

**BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1716  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current law allows for a local government, by contract, lease, or other arrangement, to authorize a qualified person to operate an airport on behalf of the local government, for a term not to exceed 40 years. S.B. 1716 seeks to increase the term limit for a local government to authorize a qualified person to operate the airport and for the lease of real property relating to certain airports and navigation facilities.

**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**

S.B. 1716 amends the Transportation Code to increase from 40 years to 50 years the term limit during which a local government, by contract, lease, or other agreement, may authorize a qualified person to operate an airport owned, leased, or controlled by the local government as an agent of the local government. The bill increases from 40 years to 50 years the term limit for a lease or renewal or extension of a lease of real property used as an airport or navigation facility if at the time of the lease the property is used as nonaeronautical property and is located on an airport on which there are active federal government aircraft operations on federal property.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2023.