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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 156 |
| By: Ortega |
| Transportation |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Residents and local leaders of El Paso County have called for a mechanism to raise local revenue for large, long-term priority transportation projects in the region. H.B. 156 seeks to implement such a mechanism by authorizing El Paso County to impose an additional vehicle registration fee, subject to voter approval, to help fund those projects. |
| **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 rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles in SECTION 1 of this bill. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 156 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the commissioners court of a county that borders the United Mexican States and contains a municipality that unilaterally created a regional mobility authority to impose an additional vehicle registration fee capped at $10. The bill authorizes the commissioners court to hold an election for that purpose and requires voter approval of the fee at the election. The bill exempts from the additional fee a vehicle that may be registered without payment of a registration fee and sets out provisions regarding the effect, removal, and collection of the fee.  H.B. 156 requires the fee revenue collected to be sent to a regional mobility authority located in the county to fund certain long-term transportation projects in the county that are included in a plan approved by the metropolitan planning organization that serves the county. The bill requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt rules necessary to administer registration for a vehicle being registered in a county imposing such a fee. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021. |