

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0226

State lands grazing leases.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Shepperson, Blake, Brown,
Teeters and Wallis and Senator(s) Bebout and
Geis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; modifying lease renewal
2 preference criteria; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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8 **36-5-105. Criteria for leasing; preferences;**
9 **assignments, subleases or contracts; lands taken for war**
10 **purposes; mineral lands excepted; agricultural lands.**

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12 (c) An applicant who is the holder of an expiring
13 lease, and has paid the rental when due, and has not
14 violated the provisions of the lease, and is qualified
15 under the provisions of W.S. 36-5-101, shall have a
16 preferred right to renew such lease by meeting the highest

1 bid offered by another qualified applicant who has actual
2 and necessary use for the land and available forage and
3 whose bid is ~~based on the fair market value using the~~
4 ~~formula developed by the board pursuant to W.S.~~
5 ~~36-5-101(b),~~ not less than the minimum fair market value as
6 determined by the board for the same or a similar use of
7 land. using the formula developed pursuant to W.S.
8 36-5-101(b) and not more than the maximum fair market value
9 as determined by the board based on the following:

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11 (i) The private land lease rate per animal unit
12 for the previous year for the national agricultural
13 statistics district or the county in Wyoming within which
14 the land is located; and

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16 (ii) An adjustment to reasonably reflect the
17 contributions of improvements typically provided as a part
18 of a private land grazing lease rate.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2009.

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