

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 1570  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1570 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the facilitation, analysis, and implementation of  
1-11 high-speed passenger rail in this state.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 91.001, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-14 by adding Subdivision (3-a) to read as follows:

1-15 (3-a) "High-speed rail" means passenger rail service  
1-16 capable of operating at speeds of more than 200 miles per hour.

1-17 SECTION 2. Chapter 91, Transportation Code, is amended by  
1-18 adding Subchapter G to read as follows:

1-19 SUBCHAPTER G. HIGH-SPEED RAIL FACILITATION AND ANALYSIS

1-20 Sec. 91.121. TEXAS HIGH-SPEED RAIL CORPORATION. (a) The  
1-21 commission shall create a corporation under Subchapter B, Chapter  
1-22 431, for purposes of this subchapter.

1-23 (b) The corporation is not subject to the limitation  
1-24 provided by Section 431.072.

1-25 (c) The corporation must have a board of seven members, of  
1-26 whom:

1-27 (1) three are appointed by the commission; and

1-28 (2) four are appointed by the commission from a list of  
1-29 candidates submitted by the South Central High Speed Rail and  
1-30 Transportation Authority, Incorporated, a local government  
1-31 corporation organized under Subchapter D, Chapter 431.

1-32 Sec. 91.122. DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEM. Subject to the  
1-33 commission's oversight and control under Chapter 431, the  
1-34 commission may direct the corporation created under Section 91.121  
1-35 to:

1-36 (1) plan and develop a high-speed rail facility under  
1-37 the authority in this chapter;

1-38 (2) solicit federal funding to be allocated to the  
1-39 department for the purposes of this subchapter;

1-40 (3) coordinate with federal planners and  
1-41 representatives from adjacent states for the interconnectivity of  
1-42 high-speed rail systems in this state with systems developed in  
1-43 federally designated high-speed rail corridors in other states;

1-44 (4) represent and negotiate on behalf of this state  
1-45 for the interconnectivity of high-speed rail with existing and  
1-46 planned transportation systems, including airports, seaports,  
1-47 transit system, commuter rail systems, and highways; and

1-48 (5) coordinate with federal transportation planners  
1-49 and officials at the United States Department of Defense or its  
1-50 successor agency regarding issues related to the provision of  
1-51 connectivity to military installations in this state.

1-52 Sec. 91.123. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS. A high-speed rail system  
1-53 developed under this subchapter must:

1-54 (1) enhance connectivity to this state's largest  
1-55 airports;

1-56 (2) enhance connectivity for and ease of passenger  
1-57 transport to and from military installations located in this state;  
1-58 and

1-59 (3) be developed in collaboration with high-speed rail  
1-60 projects in other areas of the United States to ensure  
1-61 interconnectivity with other federally designated high-speed rail  
1-62 corridors.

1-63 Sec. 91.124. REPORTS. The department annually shall submit

2-1 a report regarding the activities of the department and the  
2-2 corporation under this subchapter to:

2-3 (1) the governor;

2-4 (2) the lieutenant governor;

2-5 (3) the speaker of the house of representatives; and

2-6 (4) the standing committee of each house of the

2-7 legislature that has primary jurisdiction over rail transportation  
2-8 issues.

2-9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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