

Amend HB 2340 as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 7, strike "Section 436.1531" and substitute "Sections 436.1531 and 436.1532".

(2) On page 3, between lines 1 and 2, insert:

Sec. 436.1532. LOANS FOR COMMUNITIES POSITIVELY AFFECTED BY DEFENSE BASE RESTRUCTURING. (a) The commission may provide a loan of financial assistance to a defense community for an infrastructure project to accommodate new or expanded military missions assigned to a military facility located in, near, or adjacent to the defense community as a result of the United States Department of Defense base realignment process. The loan shall be made from the Texas military value revolving loan account established under Section 436.156.

(b) On receiving an application for a loan under this section, the commission shall evaluate the infrastructure project to determine how the project will assist the defense community in accommodating the new or expanded military missions that are assigned to the military facility.

(c) If the commission determines that the project will assist the defense community in accommodating the new or expanded military missions that are assigned to the military facility, the commission shall:

(1) analyze the creditworthiness of the defense community to determine the defense community's ability to repay the loan; and

(2) evaluate the feasibility of the project to be financed to ensure that the defense community has pledged a source of revenue or taxes sufficient to repay the loan for the project.

(d) If the commission determines that the funds will be used to finance an infrastructure project to accommodate new or expanded military missions assigned to the military facility located in, near, or adjacent to the defense community and that the project is financially feasible, the commission may award a loan to the defense community for the project. The commission shall enter into a written agreement with a defense community that is awarded a loan. The agreement must contain the terms and conditions of the loan, including the loan repayment requirements.

(e) The commission shall notify the Texas Public Finance Authority of the amount of the loan and the recipient of the loan and request the authority to issue general obligation bonds in an amount necessary to fund the loan. The commission and the authority shall determine the amount and time of a bond issue to best provide funds for one or multiple loans.

(f) The commission shall administer the loans to ensure full repayment of the general obligation bonds issued to finance the project.

(g) A project financed with a loan under this section must be completed on or before the fifth anniversary of the date the loan is awarded.

(h) The amount of a loan under this section may not exceed the total cost of the project.

(3) On page 4, line 5, strike "or" and substitute "~~or~~".

(4) On page 4, line 8, between "community" and the period, insert the following:

; or

(5) a defense base development authority created under Chapter 379B, Local Government Code

(5) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber the remaining SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION 6. Subchapter A, Chapter 486, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 486.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 486.010. DEFENSE-DEPENDENT COMMUNITY WITH MORE THAN ONE MILITARY FACILITY. For purposes of the preference for adversely affected defense-dependent communities under Section 486.002(b), a defense-dependent community that contains or is near more than one military facility is considered an adversely affected defense-dependent community if the local governmental entity is applying for a grant under this subchapter for a project relating to the military facility that is closed or whose operations are significantly reduced.