

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the University of Texas-Pan American is bordered by neighborhoods and empty tracts of land, and needs to acquire more land in which to expand. The Board of Regents for the University of Texas System has developed a long-term campus extension plan which provides for the university to acquire certain plots of land. Under current law, the university system must first request permission from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before making any purchase offers for land. However, the university is often delayed in making offers, and the land is oftentimes sold to other individuals or entities, or becomes subject to a significant price increase. H.B. 2564 authorizes the University of Texas System to acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, or by other means certain properties to be used for campus expansion and university purposes in the University of Texas System.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2564 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System to acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, or otherwise certain properties to be used for campus expansion and university purposes in the University of Texas System.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System to acquire by purchase, exchange, gift, or otherwise, for campus expansion and for other university purposes, all or any part of the land described under this section. Sets forth the boundaries of the land.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.