

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4942 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Emily Dievendorf

Committee: Government Operations

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(Enacted as Public Act 249 of 2023)

SUMMARY:

House Bill 4942 would authorize the State Administrative Board, on behalf of the state, to convey to the House of Representatives, no later than one year after the bill takes effect, state-owned property in Lansing, located in Ingham County, for \$1 with a set of property conditions.

The property is a set of parcels that is currently used as the Roosevelt Parking Ramp, a parking structure for members and staff of the Michigan House of Representatives and some non-legislative employees of the state. The bill would convey the property to the House of Representatives through a quitclaim deed and include a series of restrictions. The restrictions include using the space as a parking ramp for members, staff, and guests of the House of Representatives; providing 29 non-legislative parking spaces, which would be reduced to 25 once four of the current non-legislative employees leave state employment; and requiring non-legislative parking rates to be the same as those charged House of Representatives members for similar spaces. The state would maintain name and name licensing rights to the structure and would maintain the ramp's signage. The conveyance would have to include all surplus, salvage, and scrap property or equipment remaining on the property on the date of conveyance.

If the property were used for any purpose inconsistent with any restrictions listed above, the state could reenter and repossess the property, terminating the grantee's or successor's estate in the property. The state would not be liable to reimburse any person for any improvements made. The state would retain a right to first purchase the property at the original sale price if the House of Representatives intended to convey the property to a third party. The House of Representatives would have to provide written notice to the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) of its intent to sell the property.

The state would not reserve oil, gas, or mineral rights to the conveyed property, but the purchaser or any grantee would have to pay the state one-half of any gross revenue generated from the development of oil, gas, or minerals. The state would reserve all rights in aboriginal antiquities, including the right to explore, excavate, and take them. Aboriginal antiquities include mounds, earthworks, forts, burial and village sites, mines, and other relics.

BRIEF DISCUSSION:

According to committee testimony, House ownership of the Roosevelt parking ramp would be consistent with its ownership of other parking ramps made available to House members and staff. In addition, the current DTMB ownership has meant that the House cannot directly provide either security in the ramp or maintenance for it, including components such as electrical systems or the integrity of the aging structure itself. The process for addressing identified issues, or for routine procedures such as issuing or replacing parking passes, can reportedly be lengthy and involve several back-and-forth steps to coordinate between the separate offices. Providing for the House, the user of the ramp, to also own it and be responsible for its upkeep and administration would allow those things to be addressed more directly and without the complications of communicating and coordinating between wholly separate entities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4942 would have a minimal fiscal impact on state government. The House of Representatives would purchase the property for \$1, which would be deposited in the state's general fund. Maintenance and repair costs of the Roosevelt Ramp would shift from DTMB to the House of Representatives. Any revenue earned from licensing the facility name would be deposited in the general fund after reimbursing DTMB for associated expenses.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget indicated a neutral position on the bill. (10-11-23)

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