CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5051**

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STATE LAND LEASES--AGRICULTURAL AND GRAZING PURPOSES--NONDEFAULT AND EARLY TERMINATION PROVISIONS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/2017

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| Passed by the Senate February 27, 2017  Yeas 49 Nays 0  CYRUS HABIB  **President of the Senate**  Passed by the House April 7, 2017  Yeas 96 Nays 0  FRANK CHOPP  **Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATE  I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5051** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.  HUNTER G. GOODMAN  **Chief Clerk** |
| Approved April 19, 2017 11:17 AM | April 19, 2017 |
| JAY INSLEE  **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Warnick, Honeyford, Becker, and Schoesler)

AN ACT Relating to nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes; and adding a new section to chapter 79.13 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 79.13 RCW to read as follows:

(1) For the purposes of this section, "nondefault or early termination provision" means a provision that authorizes the department to terminate a lease in the event the department includes the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

(2) Any nondefault or early termination provision included in a state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes must:

(a) Require advance written notice of at least one hundred eighty days by the department to the lessee prior to termination of the lease; and

(b) Require the department to provide to the lessee, along with the notice under (a) of this subsection, written documentation demonstrating that the department has included the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

(3) This section does not require the department to include a nondefault or early termination provision in any state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes.

(4) This section does not prohibit the department from allowing the lessee to surrender the leasehold subject to terms provided in the lease.

(5) This section does not prohibit the department from executing other lease provisions designed to protect the interests of the lessee in the event that the lease is terminated under a nondefault or early termination provision.

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