

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill authorizes the conveyance of real assets by the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). This issue was brought up by the Texas A&M Agrilife Office because there is an individual in Cherokee County who would like to trade land with TAMUS. The land the state would receive has been appraised at a higher value than the land which the state currently owns. The reason the individual wants to trade land with TAMUS is because the system land is more convenient and closer to the individual's property and the state has similar access to both tracts of land. This land conveyance was approved by the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and now requires the authorization of the Texas Legislature.

H.B. 2963 amends current law relating to the conveyance of certain state forest land in Cherokee County under the control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE BY THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. Authorizes the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System to convey certain described real property and sets forth the metes and bounds of the land to be conveyed.

SECTION 2. INTERESTS CONVEYED. Requires the conveyance authorized by this Act to be of fee title to the surface and provides that it is exclusive of all mineral rights. Requires all instruments of conveyance to be in a form acceptable to The Texas A&M University System.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.