

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2892
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Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that The Texas A&M University System board of regents lacks the authority given other boards of regents in the state to dispose of land constituting part of the original main campus of an institution within the jurisdiction of such a board. H.B. 2892 seeks to expand the current authority of The Texas A&M University System board of regents to dispose of real property and mineral interests under its jurisdiction to include disposition of lands and mineral interests on or under the original main campus of the system's flagship university.

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

H.B. 2892 amends the Education Code to remove a limitation on the authority of The Texas A&M University System board of regents to dispose of lands and mineral interests under its jurisdiction that restricted such disposition to lands and mineral interests that do not comprise any portion of the original main campus of Texas A&M University. The bill repeals provisions relating to requiring any grant, sale, or lease of the surface estate of the original main campus property to be approved by an act of the legislature and authorizing the board to grant certain leases and enter into certain agreements with regard to the university's original main campus, as delineated in the provisions.

H.B. 2892 repeals Sections 85.25(c) and (d), Education Code.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.