

SUBJECT: Expanding the boundaries of the Near Northside Management District

COMMITTEE: Urban Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Dutton, Alvarado, Elkins, Leach, J. Rodriguez
0 nays
2 absent — Anchia, Sanford

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND: The Near Northwest Management District was created in 2001 to address concerns about public safety and economic development in an area in northwest Harris County. The district’s mission is to promote and coordinate economic growth, creation and beautification of area green spaces and promote and supplement public security within the boundaries.

The area of the district comprises territory in Harris County enclosed by Loop 610 as the north boundary, Lockwood Dr. as the east boundary, Interstate 10 as the south boundary, and Jensen Dr. as the west boundary.

DIGEST: HB 2139 would expand the boundaries of the Near Northside Management District by designating the southern boundary as Buffalo Bayou, instead of Interstate 10.

This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2013.