

SB 486 -- CONVEYANCE OF STATE PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Kehoe (Bernskoetter)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill authorizes the conveyance of certain state property located in Cole County to the City of Jefferson.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the city has plans to develop the land and would prefer to wait on investing the time and funds until the property is conveyed to the city. There will be a memorandum of understanding prior to the project being commenced, and everyone will be on the same page. The city wants to do what is in the best interest of the city, and it will not be a "handshake deal." The property has been vacant for 13 years and it is time for something to be done with it.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bernskoetter and Carrie Tergin, City of Jefferson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.