

HB 1041 -- TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY BY STATE UNIVERSITIES

SPONSOR: Thomson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

Currently, only the Board of Governors of Missouri Western State University may transfer property, except in fee simple, without an authorizing act of the General Assembly. This bill restores that ability to the board of governors of the other state universities and changes the expiration date of those provisions from August 28, 2014, to August 28, 2017.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is needed to allow most state universities to continue to lease their property to businesses without waiting for the General Assembly to be in session to approve the lease. Frequently, the leased properties involve economic development collaboration on science and technology issues with the university.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Thomson; Missouri State University; Northwest Missouri State University; Missouri Southern State University; and University of Central Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.