

HB 1099 -- CONVEYANCE OF STATE PROPERTY

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill authorizes and empowers the Governor to sell, transfer, grant, convey, remise, release, and forever quitclaim to all interest of the State of Missouri in property located in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, specifically described in the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the city would like to own the property rather than have a long-term lease so it can invest the money and time into developing and enhancing the 30 acres it wishes to have conveyed. There are a lot of great things taking place at the old prison, and they have been doing more to enhance the property. However, before they commence work on their newest proposed project, they would like to own the property. Jefferson City has a river, a prison, and a state capitol and Missouri is the only state in the country to have a city like that.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Bernskoetter; Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce; Diane Gillespie, Jefferson City Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Carrie Tergin, City of Jefferson.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.