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S.B. No. 183

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment, operation, and recommendations of the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 201.114, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 201.114. BORDER TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "coordinator" means the border commerce coordinator designated under Section 772.010, Government Code.

(b) The coordinator shall serve on the Border Trade Advisory Committee as presiding officer. The coordinator, in consultation with the commission, shall appoint the other members of the committee, which must include:

(1) the presiding officer of the policy board of each metropolitan planning organization located wholly or partly in the department's Pharr, Laredo, or El Paso transportation district;

(2) the person serving in the capacity of executive director of each entity governing a port of entry in this state; and

(3) a representative from each institute or center operated by a university in this state to research transportation or trade issues.

(c) The [~~commission shall establish the~~] Border Trade Advisory Committee shall [~~to~~] define and develop a strategy and make recommendations to the commission and governor for addressing

1 the highest priority border trade transportation challenges. In  
2 determining action to be taken on the recommendations, the  
3 commission shall consider the importance of trade with the United  
4 Mexican States, potential sources of infrastructure funding at  
5 border ports, and the value of trade activity in the department's  
6 districts adjacent to the border with the United Mexican States.

7 (d) [~~(b)~~] The commission, in consultation with the  
8 coordinator, may adopt rules governing the Border Trade Advisory  
9 Committee.

10 (e) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the  
11 size, composition, or duration of the Border Trade Advisory  
12 Committee.

13 SECTION 2. Section 201.6011, Transportation Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Sec. 201.6011. INTERNATIONAL TRADE CORRIDOR PLAN. (a) To  
16 the extent possible, the department shall coordinate with  
17 appropriate entities to develop an integrated international trade  
18 corridor plan. The plan must:

19 (1) include strategies and projects to aid the  
20 exchange of international trade using the system of multiple  
21 transportation modes in this state; ~~and~~

22 (2) assign priorities based on the amount of  
23 international trade, measured by weight and value, using the  
24 transportation systems of this state, including:

25 (A) border ports of entry;

26 (B) commercial ports;

27 (C) inland ports;

- 1 (D) highways;
- 2 (E) pipelines;
- 3 (F) railroads; and
- 4 (G) deepwater gulf ports; and

5 (3) address implementation of the recommendations of  
6 the Border Trade Advisory Committee under Section 201.114.

7 (b) The department shall update the plan biennially and  
8 report on the implementation of this section to the presiding  
9 officer of each house of the legislature no later than December 1 of  
10 each even-numbered year [~~7, 2004~~].

11 SECTION 3. The term of a member serving on the Border Trade  
12 Advisory Committee immediately preceding the effective date of this  
13 Act expires on that date. The member may be reappointed to the  
14 committee.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.