

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 469
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that international ports of entry are vital for bringing goods into the state, but they can also lead to the presence of large numbers of commercial vehicles on roads in counties where these ports are located. Under current statute, only specific county and municipal law enforcement officers are eligible to apply to the Department of Public Safety for certification to enforce state commercial motor vehicle safety standards. H.B. 469 seeks to ensure the safety of Texas roadways by expanding the class of law enforcement officers authorized to apply for a certification to enforce these standards.

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. 469 amends the Transportation Code to make a sheriff or a deputy sheriff of a county that contains an international port eligible to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.