

SUBJECT: Allowing TxDOT to enter federal agreements to provide road services

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

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

0 nays

3 absent — Goldman, Raney, Thierry

WITNESSES: For — David Athey, U.S. Army; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Doug Williamson, Abilene Chamber of Commerce; Leticia Van de Putte, City of Del Rio; Dan Mays, City of Texarkana; Deirdre Delisi, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce; Scott Norton, TexAmericas Center; Trace Finley, United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Military Facilities Task Force)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* James Bass, Texas Department of Transportation)

BACKGROUND: Interested parties have noted that allowing TxDOT to partner with the federal government on road projects on military installations could provide cost savings for these projects and increase efficiency.

DIGEST: HB 2861 would allow the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to enter into agreements with the U.S. Department of Defense or any federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist with road services on military installations. The bill would prohibit state funds from being used to provide road services under such agreements.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.