

- SUBJECT:** Authorizing conveyance of property within Texas Tech University
- COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Lozano, Raney, Alonzo, Alvarado, Button, Clardy, Howard, Morrison, Turner
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Tomeka Velazquez)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Martha Brown, Texas Tech University System)
- BACKGROUND:** Certain parties note that legislative authorization is needed to convey land from Texas Tech University to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in order to establish a community-based, outpatient Veterans Affairs clinic through a partnership between the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Texas Tech University.
- DIGEST:** HB 2988 would authorize the board of regents at Texas Tech University System to execute a conveyance of real property that is part of the original main campus of Texas Tech University to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center under terms and conditions as determined by the board.
- The bill would require that the transaction be in the form of an agreement and appropriate conveyance documents between the two institutions.
- The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.
- NOTES:** A companion bill, SB 1033 by Perry, was reported favorably from the House Higher Education Committee on May 8.