

Amend the Pickett amendment to CSHB 300 as follows:

(1) Strike added Section 372.160, Transportation Code (page 7, lines 7-17), and substitute the following:

"Sec. 372.160. TOLL PROJECT INFORMATION. (a) A local toll project entity may, notwithstanding Chapter 2113, Government Code, engage in marketing, advertising, and other activities to provide information relating to pending or operating toll projects, including providing information concerning the methods of paying and collecting tolls, and may enter into contracts or agreements necessary to procure marketing, advertising, or informational services from outside service providers.

(b) This section does not authorize a local toll project entity to engage in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of tolls as a financing mechanism."

(2) Insert the following appropriately numbered section in the bill and renumber the remaining sections of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. Section 372.160, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a contract or agreement entered into or renewed by a local toll project entity on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract or agreement entered into or renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.