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H.B. No. 4280

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to funding for counties for transportation infrastructure  
3 projects located in areas of the state affected by increased oil and  
4 gas production.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 251.018, Transportation Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 251.018. ROAD REPORTS. A road condition report made by  
9 a county that is operating under a system of administering county  
10 roads under Chapter 252 or a special law, including a report made  
11 under Section 251.005, must include the primary cause of any road,  
12 culvert, or bridge degradation, if reasonably ascertained, along  
13 with a brief description of the degradation.

14 SECTION 2. Sections 256.101(3) and (4), Transportation  
15 Code, are amended to read as follows:

16 (3) "Weight tolerance permit" means a permit issued  
17 under Section 623.011 for [~~Chapter 623 authorizing~~] a vehicle  
18 operating specifically in relation to the exploration,  
19 development, or production of oil or gas [~~to exceed maximum legal~~  
20 ~~weight limitations~~].

21 (4) "Well completion" means the completion, reentry,  
22 or recompletion of a vertical or horizontal [~~an~~] oil or gas well.

23 SECTION 3. Section 256.103, Transportation Code, is amended  
24 by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as

1 follows:

2 (a-1) To be eligible for a grant under this subchapter, a  
3 county must have at least 400 active wells, including horizontal,  
4 vertical, and oil and gas waste disposal wells, as determined by the  
5 most recent data of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

6 (b) Grants distributed during a fiscal year must be  
7 allocated among counties as follows:

8 (1) 10 [~~20~~] percent according to weight tolerance  
9 permits, determined by the ratio of weight tolerance permits issued  
10 in the preceding fiscal year for the county to the total number of  
11 weight tolerance permits issued in the state in that fiscal year, as  
12 determined by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles;

13 (2) 20 percent according to oil and gas production  
14 taxes, determined by the ratio of oil and gas production taxes  
15 collected by the comptroller in the preceding fiscal year in the  
16 county to the total amount of oil and gas production taxes collected  
17 in the state in that fiscal year, as determined by the comptroller;

18 (3) 15 [~~50~~] percent according to vertical well  
19 completions, determined by the ratio of vertical well completions  
20 in the preceding fiscal year in the county to the total number of  
21 vertical well completions in the state in that fiscal year, as  
22 determined by the Railroad Commission of Texas; [~~and~~]

23 (4) 45 percent according to horizontal well  
24 completions, determined by the ratio of horizontal well completions  
25 in the preceding fiscal year in the county to the total number of  
26 horizontal well completions in the state in that fiscal year, as  
27 determined by the Railroad Commission of Texas; and

1           (5) 10 percent according to the total number [~~volume~~]  
2 of oil and gas waste disposal wells as defined by the Railroad  
3 Commission of Texas [~~injected~~], determined by the ratio of the  
4 total number [~~volume~~] of oil and gas waste disposal wells  
5 [~~injected~~] in the last full [~~preceding fiscal~~] year for which the  
6 Railroad Commission of Texas has a report for commercial disposal  
7 wells in the county to the total number [~~volume~~] of oil and gas  
8 waste disposal wells [~~injected~~] in the state in that [~~fiscal~~] year,  
9 as determined by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

10           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.