

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Some municipalities establish mobility programs without the knowledge or guidance of the Texas Department of Transportation. As proposed, S.B. 1061 provides that all mobility programs will be placed under the review of the Texas Department of Transportation and permitted only by an agreement between the local authority and the department.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 542.203(a), Transportation Code, to prohibit a local authority, unless permitted by an agreement between the local authority and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) under Section 221.002 (Agreements with Municipalities), from establishing a transportation or mobility enhancement program on a state highway, including a farm-to-market or ranch-to-market road, such as a program by which the municipality receives revenue for towing of vehicles located on the highway. Deletes existing text related to a permitted agreement between the local authority and TxDOT.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2005.