

**BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4731  
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Transportation  
Committee Report (Unamended)

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The bill author has informed the committee that State Highway Loop 88 is a planned relief route around Lubbock and is currently under construction and that the Lubbock County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution requesting that the Texas Legislature name a portion of the planned loop as the First Responders Memorial Loop as a fitting tribute and lasting reminder of those dedicated public servants who have fallen in the line of duty. H.B. 4731 seeks to make that designation.

**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. 4731 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway Loop 88 under construction as of September 1, 2025, as a relief route around Lubbock, in Lubbock County as the First Responders Memorial Loop, in addition to any other designation. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the First Responders Memorial Loop and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at appropriate sites along the loop. The bill establishes the legislature's intent that the bill's provisions be renumbered to prevent multiple provisions with the same designation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2025.