

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2969
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Recent amendments to certain provisions of law established a more streamlined process for disposing of unused or underused agency land by defining a reporting and review sequence. Under this process, the Asset Management Division of the General Land Office provides the governor with a list of state agency properties that have been identified as unused or underused and a set of recommended real estate transactions. C.S.H.B. 2969 seeks to authorize the selling of certain real property held by certain state agencies.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2969 requires the General Land Office (GLO), not later than August 31, 2013, to offer for sale on behalf of each holder of real property the tracts of real property described by the bill and requires the sale to be conducted as provided by provisions of law relating to real estate transactions authorized by the legislature.

C.S.H.B. 2969 prohibits the GLO from offering for sale Bull Creek Camp Hubbard Annex State Headquarters, held by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), until after the date TxDOT completes the relocation of its operations to another location.

C.S.H.B. 2969 establishes that the GLO is required to implement the bill's provisions with respect to Central Unit, Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas, held by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) only if the legislature prohibits the use of appropriated money to operate the Central Unit. The bill prohibits the GLO from implementing the bill's provisions with respect to the property if the legislature does not prohibit the use of appropriated money specifically for the operation of the Central Unit.

C.S.H.B. 2969 establishes that the GLO is required to implement the bill's provisions with respect to certain property held by the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) only if the legislature reduces money appropriated so that TYC may operate a maximum of 1,600 institutional beds. The bill prohibits the GLO from implementing the bill's provisions with respect to such property if the legislature appropriates money specifically for the operation of more than a maximum of 1,600 institutional beds.

C.S.H.B. 2969 establishes that the GLO is required to implement the bill's provisions with respect to one state supported living center held by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) only if the legislature prohibits the use of appropriated money to operate the living center. The bill prohibits the GLO from implementing the bill's provisions with respect to the property if the legislature does not prohibit the use of appropriated money specifically for the operation of the living center.

C.S.H.B. 2969 requires the proceeds from the sales authorized by the bill's provisions to be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund. The bill describes the property to be offered for sale, held by TDCJ, TxDOT, the Texas Facilities Commission, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, TYC, and DADS.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 2969 omits provisions included in the original specifying certain property held by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) among the property the General Land Office (GLO) is required to offer for sale and provisions setting out conditions on the sale of that property.

C.S.H.B. 2969 contains provisions not included in the original including Central Unit, Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas, held by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), among the property the GLO is required to offer for sale, contingent on the legislature prohibiting the use of appropriated money to operate the Central Unit.

C.S.H.B. 2969 differs from the original in its description of property to be offered for sale held by the Texas Facilities Commission by adding two properties not contained in the original.

C.S.H.B. 2969 contains provisions not included in the original including certain property held by the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) among the property the GLO is required to offer for sale, contingent on the legislature reducing money appropriated so that TYC may operate a maximum of 1,600 institutional beds.

C.S.H.B. 2969 contains provisions not included in the original including one state supported living center, held by the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS), among the property the GLO is required to offer for sale, contingent on the legislature prohibiting the use of appropriated money to operate the state supported living center.