

HB 1206 -- PUBLIC UNIVERSITY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

SPONSOR: Wilson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 13 to 0.

Currently, each state university (except the University of Missouri and Truman State University, which are covered by another section of law) has the right to transfer property by any method except fee simple without a specific act of authorization by the General Assembly, subject to a sunset clause. The bill removes the August 28, 2017 expiration date.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the possibility of a lease being disrupted by the need for the General Assembly to vote to extend it makes many investors hesitate about leasing university research park space.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wilson; Missouri Western State University; University Central Missouri; Northwest Missouri State University; Missouri State University; Southeast Missouri State University; and Missouri Southern State University;

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.