

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3962  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedules open-wheel car racing events throughout North America, according to the organization's website. The bill author has informed the committee that one of its racing events will be held in Texas in March 2026, billed as the INDYCAR Grand Prix of Arlington, with qualifying events that culminate in a race day on Sunday, March 15. The bill author has further informed the committee that if the event qualifies for the major events reimbursement program, the local and state gains from sales and use taxes, vehicle rental taxes, and hotel and alcoholic beverage taxes generated from the event would help pay costs incurred from hosting the event. C.S.H.B. 3962 seeks to include the INDYCAR Grand Prix of Arlington as such an eligible event.

### **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**

C.S.H.B. 3962 amends the Government Code to make the INDYCAR Grand Prix of Arlington eligible for funding under the major events reimbursement program and to designate Penske Entertainment as a site selection organization for purposes of the program's requirement conditioning program funding on the site selection organization selecting a site in Texas as the sole site for the event without considering through a highly competitive process one or more sites not in Texas.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2025.

### **COMPARISON OF INTRODUCED AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.H.B. 3962 may differ from the introduced in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute, but not the introduced, provides that program funding is conditioned on the applicable site selection organization selecting a site in Texas as the sole site for the event without considering through a highly competitive process one or more sites not in Texas.