BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2835 By: Burns Transportation Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to honor the life and career of Ed Shipman, a beloved philanthropist in Somervell County who recently passed away. Ed Shipman is credited with helping children who were on the brink of prison, lifelong drug addiction, and poverty. H.B. 2835 seeks to recognize and honor the life of Ed Shipman by designating a portion of State Highway 144 in Hood and Somervell Counties as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway.

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. 2835 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 144 in Hood and Somervell Counties between its intersections with U.S. Highway 67 and Mitchell Bend Highway as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to do the following:

- design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Ed Shipman Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information; and
- erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2023.