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**CONVEY DSS LAND TO GRAND TRAVERSE CMH**

**House Bill 5622 with committee amendment**  
**First Analysis (5-24-90)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Thomas G. Power**  
**Committee: State Affairs**

***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Approximately 26 acres of unimproved property in Grand Traverse County near the Traverse City Regional Psychiatric Hospital have been held by the Department of Social Services since 1958. The department had hoped to build residential treatment facilities for juvenile delinquents on the property, but has had to abandon these plans due to local resistance and funding problems. The department has now declared the property "surplus," so that it may be conveyed to the Grand Traverse/Leelanau Community Mental Health Board, with the stipulation that it be used by the board to construct residential treatment facilities for the mentally ill or the developmentally disabled. In addition, the Grand Traverse County Road Commission has requested that a section of the property, near the intersection of Cedar Run and North Long Lake roads, be transferred to it for future thoroughfare improvements.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would authorize the State Administrative Board to convey 26.4 acres of property to the Grand Traverse/Leelanau Community Mental Health Board for consideration of \$1. The property is now under the jurisdiction of the Department of Social Services and is located in Garfield Township, Grand Traverse County. The bill would also require that part of the property be conveyed to the Grand Traverse County Road Commission to build a road. The conveyances would require that the land be used exclusively for public purposes and that, upon termination of this use, the property conveyed would revert immediately to the state. The state would assume no liability for improvements made at the grantee's expense, and would reserve all rights to coal, oil, gas, and other minerals found on, within, or under the property.

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the House Fiscal Agency, the bill would have no fiscal impact on the state. (5-23-90)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The bill would serve the public by allowing the Grand Traverse/Leelanau Community Mental Health Board to put to use land that has lain vacant since the Department of Social Services acquired jurisdiction over it some 32 years ago. Assuming that the property would be developed for the benefit of the same population — the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled — that the department had in mind when it originally acquired the property, it makes sense to convey the land to the local community mental health program.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Management and Budget supports the bill. (5-23-90)

The Grand Traverse/Leelanau Community Mental Health Board supports the bill. (5-23-90)

The Grand Traverse County Road Commission supports the bill. (5-23-90)

The Department of Mental Health has no position on the bill. (5-23-90)

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