

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3537  
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Appropriations  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties call for money credited to the deferred maintenance fund account to remain subject to certain federal restrictions and for the restriction of the use of that money to a function required for state fish and wildlife resource management. H.B. 3537 seeks to provide for the continuation of those federal restrictions.

### **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. 3537 amends the Government Code to continue to subject the use of money credited to the deferred maintenance fund by appropriation or transfer from a fund or account in the state treasury the use of which is subject to restrictions under federal law, and the use of money earned as interest or other earnings on the investment of that money credited to the fund, to those federal restrictions. The bill restricts the use of such money to a function required to manage Texas' fish or wildlife resources in accordance with those federal restrictions.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.