

SB 628 -- PUBLIC UNIVERSITY PROPERTY TRANSFERS

SPONSOR: Schaaf (Wilson)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 15 to 0. Voted "Do Pass - Not Consent" by the Committee on Rules.

Currently, the governing bodies of certain public higher education institutions may convey or transfer the title to certain real property, except in fee simple, without authorization from the General Assembly until August 28, 2017. The bill repeals the August 28, 2017 expiration date.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that uncertainty over whether a lease will have to be approved by the General Assembly if the sunset clause becomes effective prevents effective economic development of university properties like research parks.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Schaaf; Trent Watson, Missouri Western State University; and University of Central Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.