House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 965

January Session, 2025

Substitute House Bill No. 7279

House of Representatives, May 27, 2025

The Committee on Government Oversight reported through REP. DATHAN of the 142nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND TO THE TOWN OF BETHEL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Transportation shall convey to the town of Bethel a parcel of land located in the town of Bethel, at a cost equal to the fair market value of the property, as determined by the average of the appraisals of two independent appraisers selected by the commissioner, plus the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately .4 acre and is identified as Lot 7 in Block 108 on town of Bethel Tax Assessor's Map 59 and is further identified in a Certificate of Condemnation of the State Highway Commissioner recorded in the town of Bethel Land Records in Volume 66 at page 380. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

(b) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the

conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after it receives a proposed agreement from the Department of Transportation. The land shall remain under the care and control of said department until a conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary for a conveyance under this section. The Commissioner of Transportation shall have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*from passage*	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
In Subsec. (b), "the state" was changed to "said department" for consistency.

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Department of Transportation	TF - Loss of Asset	See Below	See Below
Resources of the Special Transportation Fund	TF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 $	FY 27 $
Bethel	Cost	See Below	See Below
Bethel	Gain of Asset	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill conveys a specified parcel of land, totaling 0.4 acres, from the Department of Transportation to the town of Bethel. The state would lose use of the asset and gain revenues equal to the fair market value of the property. The town of Bethel would gain use of an asset and would pay fair market value of the property and the administrative costs of the conveyance.

The land conveyance is subject to the review and approval of the State Properties Review Board.

The Out Years

The conveyance action is one time in nature. Control of the asset would continue into the future as described above, subject to future municipal decisions.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research (OLR) does not analyze Special Acts, but information on this conveyance and others reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee can be found in an annual report prepared by OLR. For 2025, this is OLR Report 2025-R-0066.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 12 Nay 0 (05/15/2025)