Amend **HB 2702** on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION __. (a) The Texas Department of Transportation shall conduct a study to determine how to maximize the use of highway rights-of-way by public utilities. The department shall submit a written report of its findings to the appropriate legislative committees not later than December 31, 2006.

(b) This section expires January 1, 2007.