the department of natural resources.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 461A.10A Restrictions on acquiring
2 real property.

3 1. The department shall not acquire real property available
4 for sale at an auction for real property. The department
5 shall only acquire real property from a willing donor or
6 willing seller, who shall not be under any compulsion by the
7 department. The department shall not acquire real property by
8 donation from a nonprofit corporation that directly purchased
9 real property for sale at an auction.

10 2. For purposes of this section, "auction" means a public
11 auction or private auction, including but not limited to an
12 auction by electronic means, an auction by sealed bid, or a
13 conventional oral auction.

14 Sec. 2. Section 461A.11, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 1. The commission may accept gifts of land or other
17 property, subject to section 461A.10, or the use of lands or
18 other property for a term of years, and improve and use the
19 land as public state parks.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill restricts the acquisition of real property by the
24 department of natural resources (DNR). The bill prohibits
25 DNR from acquiring real property at an auction. The bill
26 authorizes DNR to only acquire property through willing donors
27 and sellers, who shall not be under the compulsion of DNR. DNR
28 also shall not acquire property from a nonprofit corporation
29 that purchased the property at an auction.