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H.B. No. 2858

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study and analysis by the comptroller on delivery  
3 methods used for certain projects of the Texas Department of  
4 Transportation and the Texas Water Development Board.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF PROJECT DELIVERY METHODS.

7 (a) The comptroller of public accounts, in conjunction with the  
8 Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Water Development  
9 Board, shall conduct a study on the economic impact and feasibility  
10 of public-private partnerships as an alternative delivery method  
11 for certain projects of the department and board.

12 (b) In conducting the study, the comptroller shall analyze  
13 each project submitted under Subsection (c) of this section and  
14 determine for each project:

15 (1) the feasibility of using an alternative project  
16 delivery method, including the use of private financing;

17 (2) the estimated savings to this state if the project  
18 used an alternative project delivery method, including private  
19 financing;

20 (3) the estimated amount of local money necessary to  
21 construct or complete the project using traditional project  
22 delivery methods compared to the money necessary for the project  
23 using an alternative project delivery method, including private  
24 financing; and

1           (4) the amount of additional money available to other  
2 regions of this state if the project used an alternative project  
3 delivery method, including private financing.

4           (c) Not later than December 31, 2021:

5           (1) the Texas Department of Transportation shall  
6 conduct a comprehensive review of all proposed road projects with a  
7 project value of more than \$1 billion and submit a report of those  
8 projects to the comptroller for analysis under Subsection (b) of  
9 this section; and

10           (2) the Texas Water Development Board shall conduct a  
11 comprehensive review of all projects in the state water plan with an  
12 estimated project value of more than \$1 billion and submit a report  
13 of those projects to the comptroller for analysis under Subsection  
14 (b) of this section.

15           SECTION 2. REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE. Not later than  
16 September 1, 2022, the comptroller of public accounts shall submit  
17 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
18 of representatives, and the presiding officer of each standing  
19 committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over transportation  
20 and water matters a report on the results of the study and analysis  
21 conducted under Section 1 of this Act and any recommendations of the  
22 comptroller relating to the study, including any statutory changes  
23 necessary.

24           SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires September 1, 2023.

25           SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
26 1, 2021.