

SUBJECT: Sale of state land at Robert Mueller Airport to the City of Austin

COMMITTEE: Land and Resource Management — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 6 ayes — Bosse, Crabb, Howard, Jackson, Krusee, Mowery

0 nays

3 absent — B. Turner, Hamric, Staples

WITNESSES: None

DIGEST: HB 3585 would allow the General Services Commission (GSC), on behalf of the state, to sell state land used by the Aircraft Pooling Board at Robert Mueller Airport in Austin to the City of Austin. The transfer would be made only if the city agrees to pay the state in cash the fair market value of the property as appraised by the General Land Office and could require any other terms and conditions negotiated between the city and the GSC.

The proceeds of the sale would be deposited in the state treasury and could only be used to relocate the State Aircraft Pooling Board from Robert Mueller Airport to the new Austin Bergstrom International Airport.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally approved by a two thirds vote of the membership of each house.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 3585 would allow the state to sell land at Robert Mueller Airport in Austin that now houses the Aircraft Pooling Board to the City of Austin to help defray the expenses of moving the pooling board to the new Austin Bergstrom International Airport now under construction.

Moving the pooling board to the Bergstrom airport is expected to cost \$12 million. The sale of state land to the City of Austin would bring \$5 million, with the remainder raised from sale of \$7 million in revenue bonds by the Texas Public Finance Authority, if HB 2877 by Greenberg et al. is enacted. This would facilitate the smooth transition of the pooling board to the new Austin airport in manner beneficial to both the state and the city.

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OPPONENTS
SAY: No apparent opposition.

NOTES: HB 2877 by Greenberg et al., which would authorize the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue \$48 million in revenue bonds, with \$7 million to be used to relocate the State Aircraft Pooling Board from Robert Mueller Airport to Austin Bergstrom International Airport and \$41 million to acquire and develop a state complex at Mueller Airport, was postponed until today.