

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 138
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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Some commercial service airports in Texas are currently ineligible to receive certain public funding. C.S.H.B. 138 seeks to enable additional funding for certain airports to the extent consistent with federal funding restrictions.

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

C.S.H.B. 138 amends the Transportation Code to make a project involving a commercial service airport, to the extent consistent with federal funding restrictions, eligible for specified financial assistance from the state, including eligibility for the aviation facilities capital improvement program, if the airport is located in a county along the Texas-Mexico border that has a population of less than 300,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2013.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 138 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and highlighted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 21, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 21.115 to read as follows:
Sec. 21.115. FUNDING FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORTS. To the extent consistent with federal funding restrictions, a project involving a commercial service airport is eligible for financial assistance under this subchapter, including for inclusion in the aviation facilities capital improvement program, if the airport is located in a county along the Texas-Mexico border that has a population

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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of less than 300,000 and contains one or more municipalities with a population of 200,000 or more.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.