

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 488
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised that certain protections for freshwater areas enacted by the legislature left some areas, such as an area of the Red River, unprotected. H.B. 488 seeks to address these concerns by repealing an exemption from such protections for a river meeting certain criteria.

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. 488 repeals Section 90.003(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, which exempts from statutory provisions relating to access to protected freshwater areas any river with headwaters in a state other than Texas and a mouth or confluence in a state other than Texas.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.