

Amend CSHB 3588 by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE and SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES and SECTIONS accordingly:

ARTICLE ____ . BRIDGE OVER THE RIO GRANDE

SECTION __.01. Section 201.612, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) A political subdivision or private entity authorized to construct or finance the construction of a bridge over the Rio Grande:

(1) must obtain approval from the commission and from the United States under Subchapter IV, Chapter 11, Title 33, United States Code, for the construction of the bridge [~~before requesting approval from the United States under Subchapter IV, Chapter 11, Title 33, United States Code~~]; and

(2) shall submit to the commission a report that details the feasibility, location, economic effect, and environmental impact of the bridge and any other information the commission by rule may require.

(b) The [~~To the maximum extent practicable, the~~] department shall:

(1) to the maximum extent practicable, implement the approval process in the manner least burdensome to an applicant; and

(2) allow an applicant to concurrently seek approval from the commission and the United States under Subsection (a)(1).

(g) If the commission does not approve construction of the bridge, the applicant shall withdraw the request for approval from the United States.