

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2296
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

This bill designates a portion of State Highway 130 in Williamson, Travis, Caldwell and Guadalupe Counties in honor of former United States Congressman J. J. "Jake" Pickle as the "Pickle Parkway."

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

Section 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225 of the Transportation Code is amended by adding Section 225.059 (a) which designates SH130 between Interstate Highway 35 in Williamson County and Interstate Highway 10 in Guadalupe County as the "Pickle Parkway." CSHB2296 adds subsection (b) which states that the department will design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the "Pickle Parkway" and any other necessary information. It adds subsection (c) which requires the department to erect markers at each end of the turnpike and at appropriate intermediate sites along the turnpike. CSHB2296 also adds subsection (d) which states that notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) the department is not required to design, construct, or erect a marker under this section unless a grant or donation of private funds is made to the department to cover all those costs. The bill adds subsection (e) which determines that all money received under (d) will be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute is a legislative council draft instead of a type only draft that includes subsections (d) and (e) requiring signage to be covered by a grant or donation of private funds.