BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, certain counties can impose an optional fee for transportation projects when vehicles are registered in those counties. Revenues collected from the fee are credited to the county road and bridge fund.

This bill expands this authority to a county located on an international border with a population of more than 250,000 in which the largest municipality has a population of less than 400,000. Based on these criteria, the provisions of the bill will apply only to Webb County.

As proposed, S.B. 1605 amends current law relating to an optional county fee for transportation projects.

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 Section 502.402(a), Transportation Code, to provide that this section only applies to a county that borders the United Mexican States; that has a population of more than 250,000, rather than a population of more than 300,000; and in which the largest municipality has a population of less than 400,000, rather than a population of less than 300,000.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.