

HB 1032 -- CONVEYANCE OF STATE PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Busick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

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.

The Commissioner 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 similar to a provision in the perfected version of HCS HB 1696 (2020).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will transfer an unused state armory back to the town of Kirksville, Missouri for use as a community center. The transaction will go through the school district that originally granted the armory land to the state. The community center is an excellent opportunity for recreation and tourism in Kirksville, Missouri and should greatly benefit the local economy.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Busick; Anastasia Tiedemann; Ashley Shafer, Kirksville Regional Economic Development, Inc.; Ashley Young; Carolyn Chrisman, K-Redi, Kirksville; Charles Long; Debi Boughton, Kirksville Tourism Division; Jessica Parks, City of Kirksville; Mari Macomber, City of Kirksville; Robert Webb, Kirksville R-III School District; Rodney Sadler, City of Kirksville; Sandra Williams, Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce; Tricia Reger, Kirksville R-III School District; Zac Burden, City of Kirksville, Missouri; Missouri Park and Recreation Association; Arnie Dienoff; and Phillip John Biston III, City of Kirksville.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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.