

SUBJECT: Allowing the conveyance of certain Texas A&M University System land

COMMITTEE: Higher Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — C. Turner, Stucky, Button, Frullo, Howard, E. Johnson, Pacheco, Schaefer, Smithee, Walle, Wilson

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service)

BACKGROUND: Interested parties reportedly would like to trade certain parcels of land with the Texas A&M University System.

DIGEST: HB 2963 would allow the board of regents of the Texas A&M University System to convey certain land in Cherokee County. The bill would require conveyance through fee title to the surface, exclusive of all mineral rights. The instruments of conveyance would have to be in a form acceptable to the university system.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.