

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the City of El Paso has completed a feasibility study for an El Paso-based transportation hub. The El Paso region is strategically located in the IH-25 Trade Corridor and some believe that a transportation hub will be an economic catalyst for the El Paso region. This bill would authorize any city along the Texas-Mexico border with a population of more than 500,000 to establish not-for-profit corporations and cooperative associations for the purpose of creating and developing intermodal transportation hubs to stimulate economic development.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 681 authorizes cities located on the Texas-Mexico border with populations over 500,000 to establish not-for-profit corporations or associations to develop intermodal transportation hubs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 380.001, Local Government Code, by adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Authorizes any city located on the Texas-Mexico border with a population of more than 500,000 to establish not-for-profit corporations and cooperatives to create an intermodal transportation hub. Authorizes the intermodal hub to function as an international intermodal transportation center and may be colocated with local, state, or federal facilities and with facilities in Mexico.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.