

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0061

State land lease preference amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Banks, Davis, Erickson and
Winter and Senator(s) Crago, French, 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~~in violation of the provisions of the lease, and
4 is qualified under the provisions of W.S. 36-5-101, shall
5 have a preferred right to renew such lease by meeting the
6 highest bid offered by another qualified applicant whose
7 bid is not less than the minimum fair market value as
8 determined by the board for the same or a similar use of
9 land using the formula developed pursuant to W.S.
10 36-5-101(b) and not more than one hundred twenty percent
11 (120%) of the maximum fair market value as determined by
12 the board based on the previous year's values for the
13 state, district or county, whichever is most localized and
14 available, as determined by the national agricultural
15 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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