

SUBJECT: Exempting electric vehicles from certain vehicle inspection requirements

COMMITTEE: Homeland Security & Public Safety — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Guillen, Jarvis Johnson, Bowers, Canales, Dorazio, Goodwin,
Harless, Holland, Troxclair

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Charissa Barnes, Official Inspection Station (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jay Crossley, Farm And City; Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Sierra Club; Karen Steakley, Tesla; Tom Smitty Smith, TxETRA; Kenneth Flippin, US Green Building Council Texas Chapter; Linda Durnin; Thomas Parkinson; Scott White; Cheryl Wilkerson)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Drew Campbell, AAIA; Natalie Ibe, Fran Rhodes, True Texas Project; Shelia Franklin)

On — Jason Hester, Texas Department of Public Safety

BACKGROUND: Concerns have been raised that current inspection requirements relating to emissions and exhaust systems are unnecessary for fully electric vehicles.

DIGEST: HB 3014 would exempt a motor vehicle that used electricity as its only source of motor power and that was not equipped with an internal combustion engine from certain vehicle inspection requirements relating to emissions and exhaust systems.

As soon as practicable after the effective date, the public safety director of the Department of Public Safety would be required to adopt or amend department rules necessary to implement the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023 and would apply only to an offense committed on or after that date.