



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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I am Opposed to this Bill. The Sales from Real Estate shall be returned to the State's General Fund. If the Office of Administration wants to purchase additional Real Estate, then they need to go through the proper process for appropriations to purchase additional State Property.



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I oppose House Bill No. 2289. While this bill appears on its surface to be a routine government reorganization, it represents a dangerous consolidation of power that prioritizes bureaucratic expediency over democratic accountability and public transparency.

My primary concern is the expansion of authority granted to the Commissioner of Administration, an appointed official, to manage and dispose of state real property. The bill allows the Commissioner to lease state-owned property to private or government entities without specific legislative approval. This strips away a crucial layer of public oversight. Decisions about whether a public building should be handed over to a private corporation should be made by elected representatives in public debate, not by an unelected bureaucrat behind closed doors. We have seen across the country how such "efficiency" measures can lead to sweetheart deals that benefit private interests at the expense of the public good.

Additionally, the process for managing proceeds from land sales is deeply flawed. The bill creates a "Real Estate Fund" that funnels money from the sale of public land into a dedicated account. While the stated purpose is to acquire new property, this structure removes critical financial decisions from the normal appropriations process. It creates a slush fund that bypasses the legislature's power of the purse and undermines the public's ability to weigh the true cost of selling off our shared assets. When we sell public land, the proceeds should return to the people's General Revenue Fund, where they can be allocated transparently to address pressing needs like education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL DREYER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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