

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1349  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The William P. Hobby building was built in 1984 when building technologies and standards were significantly less demanding than today. The Texas Facilities Commission estimates that the building requires at least \$49.6 million in repairs for known deficiencies and has requested some \$19 million for the coming state fiscal biennium to address priority safety needs, including fire protection, security systems updates, and failing cast iron plumbing. S.B. 1349 seeks to authorize the sale of the building due to its poor condition, significant maintenance obligations, and increasing annual investments necessary to maintain habitability.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **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**

S.B. 1349 authorizes the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) to convey on the state's behalf certain real property in the city of Austin. The bill provides the description of the applicable real property and prohibits the property from being conveyed for an amount less than the property's fair market value, which is to be established by an independent appraisal obtained by the asset management division of the General Land Office (GLO). The bill requires the GLO to negotiate and close the transaction on TFC's behalf, requires the sale to comply with certain specified federal regulations, and establishes that such compliance requirement prevails to the extent of any conflict with another of the bill's provisions or any other law.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.