

SUBJECT: Studying the effects of increasing the maximum weight of sand trucks

COMMITTEE: Transportation — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 10 ayes — Canales, Landgraf, Bernal, Y. Davis, Hefner, Krause, Leman, Martinez, Ortega, E. Thompson

0 nays

3 absent — Goldman, Raney, Thierry

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Lindsay Mullins, BNSF Railway; Julie Williams, Chevron USA; Angela Smith, Fredericksburg Tea Party; Dennis Kearns, Texas Railroad Association; Terri Hall, Texans United for Reform and Freedom, Texans for Toll-Free Highways; Don Dixon; Matt Long; Michael Belsick)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Ken Olson)

On — Ginger Goodin, P.E., Texas A&M Transportation Institute

DIGEST: CSHB 2855 would require the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to conduct a study on the impacts to state and local infrastructure, traffic, and safety of increasing the maximum allowable weight for trucks transporting sand.

The institute would be required to submit its report to relevant committees of the Legislature by October 1, 2020.

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.

NOTES: According to the Legislative Budget Board, the bill would have a negative impact of \$450,000 on general revenue related funds through fiscal 2020-21.

