

House Higher Education Budget Committee  
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Proponent Testimony on HB 2636  
Riley Scott on behalf of Pittsburg State University

Madam Chair Humphries-

My name is Riley Scott, a contract lobbyist working on behalf of Pittsburg State University (Pitt State). We respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of HB 2636.

HB 2336 will allow Pitt State to sell approximately a half-acre of land on the south edge of campus to the Sigma Sigma Sigma (Tri Sig) sorority. This section of land is at the corner of Joplin and Ford, across from the Alumni Center.

This land was originally purchased using the university's parking fund revenues and a small portion of the land was donated to the university. Pitt State has owned the land for about 10 years and was planning to use it to expand their existing parking on campus, but times have changed, and expansion of parking is no longer a priority at the south end of campus.

Thankfully Pitt State was able to come to terms with Tri Sig, who plans to knock down their existing house and build on this plot of land. This is consistent with the university's desire to see the land used in a campus related manner.

The funds from the sale, which is \$189,000, will be deposited back into the university's parking fund, which was the original source of the money to purchase the land, and will be used to maintain existing parking lots or expand in other areas on campus.

Madam Chair, thank you for the opportunity to testify and I respectfully ask you pass HB 2636 out of committee.

