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H.B. No. 3560

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment and recommendations of the Border Trade Advisory Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 201.114(b) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The coordinator shall serve on the Border Trade Advisory Committee as presiding officer. The commission shall appoint the other members of the committee, which to the extent practicable must include:

(1) the presiding officers, or persons designated by the presiding officers, of the policy boards of metropolitan planning organizations wholly or partly in the department's Pharr, Laredo, Odessa, or El Paso transportation district;

(2) the person serving, or a person designated by the person serving, in the capacity of executive director of each entity governing a port of entry in this state; ~~and~~

(3) a representative each from at least two institutes or centers operated by a university in this state that conduct continuing research on transportation or trade issues; and

(4) the port director of the Port of Brownsville or the port director's designee.

(c) The commission shall establish the Border Trade Advisory Committee to define and develop a strategy and make

1 recommendations to the commission and governor for addressing the  
2 highest priority border trade transportation challenges. In  
3 determining action to be taken on the recommendations, the  
4 commission shall consider the importance of trade with the United  
5 Mexican States, potential sources of infrastructure funding at  
6 border ports, including maritime ports, and the value of trade  
7 activity in the department's districts adjacent to the border with  
8 the United Mexican States.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.