

OSCODA AIRPORT CONVEYANCE

House Bill 5156 with committee
amendments
First Analysis (4-6-92)

Sponsor: Rep. Ralph Ostling
Committee: State Affairs

THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

In 1960, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) obtained about 9 acres of land in Oscoda County from the Aeronautics Commission, and built its Mio District (District 7) headquarters on it. Part of the land, which is adjacent to the Oscoda County airport, is within the flight path of the east-west airport runway and currently is being managed by the county under an easement from the DNR. The county would like to obtain this land in order to make airport improvements, and has requested legislation that would allow the land to be transferred from the state to the county.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources to transfer 2.74 acres of land at the south end of its Mio District headquarters to Oscoda County for one dollar. If the land were used for other than public purposes, it would revert to the state. The land would have to be open to all state residents on equal terms, and the state would retain all mineral rights. The bill is tie-barred to House Bill 5076, which would convey twenty acres of land to Baraga County in the Upper Peninsula.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

A Department of Natural Resources analysis of a similar bill last session says that there would be no fiscal implications for the state. (8-15-89)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

The Oscoda County airport, a public airport near Mio in Oscoda County, has managed a small parcel of DNR land that lies within the flight path of the airport's east-west runway. The bill would formalize existing management responsibilities and allow the county to make improvements to the existing

runway, without negatively affecting the DNR's use of its Mio District Office facilities.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Natural Resources supports the bill. (4-1-92)

The Oscoda County Board of Commissioners supports the bill. (4-6-92)

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