

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

As proposed, S.B. 669 prohibits the construction of billboards on State Highway 71 between Austin's city limits and State Highway 16 in Llano. This is a scenic route through the Hill Country and this bill would preserve those vistas.

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. Reenacts and amends Section 391.252(a), Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 281, 352, 405, 796, 903, 983, 1046, and 1353, Acts of the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, as follows:

- (a) Deletes existing text of Subsection (5) that prohibits the erection of an off-premise sign that is visible from a certain segment of U.S. Highway 281. Amends Subdivision (5) to prohibit a person from erecting an off-premise sign that is visible from U.S. Highway 281 between State Highway 186 and Interstate Highway 37, exclusive of the segment of U.S. Highway 281 located in the city limits of Three Rivers. Adds Subdivision (19), to prohibit the erection of an off-premise sign that is visible from State Highway 71 between the western city limits of the city of Austin and State Highway 16. Amends a reference to State Highway 90 as U.S. Highway 90. Redesignates four redundantly numbered Subdivisions (14) as Subdivisions (15) through (18).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.