

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 2490  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The interchange located in the heart of the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan region in Irving, Texas, at which State Highways 114, 183, and Loop 12 intersect forms the geographic shape of a diamond and has come to be regarded as a distinctive and signature landmark in North Texas. This intersection serves significant north-south and east-west mobility needs, but has yet to be designated with the name by which is it commonly known to most North Texans.

H.B. 2490 designates this interchange as the Diamond Interchange.

### **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. 2490 amends the Transportation Code to designate the interchange in Irving between State Highway 183, State Highway 114, Loop 12/Interstate Highway 35E, Spur 482 and Trinity Parkway, and the Orange Line of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority as the Diamond Interchange. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to design and construct markers indicating the interchange number, the designation as the Diamond Interchange, and any other appropriate information. The bill requires TxDOT to erect a marker at one or more sites on the interchange and approaching the interchange in each direction.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.