

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 978
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties often point to the significance of Route 66 as a major highway for post-World War II America. Recognizing the high volume of touring motorists who still travel this historic roadway, as well as the importance of tourism to Texas' economy, these parties contend that a designation of Route 66 as a state historic corridor would further promote tourism not only in the region of Texas containing the iconic roadway, but throughout the state. H.B. 978 seeks to make such a designation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 978 amends the Government Code to require the Texas Historical Commission to identify relevant segments of former U.S. Highway 66 located in Texas that are still in use and designate those segments as the Route 66 Historic Corridor.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.