

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3570
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 1992 the City of Burnet bought several hundred acres of real property and donated the property to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in order for TDCJ to build a women's correctional facility. The facility was never constructed and the city would like to regain control of the property. C.S.H.B. 3570 requires TDCJ to transfer the real property to the city with the condition that the city use the property only for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3570 requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to transfer to the City of Burnet real property described by the bill. The bill requires the city to use the transferred property only for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state and establishes that the property's ownership automatically reverts to TDCJ if the city uses the property for any other purpose.

C.S.H.B. 3570 requires TDCJ to transfer the property by an appropriate instrument of transfer which must provide for that restricted use and automatic reversion. The bill requires TDCJ to retain custody of the instrument of transfer after the instrument is filed in the real property records of Burnet County.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3570 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute differs from the original in the description of the transferred property.