

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 2071  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

On April 30, 1935 the Texas Highway Commission established the portion of US Highway 281 within Texas borders as the American Legion Memorial Highway to honor the Texas citizens who served in the United States armed forces. The Texas Highway Commission Minute Order provided that the American Legion would furnish the decals and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would furnish the signs, supports, and installation costs. The TxDOT then installed 16" x 22" signs at approximately five mile intervals in both directions along the highway. Unfortunately, TxDOT recently discovered that the Highway Commission did not have the authority to name the highway in 1935 and TxDOT is therefore no longer maintaining and updating the signs along US Highway 281.

CSHB 2071 would designate US Highway 281 as the American Legion Memorial Highway. The American Legion would continue to furnish the decals and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would continue to furnish the signs, supports, and installation costs.

CSHB 2071 does not require TxDOT to design, construct, or erect a marker or sign unless a grant or donation of private funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker or sign.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

CSHB 2071 amends Chapter 225 of the Transportation Code by adding Section 225.059 which designates the portion of US Highway 281 within the state of Texas as the American Legion Memorial Highway.

CSHB 2071 also states that the TxDOT will erect markers of the same design as the markers previously erected designating US Highway 281 as the American Legion Memorial Highway by order of the Texas Highway Commission.

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### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2005.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

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