

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 1601
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 13, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 4; April 13, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10		X		
1-11		X		
1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1601 By: Kolkhorst

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to railroads in this state.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 81.001, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-24 by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

1-25 (3) "High-speed rail" means intercity passenger rail
 1-26 service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110
 1-27 miles per hour.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 81.002, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 81.002. APPLICABILITY. In this title, a reference to a
 1-31 railroad company means [includes]:

1-32 (1) a railroad initially incorporated before
 1-33 September 1, 2007, under former Title 112, Revised Statutes; or

1-34 (2) any other legal entity operating a railroad,
 1-35 including an entity organized under the Texas Business Corporation
 1-36 Act or the Texas Corporation Law provisions of the Business
 1-37 Organizations Code, that owns or leases:

1-38 (A) locomotives and passenger or freight rail
 1-39 cars; and

1-40 (B) rights-of-way used for the purposes of
 1-41 transporting people or goods by rail between at least two
 1-42 terminuses.

1-43 SECTION 3. Section 112.002, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-44 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-45 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b)(5), a company that
 1-46 operates a high-speed rail system may not exercise the power of
 1-47 eminent domain for the system.

1-48 SECTION 4. Section 111.103(a), Transportation Code, is
 1-49 repealed.

1-50 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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