

HCS HB 1597 -- CONVEYANCE OF STATE PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Busick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1597.

This bill authorizes the Governor to sell, transfer, grant, convey, remise, release, and forever quitclaim all interest of the state of Missouri in land located in the City of Kirksville in Adair County to the Kirksville R-III School District. The land to be conveyed is described in the bill.

An additional land transfer from the state regarding land located in City of Kirksville to Truman State University is also authorized. The land to be conveyed is described in the bill.

The Commissioner of the Office of Administration shall set the terms and conditions for the conveyance.

The Attorney General shall approve the form of the instrument of conveyance.

This bill is the same as HB 1032 (2021).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the land was originally owned by the school district and that an agreement means it should go back to the school district once no longer used for state purposes. The city maintains the property at its cost, but in the future it could be used for projects such as the Missouri National Guard Hall of Fame.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Busick and Arnie C. Ac Dienoff.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say there is no formal contract between the City of Kirksville and the school district at this time. The city currently maintains the property.

Testifying on the bill were Rodney Sadler, City of Kirksville; and Rasheeda Maxwell.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.