

- SUBJECT:** Road construction, repaid and maintenance near Parks and Wildlife areas
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, with amendment
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Alexander, Bosse, Alonzo, Clemons, Edwards, Siebert
0 nays
3 absent — Moreno, Price, Uher
- WITNESSES:** For — None
Against — None
On — Bobbie Templeton, Texas Department of Transportation; Penny Barneky, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- BACKGROUND:** During its first called session the 72nd Legislature in 1991 enacted HB 7 by Cain et al., establishing the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The act requires TxDOT to construct, repair and maintain roads in and adjacent to state parks and to obtain private land for right-of-way purposes, with all costs to be paid from the State Highway Fund.
- DIGEST:** HB 1359, as amended, would add state fish hatcheries, state wildlife management areas and support facilities for parks, hatcheries and wildlife management areas to the Parks and Wildlife facilities that must be served by TxDOT roads.

Parks and Wildlife could not obtain an easement, right-of-way or similar access to or in one of its facilities served by a TxDOT road without the express written consent of all affected private landowners.

The bill would take effect September 1, 1995.
- NOTES:** The committee amendment would add the provision about consent from private landowners for road access.