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CHAPTER 45
 [Engrossed Senate Bill No. 146]
 CERTIFICATES OF DELINQUENCY--
 ASSIGNMENTS

AN ACT Relating to certificates of delinquency; and repealing section 84.64.250, and section 84.64.260, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.64.250 and RCW 84.64.260.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Section 84.64.250, chapter 15, Laws of 1961, section 84.64.260, chapter 15, Laws of 1961, and RCW 84.64-.250 and RCW 84.64.260 are each hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 46
 [Senate Bill No. 202]
 STATE LANDS--LEASING

AN ACT Relating to the leasing of state lands by the department of natural resources, the department of institutions, the board of regents of the University of Washington, and the board of regents of Washington State University; amending section 61, chapter 255, Laws of 1927, as last amended by section 29, chapter 257, Laws of 1959, and RCW 79.01.244; and adding a new section to chapter 28, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 72.01 RCW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 61, chapter 255, Laws of 1927 as last amended by section 29, chapter 257, Laws of 1959 and RCW 79.01.244 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The ((~~commissioner-of-public-lands~~)) department of natural resources shall be authorized to lease ((~~7-for-a-term-of-ten years-or-less~~)) to the highest bidder at public auction, any state lands, for any lawful purpose, except mining of valuable miner-

als or coal or extraction of petroleum or gas, but such lands shall not be leased for less than the appraised rental value thereof, nor shall agricultural lands be leased for less than ~~((ten))~~ fifty cents per acre.

(2) All state lands hereafter leased for grazing or agricultural purposes shall be open and available to the public for purposes of hunting and fishing unless closed to public entry because of fire hazard or unless the department of natural resources gives prior written approval and the area is lawfully posted by lessee to prohibit hunting and fishing thereon in order to prevent damage to crops or other land cover, to improvements on the land, to livestock, to the lessee, or to the general public, or closure is necessary to avoid undue interference with carrying forward a departmental or agency program. In the event any such lands are so posted it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or fish on any such posted lands.

(3) The ~~((commissioner-of-public-lands))~~ department of natural resources shall insert the provisions of ~~((the-preceding-paragraph))~~ subsection (2) of this section in all grazing and agricultural leases hereafter issued.

(4) In judging the best and highest bid from lease proposals for recreational use of state owned land, the department of natural resources may seek and favor proposals providing for a public use of the leased premises that will provide comparable rental income to the state.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 28, Laws of 1959 and to chapter 72.01 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) Any lease of public lands with outdoor recreation potential authorized by the department of institutions shall be open and available to the public for compatible recreational use unless the department of institutions determines that the leased land should be closed in order to prevent damage to crops or other land cover, to improvements on the land, to the lessee, or to the general public or is necessary to avoid undue interference with carrying forward a de-

partmental program. Any lessee may file an application with the department of institutions to close the leased land to any public use. The department shall cause written notice of the impending closure to be posted in a conspicuous place in the department's Olympia office, at the principal office of the institution administering the land, and in the office of the county auditor in which the land is located thirty days prior to the public hearing. This notice shall state the parcel or parcels involved and shall indicate the time and place of the public hearing. Upon a determination by the department that posting is not necessary, the lessee shall desist from posting. Upon a determination by the department that posting is necessary, the lessee shall post his leased premises so as to prohibit recreational uses thereon. In the event any such lands are so posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or fish, or for any person other than the lessee or his immediate family to use any such posted land for recreational purposes.

(2) The department of institutions may insert the provisions of subsection (1) of this section in all leases hereafter issued.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) Any lease of public lands with outdoor recreation potential authorized by the regents of the University of Washington shall be open and available to the public for compatible recreational use unless the regents of the University of Washington determine that the leased land should be closed in order to prevent damage to crops or other land cover, to improvements on the land, to the lessee, or to the general public or is necessary to avoid undue interference with carrying forward a university program. Any lessee may file an application with the regents of the University of Washington to close the leased land to any public use. The regents shall cause a written notice of the impending closure to be posted in a conspicuous place in the university's business office and in the office of the county auditor in which the land is located thirty days prior to the public hearing. This notice shall state the parcel or parcels involved and shall indicate the time and place of the public

hearing. Upon a determination by the regents that posting is not necessary, the lessee shall desist from posting. Upon a determination by the regents that posting is necessary, the lessee shall post his leased premises so as to prohibit recreational uses thereon. In the event any such lands are so posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or fish, or for any person other than the lessee or his immediate family to use any such posted lands for recreational purposes.

(2) The regents of the University of Washington may insert the provisions of subsection (1) of this section in all leases hereafter issued.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) Any lease of public lands with outdoor recreation potential authorized by the regents of Washington State University shall be open and available to the public for compatible recreational use unless the regents of Washington State University determine that the leased land should be closed in order to prevent damage to crops or other land cover, to improvements on the land, to the lessee, or to the general public or is necessary to avoid undue interference with carrying forward a university program. Any lessee may file an application with the regents of Washington State University to close the leased land to any public use. The regents shall cause written notice of the impending closure to be posted in a conspicuous place in the university's business office, and in the office of the county auditor in which the land is located thirty days prior to the public hearing. This notice shall state the parcel or parcels involved and shall indicate the time and place of the public hearing. Upon a determination by the regents that posting is not necessary, the lessee shall desist from posting. Upon a determination by the regents that posting is necessary, the lessee shall post his leased premises so as to prohibit recreational uses thereon. In the event any such lands are so posted, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt or fish, or for any person other than the lessee or his immediate family to use such posted land for recreational

purposes.

(2) The regents of Washington State University may insert the provisions of subsection (1) of this section in all leases hereafter issued.

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CHAPTER 47
[Senate Bill No. 203]
FOREST LANDS--RECONVEYANCE
FOR COUNTY PARK PURPOSES

AN ACT Relating to public use of forest lands owned and held by the state of Washington.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any county shall determine that forest lands, that were acquired from such county by the state pursuant to RCW 76.12.030 and that are under the administration of the department of natural resources, are needed by the county for public park use in accordance with the county and the state outdoor recreation plans, the board of county commissioners may file an application with the board of natural resources for the transfer of such forest lands.

Upon the filing of an application by the board of county commissioners, the department of natural resources shall cause notice of the impending transfer to be given in the manner provided by RCW 42.32-.010. If the department of natural resources determines that the proposed use is in accordance with the state outdoor recreation plan, it shall reconvey said forest lands to the requesting county to have and to hold for so long as the forest lands are developed, maintained, and used for the proposed public park purpose. This reconveyance may contain conditions to allow the department of natural resources to coordinate the management of any adjacent state owned lands with the proposed park activity to encourage maximum multiple use management and may reserve rights of way needed to manage other state owned lands in the area. The application shall be denied if the department of natural re-