

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 658
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that the limitation on the liability of landowners who allow people onto their property for recreational activities should apply to landowners who allow people onto their property for purposes of rock climbing. S.B. 658 seeks to encourage landowners to allow rock climbing on their property by providing for that applicability.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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

S.B. 658 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to include rock climbing among the activities that constitute the definition of "recreation" as that term relates to the limitation of a landowner's liability under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.