1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 3842 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015; 1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural 1-4 Resources and Economic Development; May 22, 2015, reported 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 1; May 22, 2015, sent 1-6 to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE
1-8	Yea Nay Absent PNV
1-9	Fraser X
1-10	Estes X
1-11	Birdwell X
1-12	Hall X
1-13	Hancock X
1-14	Hinojosa X
1-15	Lucio X
1-16	Nichols X
1-17	Seliger X
1-18	Uresti X
1-19	Zaffirini X
1-20	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21	AN ACT
1-22	relating to an agreement to finance and build a conference center
1-23	and other appropriate facilities in or near a state park.
1-24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-25	SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife
1-26	Code, is amended by adding Section 13.0046 to read as follows:
1-27	Sec. 13.0046. COOPERATION WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
1-28	Sec. 13.0046. COOPERATION WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education"
1-29	has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.
1-30	(b) The commission may enter into a joint agreement with the
1-31	governing board of an institution of higher education to finance
1-32	and build a conference center and other appropriate related
1-33	facilities to be located in or near a state park.
1-34	(c) A facility built under this section must be operated
1-35	cooperatively to provide benefits to the department and the
1-36	institution of higher education in accomplishing the purposes of
1-37	the department and the institution.
1-38	(d) The commission and an institution of higher education
1-39	may use any funds, property, or other assets available to finance
1-40	and build a facility under this section.
1-41	SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an agreement entered
1-42	into on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-43	SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.
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