

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 2705
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Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that certain airports have used the job order contracting procurement method for construction work related to buildings for a number of years but have not been able to do the same for civil construction projects due to certain statutory limitations. C.S.H.B. 2705 seeks to address this issue by providing certain joint airport boards with additional flexibility with regard to construction procurement.

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. 2705 amends the Transportation Code to authorize the use of the job order contracting procurement method by a joint airport board operating a municipal airport:

- for which the constituent agencies are populous home-rule municipalities; and
- that operates a facility that is an airport roadway, bridge, runway, taxiway, related type of project associated with civil engineering construction, or a building or structure incidental to such facilities.

A joint board may award a job order contract to a project for the maintenance, repair, alteration, renovation, remediation, or minor construction of such a facility if the individual job, task, or purchase order does not exceed \$300,000.

C.S.H.B. 2705 amends the Government Code to make a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 2705 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute changes the composition of the joint airport board that may use the job order contracting procurement method for certain projects.