

HCS HB 2108 -- CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN STATE PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Griffith

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative by a vote of 9 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 2108.

This bill authorizes the conveyance of State-owned land in Cole County to the City of Jefferson.

The Commissioner of the Office of Administration must set the terms and conditions for conveyance as is deemed reasonable.

The Attorney General must approve the form of the instruments of conveyances.

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 property in question is the viaduct that comes down High Street and across the railroad tracks. It was built in 1913 and repaired by a bond in the early 1950s. This would allow necessary work on the viaduct, which was solely responsible for connecting Jefferson City to the area across the Missouri River during the 500 year flood. The proposed project improves safety with pedestrian walkways that reduce the need to walk across Missouri Boulevard. Approving this conveyance to transfer the right of way will aid in the grant process.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Griffith; and David Bange, City of Jefferson.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that it is unclear whether all the players are at the table, and there may still be confusion. The State needs to be part of this project. Additionally, the cost and the effect on parking should be considered. Parking will be lost and is already at a premium in Jefferson City. Parking is getting more expensive, and parking allows for civic engagement. This could be placed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Testifying in person against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff .

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