

SUBJECT: Authorizing TxDOT to provide services on federal military property

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 12 ayes — Canales, Raney, Ashby, Davis, Gámez, Caroline Harris, Landgraf, Lujan, Ordaz, Patterson, Perez, Romero

0 nays

1 absent — Lozano

WITNESSES: For — David Petersen, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steven Albright, AGC of Texas; Gerald Lee, City of Del Rio)

Against — None

On — Keith Graf, Office of the Governor, Texas Military Preparedness Commission (*Registered, but did not testify*: Lance Simmons, TxDOT)

BACKGROUND: Transportation Code sec. 201.1056(a) authorizes the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow the department to assist with providing road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services, for military installations.

Concerns have been raised that TxDOT is unable to provide certain kinds of assistance to federal military installations due to current statutory limitations.

DIGEST: HB 4140 would expand the services TxDOT could assist in providing to military installations in an agreement under Transportation Code sec. 201.1056(a) to include any department services.

The 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.