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Before the House Development Committee

On House Bill 379 – Land Conveyances

Chair Hoops, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Brownlee, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to be here today and share a little about House Bill 379.

One of the things I really appreciate about our work here is that sometimes the bills we pass have a very practical, local impact. And as you know, all of us are here because we care deeply about the communities we represent. That's certainly true for me -- I come to this work with a strong passion for serving the people in my district and making sure the legislation we pass helps them in real, tangible ways. House Bill 379 is one of those opportunities. It allows state-owned properties that are no longer needed to be sold or transferred so they can better serve communities across Ohio.

This is a fairly technical bill -- the legal descriptions alone make it 161 pages — but in reality, it is focused on just 14 specific conveyances of state-owned property. To make this easier to follow, I have provided a one-page chart summarizing each conveyance, with the location, county, type of conveyance, consideration, and the legislative districts involved.

In many cases, these transfers are made for nominal consideration -- a dollar or no cost -- when the property will serve an important public purpose, such as education, recreation, or national security. In other instances, properties are sold at auction to allow market demand to guide redevelopment. Each section of this bill reflects coordination between state agencies and the affected local governments, ensuring these parcels are truly surplus and can be put to productive use.

*District Example: Dover, Tuscarawas County*

I'd like to highlight one property in particular that is of importance to my district. In Dover, this bill authorizes the sale -- by sealed bid or public auction -- of approximately 1.7 acres of unused frontage adjacent to the Ohio National Guard Armory. The armory itself remains in place; this legislation simply allows a portion of the surrounding land to be conveyed.

This parcel is strategically located in an area currently undergoing major investment. Schaeffler, a global manufacturing company with deep roots in Ohio, is building a new electric mobility facility in Dover. This project represents an investment of more than \$230 million and is projected to create approximately 450 new jobs locally, with up to 650 jobs statewide when combined with expansions at their Wooster facility.

As Dover prepares for this historic development, the community is also working to ensure that supporting infrastructure and amenities are in place. Redevelopment of this frontage parcel could provide space for new restaurants, shops, or everyday services that will directly support the incoming workforce and make the area more attractive for families relocating to Tuscarawas County.

This is a clear example of how a land conveyance not only removes surplus property from the state's portfolio, but also directly supports local economic development and quality of life.

In closing, House Bill 379 is a good-government measure. It allows state properties that are no longer in use to be returned to local control or put on the market for redevelopment. Each conveyance has been carefully reviewed, and together they represent an important step in strengthening communities across our state.

Recognizing that these parcels touch multiple districts, my office will be reaching out to each representative whose district includes one of the conveyances. We'll share details on the parcel in their area so colleagues are informed and comfortable, and we can move this legislation forward together.

I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you very much, and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sec . #	City or Township	County	Conveyance	Consideration	Legislative District	Representative / Senator
1	Xenia	Greene	Public Auction or Sealed Bid Auction	To be determined	H - District 71 S - District 10	H - Levi Dean S - Kyle Koehler
2	Dover	Tuscarawas	Public Auction or Sealed Bid Auction	To be determined	H - District 51 S - District 31	H - Jodi Salvo S - Al Landis
3	Groveport	Franklin	Governor's deed to the Board of Education of the Eastland Fairfield Career Technical School	\$1.00	H - District 5 S - District 3	H - Meredith Lawson-Rowe S - Michele Reynolds
4	Groveport/Madison Township	Franklin	Governor's deed to the State of Ohio for the use and benefit of the Board of Education of the Groveport Madison Local School District	\$0.00	H - District 5 S - District 3	H - Meredith Lawson-Rowe S - Michele Reynolds
5	London/Deer Creek Township	Madison	Direct sale to the Madison County Board of Commissioners	\$211,686	H-District 12 S-District 3	H – Brian Stewart S- Michele Reynolds
6	Mad River Township (Dayton)	Montgomery	Direct sale to the Secretary of the United States Air Force.	\$0.00	H - District 71 S- District 10	H – Levi Dean S- Kyle Koehler

7	Champion Township, Bristol Township, and Bloomfield Township (Warren)	Trumbull	Direct sale to the Trumbull County Metroparks District	\$1.00	H - District 64 S - District 32	H - Nick Santucci S - Sandra O'Brien
8	Orwell Township and others (Ashtabula)	Ashtabula	Direct sale to the Ashtabula County Metro Parks District	\$1.00	H-District 65 H - District 99 S - District 32	H65-David Thomas H99 - Sarah Fowler Arthur S - Sandra O'Brien
9	Columbus	Franklin	Perpetual easement to the City of Columbus	\$1.00	H - District 7 S - District 25	H - C. Allison Russo S - William P. DeMora
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14	Columbus	Franklin	Perpetual easement to Columbia Gas of Ohio	To be determined	H - District 7 S - District 25	H - C. Allison Russo S - William P. DeMora