

1-1 By: Guerra, Munoz, Jr. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3761
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-3 May 8, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Rural Affairs, and Homeland Security; May 20, 2013,
 1-5 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 20, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to a feasibility report on the creation of a border
 1-17 agricultural inspection training program.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by
 1-20 adding Section 12.049 to read as follows:

1-21 Sec. 12.049. FEASIBILITY REPORT ON BORDER AGRICULTURAL
 1-22 INSPECTION TRAINING PROGRAM. (a) The department shall consider the
 1-23 feasibility of creating and administering a program to:

1-24 (1) train department employees to meet federal
 1-25 standards for agricultural inspectors performing inspections,
 1-26 other than inspections of animals as defined by Section 161.001, at
 1-27 ports of entry along the border with the United Mexican States; and

1-28 (2) allow department employees trained as provided by
 1-29 Subdivision (1) to assist the United States Customs and Border
 1-30 Protection and the United States Department of Agriculture with
 1-31 agricultural inspections, other than inspections of animals as
 1-32 defined by Section 161.001, at ports of entry along the border with
 1-33 the United Mexican States with the goal of reducing the wait time
 1-34 for an agricultural inspection of a vehicle.

1-35 (b) The department shall determine whether any agreements
 1-36 with the federal government are required to implement a program
 1-37 described by Subsection (a) and the nature of those agreements.

1-38 (c) Not later than December 31, 2014, the department shall
 1-39 submit a report to the committees of each house of the legislature
 1-40 with primary jurisdiction over agriculture concerning the
 1-41 feasibility of a program described by Subsection (a) and the nature
 1-42 of any agreements with the federal government required to implement
 1-43 the program.

1-44 (d) This section expires August 31, 2015.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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