BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2086 By: Morales, Eddie Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been argued that the appeals process for interlocutory orders denying a motion for summary judgment of certain cases relating to contractors who construct or repair a highway, road, or street for the Texas Department of Transportation should be expedited. H.B. 2086 seeks to make this change.

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. 2086 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to authorize a person to appeal an interlocutory order of a district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or county court that denies a motion for summary judgment filed by a contractor based on the limited liability of a contractor who constructs or repairs a highway, road, or street for the Texas Department of Transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2021.