

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3930  
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Environmental Regulation  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Concerns have been raised regarding a recent land application by a private company of processed grease trap waste or grit trap waste combined with sewage sludge as such application had a negative impact on adjacent landowners and could negatively impact the environment through groundwater runoff. C.S.H.B. 3930 seeks to address this issue by providing for a prohibition of the land application of grease trap waste or grit trap waste.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 3930 amends the Health and Safety Code to prohibit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from issuing a permit, registration, or other authorization for land application of grease trap waste or grit trap waste. The bill exempts the following from such prohibition:

- the disposal of grease trap waste or grit trap waste at a municipal solid waste Type I landfill permitted by TCEQ;
- the processing of grease trap waste or grit trap waste at a municipal solid waste Type V compost facility permitted or registered by TCEQ; or
- land application of Grade 1 or Grade 2 compost generated at a Type V compost facility permitted to compost grease trap waste by TCEQ.

C.S.H.B. 3930 excludes from the term "land application unit," for purposes of the land application of Class B sludge, the placement of waste on a liner registered or permitted by TCEQ. The bill defines "grease trap waste," "grit trap," and "grit trap waste" for purposes of the bill's provisions. The bill extinguishes on the bill's effective date a permit, registration, or other authorization issued by TCEQ that allows the land application of grease trap waste or grit trap waste and establishes that the remainder of a permit, registration, or other authorization that contains items in addition to an authorization allowing the land application of grease trap waste or grit trap waste remains in effect to the extent that it does not authorize the land application of grease trap waste or grit trap waste.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

## **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 3930 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute changes the bill's effective date if it does not receive the necessary vote for immediate effect from September 1, 2017, to September 1, 2019.