

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0219

State land leases-disposal rules.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Clausen and Hunt and
Senator(s) Boner

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state lands; requiring adoption of rules
2 regarding the disposal of produced and fresh water
3 associated with special use leases issued by the board of
4 land commissioners; making conforming amendments; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 36-5-118 is created to read:

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11 **36-5-118. Special use permits; rules.**

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13 (a) The board shall establish rules and regulations
14 governing the issuance of special use permits for the
15 disposal of produced and fresh water on lands leased under

1 this chapter or on any state lands in connection with oil
2 and gas operations. The rules established under this
3 section shall at a minimum provide that:

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5 (i) An opportunity for public comment is
6 provided before the issuance of a special use permit for
7 the disposal of produced and fresh water; and

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9 (ii) The rates charged by the board for the
10 disposal of produced and fresh water shall not be less than
11 the fair market value of the right to dispose the water,
12 taking into account the type of well and the type and
13 amount of water used or produced to be disposed;

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15 (iii) The terms "produced water" and "fresh
16 water" are defined.

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18 (b) The disposal and any rules promulgated under this
19 subsection shall comply with all applicable federal and
20 state laws and all applicable rules of the department of
21 environmental quality and the oil and gas conservation
22 commission concerning disposals into disposal and injection
23 wells.

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2 **Section 2.** W.S. 36-6-101(b) is amended to read:

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4 **36-6-101. Terms of leases; extensions; rules and**
5 **regulations; rent and royalties; assignment of leases;**
6 **grazing and agricultural leases; cooperation with United**
7 **States or its lessees, in cooperative or unit plans.**

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9 (b) The board is further authorized to make and
10 establish rules and regulations governing the issuance of
11 oil and gas, coal and other mineral leases and covering the
12 conduct of development and mining operations. The rules
13 shall provide for the disposal of produced and fresh water
14 in connection with oil and gas leases issued under this
15 section as provided by W.S. 36-5-118.

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17 **Section 3.** 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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