

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3520
By: Branch
Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties recognize that in the spring of 2013, the George W. Bush Presidential Center will open at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. The center will be located adjacent to U.S. Highway 75, a major thoroughfare in the city. The center will include the George W. Bush Presidential Library, one of only 13 libraries in the country administered by the Office of Presidential Libraries. C.S.H.B. 3520 seeks to show Texas' appreciation for the honor of hosting a presidential library and to honor President George W. Bush for his service to America by designating a segment of that highway as the George W. Bush Expressway.

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. 3520 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of U.S. Highway 75 in Dallas County between its intersection with Knox Street/North Henderson Avenue and its intersection with Northwest Highway as the George W. Bush Expressway, in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to the bill's provisions, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the George W. Bush Expressway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway. The bill requires TxDOT to accept a grant or donation made to assist in financing the construction and maintenance of such a marker. The bill prohibits TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made to TxDOT to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3520 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 225.0331 to read as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 225.0331 to read as follows:

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Substitute Document Number: 83R 22618

Sec. 225.0331. PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH EXPRESSWAY.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 225.001(c), the portion of U.S. Highway 75 in Dallas County between its intersection with Interstate Highway 30 and its intersection with Park Lane is designated as the President George W. Bush Expressway.

The designation is in addition to any other designation.

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

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the President George W. Bush Expressway 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.

Sec. 225.0331. GEORGE W. BUSH EXPRESSWAY.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 225.001(c), the portion of U.S. Highway 75 in Dallas County between its intersection with Knox Street/North Henderson Avenue and its intersection with Northwest Highway is designated as the George W. Bush Expressway.

The designation is in addition to any other designation.

(b) Subject to Subsection (d), the department shall:

(1) design and construct markers indicating the designation as the George W. Bush Expressway and any other appropriate information; and

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

(c) The department shall accept a grant or donation made to assist in financing the construction and maintenance of a marker under this section.

(d) The department may not design, construct, or erect a marker under this section unless a grant or donation of funds is made to the department to cover the cost of the design, construction, and erection of the marker.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.