

SUBJECT: Adding electric motorcycles to the Texas Emissions Reduction Program

COMMITTEE: Environmental Regulation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Lozano, Kacal, Kuempel, Morrison, Reynolds, J. Turner, Zwiener

0 nays

2 absent — E. Thompson, Blanco

WITNESSES: For — Preston Douglass, Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Scott Hutchinson, Association of Electric Companies of Texas; Gwendalyn Gebhardt, Coastal Wire Company; Jay Propes, Harley Davidson Motor Company; Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club; Bill Kelly City of Houston, Mayor's Office; Adrian Shelley, Public Citizen; Tom Spilman)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jason Vaughn, Texas Young Republicans)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Donna Huff, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality)

BACKGROUND: Health and Safety Code ch. 386 establishes the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan, which provides financial incentives for certain programs that reduce emissions, including a program for grants for certain low-emission vehicles.

DIGEST: HB 1649 would add motorcycles to the list of new light-duty motor vehicles powered by electric drives that qualified for a \$2,500 incentive.

The 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, 2019.