

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 714
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties express concern that Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) weigh stations in many smaller counties are operated only a few hours each month. The parties support authorizing a county to jointly operate a weigh station to ensure that the state's highways are kept safe.

H.B. 714 amends current law relating to an agreement between a county and the Department of Public Safety for the joint operation of certain fixed-site facilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter F, Chapter 621, Transportation Code, by adding Section 621.411, as follows:

Sec. 621.411. JOINT OPERATION OF CERTAIN FIXED-SITE FACILITIES.
Authorizes a county and the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to enter into an agreement for the joint operation of a fixed-site facility located within the boundaries of the county.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.