

Testimony
House Bill No. 1520
Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee
Senator Larry Luick, Chairman
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Chairman Luick, and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee, I am Cody Kinnischtzke, Director of Facilities and Administrative Services, with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of House Bill No. 1520.

House Bill No. 1520 instructs the Department to transition land managed by the Department to the Office of Adjutant General as the next stage to allow the Office of Adjutant General to move along the process to construct a new training and storage facility. This process started with conversations between the Department and the Office of Adjutant General prior to the 2021 Legislative Session. The Department's 2021 and 2023 budget bills included language that permitted the Department and the Office of Adjutant General to enter into an agreement to lease up to 20 acres of real property associated with the State Hospital. The Department and the Office of Adjutant General have worked together and identified another property managed by the Department for approximately 25 acres, instead of the original 20 acres of property. As stated earlier, this process is the next stage to simply transfer the management of land from the Department to the Office of Adjutant General instead of entering a lease.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.