

- SUBJECT:** Allowing Katy police to enforce commercial vehicle standards
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — Canales, Landgraf, Y. Davis, Goldman, Krause, Leman, Martinez, Ortega, Raney, E. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Bernal, Hefner, Thierry
- WITNESSES:** For — Chuck Brawner, Chris Harris, City of Katy; Dana Moore, Texas Trucking Association; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Arthur Simon)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code sec. 644.101 describes certain municipalities whose peace officers may be certified by the Department of Public Safety to enforce commercial vehicle safety standards.
- Some have noted that Katy has increasingly heavy truck traffic but that the city's police officers are not authorized to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.
- DIGEST:** HB 1308 would add a municipality with a population of less than 75,000 that is located in three counties, at least one of which had a population greater than 3.3 million (Katy), to the list of municipalities whose peace officers could apply for certification from the Department of Public Safety to enforce commercial vehicle safety standards.
- To the extent of any conflict with another act of the 86th Legislature involving nonsubstantive additions and corrections, this bill would prevail.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.