

Amend CSHB 2702 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. MORATORIUM ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR. (a) The Texas Department of Transportation and any other person may not use state, federal, or other funds to implement the plan for the Trans-Texas Corridor.

(b) A select committee is established to perform a comprehensive study of the Trans-Texas Corridor plan. The committee shall be composed of 15 members. Five members shall be appointed by the governor, five members shall be appointed by the lieutenant governor, and five members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The members of the committee shall elect one member as presiding officer. The committee shall hold meetings and public hearings at the call of the presiding officer. The committee shall make a complete report, including findings and recommendations and drafts of any legislation considered necessary, available to the public not later than October 1, 2006. Before October 1, 2006, copies of the report shall be delivered to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

(c) This section of this Act expires September 1, 2007.

(d) This section of this Act takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this section of this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.