

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2863
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been suggested that certain requirements in state law relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities can delay highway construction projects when such a project requires the relocation or adjustment of a municipally owned utility facility. H.B. 2863 seeks to expedite the completion time of certain transportation projects by exempting expenditures for the relocation or adjustment of such a facility from those requirements under certain circumstances.

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. 2863 amends the Local Government Code to exempt from the application of provisions relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities an expenditure for the relocation or adjustment of a municipally owned utility facility that:

- is required as a result of the construction of a state transportation project; and
- is performed by the entity procured by the state to construct the state transportation project or a subcontractor of that entity.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.