

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2152
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State Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Permian Basin has long played a vital role in establishing Texas as a leader in energy production, contributing significantly to the state, national, and global energy markets. Recognizing the need for a proactive strategy to ensure the electric grid is prepared to meet both current and future demands, the 88th Legislature enacted H.B. 5066, which required the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to direct ERCOT to develop a one-time reliability plan for the Permian Basin region by January 30, 2024. This plan addressed growing concerns over insufficient transmission access, laid the groundwork for critical infrastructure upgrades, and outlined necessary investments in transmission and distribution capacity. H.B. 2152 seeks to continue this proactive approach by requiring the PUC to direct ERCOT to update the reliability plan every five years.

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. 2152 amends the Utilities Code to require the Public Utility Commission of Texas to direct ERCOT to update its reliability plan for electric transmission service in the Permian Basin region every five years.

H.B. 2152 repeals Section 39.167(c), Utilities Code, as added by Chapter 892 (H.B. 5066), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, which provides for the expiration of provisions relating to that reliability plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.