BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2317 By: Coleman County Affairs Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Although affordable housing is not currently included as a qualifying project for a public-private partnership, many consider affordable housing to be a public need, especially in light of recent disasters impacting the availability of affordable housing stock in certain areas. H.B. 2317 seeks to better serve this need by classifying affordable housing as a qualifying project for purposes of statutory provisions governing public-private partnerships.

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. 2317 amends the Government Code to classify affordable housing as a qualifying project for purposes of statutory provisions governing public-private partnerships but to restrict the development or operation of a qualifying project for affordable housing to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million. The bill revises legislative findings relating to the public purpose served by public-private partnerships with respect to public and private facilities and infrastructure to include references to affordable housing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.