

Bill No.: HB0003 **Effective:** 7/1/2022 12:00:00 AM
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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0049
Chapter No.: 89
Prime Sponsor: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: State land leases.
Subject: Specifying administration of the preference and eligibility for leases of state lands.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act specifies when and how preference may be given to applicants for leases of state lands and how to determine the successful applicant. The act also clarifies the general eligibility to be qualified to lease state lands. If the Board of Land Commissioners determines good cause exists not to recognize a preference for an applicant who is an adjoining landowner, lessee, or lawful occupant, this act requires the Board to issue written notice of the good cause and opportunity for an appeal hearing to the applicant who is not being given a preference.
- The act requires notice to be provided on the Office of State Lands and Investments website, directly to adjoining private landowners, and by any other means required by rule before accepting applications to lease vacant land.
- The act distinguishes between "preference" and "preferred right" in reference to state land leases.
- Note: This act is similar to 2021 SEA No. 0054 (original SF0114), which the Governor vetoed in 2021.

Comments:

- Amends a major program: the state land leasing program.

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