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Chairman Veda & Senate Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

House Concurrent Resolution 3002

Government Finance Interim Committee was charged with studying public access and use of real property located between the Missouri River and the Missouri River Correctional Center (MRCC).

Short recent history of the MRCC property.

During the 2013-14 interim the Government Services Committee was charged with studying facility use of MRCC and moving it to near the Youth Correctional Center, and study's found that would not be very workable, and was concluded that the MRCC should remain at its present location.

During the 2015 session the Legislature decided not to have the Parks Department establish a Day Park on part of the property. After the end of the 2015 session the Governor issued an Executive Order to transfer the property to the Parks from Corrections and establish a Day Park at this location, which was essentially establishing a State Park by Executive Order. With the Budget issues of 2015-16 this never came about.

2017 our present Governor transferred the property back to the Corrections, where it sits today.

2019 there was amendment to the Park budget to establish the Day Park again, which both the Present Park Department and Correction were opposed to. This was changed into a study, which was assigned to the interim Government Finance Committee. Which has brought forward this resolution.

Parks Department which has an option to receive the whole piece of property if the Corrections which discontinue to operate at the MRCC location. It is not buying or selling just transferring.

The resolution States that the intent of the Legislature is that they must first receive approval of the Legislature to develop this property to a Park.

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