

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 587
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Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There have been calls to honor the heroism and sacrifice of Game Warden Justin Hurst. H.B. 587 seeks to memorialize Mr. Hurst by designating a portion of State Highway 71 in Wharton County as the Game Warden Justin Hurst Memorial Highway.

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. 587 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 71 in Wharton County between its intersection with Farm-to-Market Road 2765 and the Matagorda County line as the Game Warden Justin Hurst Memorial Highway. 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 Game Warden Justin Hurst Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.