BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1238 By: Price Transportation Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

State law currently allows the legislature to assign a memorial to a portion of the highway system. State Trooper Bobby Steve Booth was killed in the line of duty while serving Texas. C.S.H.B. 1238 seeks to publicly honor his life and service by designating a portion of a highway in Sherman and Dallam Counties as a memorial to Trooper Booth.

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. 1238 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 287 between the northern corporate limits of the City of Stratford and the Texas-Oklahoma border as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth Memorial Highway, in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1238 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 B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.091 to read as follows:

Sec. 225.091. TROOPER BOBBY STEVE BOOTH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) The portion of U.S. Highway 287 between the northern corporate limits of the City of Stratford and the Texas-Oklahoma border is designated as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth Memorial Highway. The designation

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the highway number, the designation as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth Memorial Highway, and any other appropriate information; and

(2) erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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(b) Subject to Section 225.021(c), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Trooper Bobby Steve Booth Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and

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SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.