

**SUBJECT:** Amending regulations related to axle weight while transporting aggregate

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — Canales, Raney, Ashby, Davis, Gámez, Caroline Harris, Lujan, Ordaz, Patterson, Perez

1 nay — Romero

2 absent — Landgraf, Lozano

**WITNESSES:** For — Rick Thompson, County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas (*Registered, but did not testify*: Michael Stewart, Aggregate Transporters Association of Texas; Josh Leftwich, Texas Aggregate and Concrete Association; Fred Shannon, Texas Association of Manufacturers)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Rebekah Chenelle, Dallas County Commissioners Court; Elisa M. Tamayo, El Paso County; Francis Nugent, Harris County Commissioners Court; Lindsay Mullins, Texas Railroad Association)

On — Chris Nordloh, Texas DOS (*Registered, but did not testify*: Lance Simmons, Texas Department of Transportation)

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that allowing vehicles that transport aggregate material a tolerance allowance could enable these vehicles to avoid ticketing and fees, which could increase business productivity.

**DIGEST:** CSHB 1460 would allow a vehicle or combination of vehicles that was transporting aggregates over a highway or road to operate at the maximum axle weight that was not heavier than 20,000 pounds for a single axle or 34,000 pounds for a tandem axle. The bill would also permit a tolerance allowance of 15 percent of that allowable weight, provided that the gross weight of the vehicle or combination was not heavier than 80,000 pounds.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2023.