



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: _____

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 1 in Article VII of the bill by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered rider following the
3 appropriations to the Texas Department of Transportation:

4 _____. Native Seed Study and Report. (a) Out of amounts
5 appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Research, the Department of
6 Transportation shall fund and conduct a study regarding the
7 production of and use of native seeds in this state.

8 (b) In this rider, "native seed" means a seed found in, and
9 naturally endemic to, ecosystems, sites, or regions in the present
10 borders of this state, as to which the best available information
11 indicates an indigenous nature precluding the seed's introduction
12 or transport to this state from some other location by nonnatural
13 conveyances. The term includes improved varieties of native seeds.

14 (c) In conducting the study, the Department of
15 Transportation shall consider:

16 (1) methods for increasing the supply of native seeds
17 in this state;

18 (2) methods for overcoming market barriers that
19 prevent or inhibit the sale or production of native seeds; and

20 (3) ways the state can assist in cultivating the
21 demand for native seeds.

22 (d) Not later than December 1, 2014, the Department of
23 Transportation shall report the results of the study to the
24 legislature and make the report available on the department's
25 Internet website.