

Senate File 553 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 553
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1198)

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:

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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 a public auction for real property. The department
5 shall only acquire real property from a willing donor or willing
6 seller, who shall not be under any compulsion by the department.
7 The department shall not acquire real property for more than
8 appraised value from a nonprofit corporation that directly
9 purchased real property for sale at a public auction.

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

13 Sec. 2. Section 461A.11, subsection 1, Code 2025, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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

19 EXPLANATION

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

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