

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2434
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas law requires that money appropriated or allocated by the United States for construction and maintenance of rail facilities in Texas be administered by the Texas Transportation Commission and spent only under the supervision of the Texas Department of Transportation.

H.B. 2434 provides that freight rail districts, intermunicipal commuter rail districts, and commuter rail districts are not subject to this requirement.

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

H.B. 2434 amends the Transportation Code to add freight rail districts, intermunicipal commuter rail districts, and commuter rail districts to the entities to which the provision relating to the supervision by the Texas Department of Transportation of money appropriated or allocated by the federal government for the construction and maintenance of rail facilities in Texas does not apply.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the act does not receive the necessary vote, the act takes effect September 1, 2009.