

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

After the deregulation of railroads during the 75th Texas Legislature, many industries, particularly the grain industry, faced immediate uncertainty regarding the transportation of commodities. H.B. 2809 requires certain agencies to jointly conduct a comprehensive study of grain transportation in Texas.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2809 requires a grain transportation study.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. GRAIN TRANSPORTATION STUDY. Requires the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the Texas Department of Transportation to jointly conduct a comprehensive study of grain transportation in Texas. Requires the study to include certain information. Requires a report of the study to be filed with the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives, not later than January 2, 2001.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.