

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1548
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The work of a regional mobility authority (authority) is significant in terms of dollar amounts and the impact to the region in which the authority works. It would be in the public's interest for an authority to provide due notice of its meeting times and locations, as well as what will be discussed in the authority's meetings. However, an authority is not required to post its meeting times, places, or agendas on its Internet website, which is easily accessible to the public.

As proposed, S.B. 1548 requires an authority to post its meeting times, places, or agendas on its Internet website.

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. Amends Sections 551.056(b) and (c), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Requires a regional mobility authority, as included in the definition of "authority" in Section 370.003, Transportation Code, to concurrently post notice of the authority's meetings on its Internet website in addition to the other place at which notice is required to be posted by this subchapter.

(c) Requires a regional mobility authority, as included in the definition of "authority" in Section 370.003, Transportation Code, to concurrently post the agendas for the authority's meetings on its Internet website.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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