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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2863 |
| By: Landgraf |
| Transportation |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been suggested that certain requirements in state law relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities can delay highway construction projects when such a project requires the relocation or adjustment of a municipally owned utility facility. H.B. 2863 seeks to expedite the completion time of certain transportation projects by exempting expenditures for the relocation or adjustment of such a facility from those requirements under certain circumstances. |
| **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**  H.B. 2863 amends the Local Government Code to exempt from the application of provisions relating to the purchasing and contracting authority of municipalities an expenditure for the relocation or adjustment of a municipally owned utility facility that:   * is required as a result of the construction of a state transportation project; and * is performed by the entity procured by the state to construct the state transportation project or a subcontractor of that entity. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |