

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2219
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised regarding the underfunding of transportation infrastructure in Texas relative to the size and needs of the state. A recent study showed that Texas is underinvesting in transportation by several billion dollars each year. Furthermore, it has been suggested that the Texas mobility fund, under which obligations are issued for certain state highway projects, is currently operating in a manner counter to its original intent. C.S.H.B. 2219 seeks to address this issue by ensuring the Texas mobility fund operates as a revolving fund.

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

C.S.H.B. 2219 repeals Section 201.943(1), Transportation Code, which prohibits the Texas Transportation Commission from issuing Texas mobility fund obligations after January 1, 2015, with certain limited exceptions.

C.S.H.B. 2219 amends the Transportation Code to make a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

C.S.H.B. 2219 differs from the original only by including a Texas Legislative Council draft number in the footer.