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House Bill 4997 (Substitute H-1 as reported with amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Ralph Ostling  
House Committee: State Affairs  
Senate Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

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RATIONALE

About 20 years ago, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) obtained approximately five acres of land from the Bureau of Aeronautics and built its District 7 headquarters on the property. The land, in Oscoda County near Mio, lies adjacent to the county airport; the southern portion of the land lies under a flight path and cannot be built upon. The county wishes to expand the airport, but reports that it must have title to the southern portion of the DNR parcel to obtain Federal funding for the project. Oscoda County seeks to acquire about two and three-quarters acres of the DNR property, along with a nearby parcel held by the Transportation Department's Bureau of Aeronautics, in order to improve its airport.

Conveyance of the Bureau of Aeronautics parcel would be conditioned on the land being used exclusively for public aviation purposes as a portion of a licensed airport. If the parcel were not used for this purpose, or if the standards required for a licensed airport were not maintained, the property would revert to the Bureau. The airport would be known as the Ostling Oscoda International Airport.

Each parcel would be conveyed for consideration of \$1 by quitclaim deed and the State would retain mineral rights in the parcels. Revenue received from these conveyances would be credited to the General Fund.

CONTENT

The bill would authorize the transfer of two parcels of land to Oscoda County; one parcel is held by the Department of Natural Resources and the other by the Transportation Department's Bureau of Aeronautics. Conveyance of the parcel now held by the DNR would be conditioned on the land being used only for public purposes, and being open to all residents of the State on the same terms, fees, and conditions. If the land were no longer used for that purpose or were used for any other purpose, title to the property would revert to the State, which would not be liable to the county for any improvements made to the property by the county.

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTION

The Senate Committee adopted an amendment to specify that the airport would be known as the "Ostling Oscoda International Airport".

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Department of Natural Resources, the bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

ARGUMENTS

Supporting Argument

The bill would authorize the conveyance to

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Oscoda County of two small parcels of land it needs in order to make planned improvements to its airport. To obtain Federal funding for the expansion, the County must have title to the land.

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