

**Bill No.:** HB0017 **Effective:** 7/1/2023

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**Enrolled Act No.:** HEA No. 0082

**Chapter No.:** 158

**Prime Sponsor:** Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

**Catch Title:** **State lands-grazing of non-owned livestock.**

**Subject:** Provides a lessee of state lands the ability to graze livestock that the lessee does not own, but manages, on the leased land without the permission of the director of the Office of State Lands and Investments.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- This act allows a lessee of state lands for grazing and agricultural purposes to graze livestock that the lessee does not own on the leased lands. The lessee is not required to obtain the approval of the director of the Office of State Lands and Investments to do so but must comply with the following requirements:
  - The ratio of owned to non-owned livestock must not exceed 1:1 for more than two years in a ten year period.
  - The lessee must provide documentation on the grazing of non-owned livestock to the Office of State Lands and Investments.
  - The lessee must retain full management responsibility of the non-owned livestock that the lessee grazes on the leased land.
- This act provides that use of leased lands for this purpose is not considered a sublease.

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