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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In 1999, the Texas Transportation Commission established a temporary Border Trade Transportation Task Force to prioritize existing border transportation projects needed to handle increased international trade. C.S.S.B. 195 establishes a Border Trade Advisory Committee as an official advisory committee to the Texas Transportation Commission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly given to the Texas Transportation Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 201.114, Transportation Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 201C, Transportation Code, by adding Section 201.114, as follows:

Sec. 201.114. BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) Requires the Texas Transportation Commission (commission) to establish the Border Trade Advisory Committee to define and develop a strategy and make recommendations to the department for addressing the highest priority border trade transportation challenges. Requires the commission, in determining the action to be taken on recommendations, to consider the importance of trade with the United Mexican States, potential sources of infrastructure funding at border ports, and the value of trade activity in the department's districts adjacent to the border with the United Mexican States.

(b) Authorizes the commission to adopt rules governing the Border Trade Advisory Commission.

(c) Provides that Section 2110.008 (Duration of Advisory Committees), Government Code does not apply to the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends As Filed S.B. 195, Chapter 201C, Section 201.114, Transportation Code, to require the Texas Transportation Commission (commission), rather than the Texas Department of Transportation, to establish the Border Trade Advisory Committee and to require the commission to consider potential sources of infrastructure funding at border ports. Amends As Filed S.B. 195, to authorize the commission to adopt rules governing the Border Trade Advisory Committee.