

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

There are reports of some cities adopting rules and ordinances surrounding vegetation height and maintenance requirements that would effectively prohibit certain agricultural operations within their limits. H.B. 1389 seeks to limit burdensome city regulations by exempting agricultural operations from vegetation height and maintenance requirements.

H.B. 1389 amends current law relating to the applicability of certain municipal governmental requirements on an agricultural operation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 251.005, Agriculture Code, by adding Subsection (c-3) to provide that a governmental requirement of a city relating to the height or maintenance of vegetation does not apply to vegetation growing within the boundaries of an agricultural operation.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2023.