

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0061

State land lease preference amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Banks, Davis, Erickson and  
Winter and Senator(s) Crago, French, Ide,  
Pearson and Steinmetz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state land leasing; authorizing a person  
2 who is not currently in violation of the terms of their  
3 state land lease to have a preferred right to renew their  
4 lease; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-5-105(c)(intro) is amended to  
9 read:

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11 **36-5-105. Criteria for leasing; preferences;**  
12 **assignments, subleases or contracts; lands taken for war**  
13 **purposes; mineral lands excepted; agricultural lands.**

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1           (c) An applicant who is the holder of an expiring  
2 lease, and has paid the rental when due, and ~~has~~is not  
3 ~~violated~~currently in violation of the provisions of the  
4 lease, and is qualified under the provisions of W.S.  
5 36-5-101, shall have a preferred right to renew such lease  
6 by meeting the highest bid offered by another qualified  
7 applicant whose bid is not less than the minimum fair  
8 market value as determined by the board for the same or a  
9 similar use of land using the formula developed pursuant to  
10 W.S. 36-5-101(b) and not more than one hundred twenty  
11 percent (120%) of the maximum fair market value as  
12 determined by the board based on the previous year's values  
13 for the state, district or county, whichever is most  
14 localized and available, as determined by the national  
15 agricultural statistics service utilizing:

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17           **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon  
18 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
19 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
20 Constitution.

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