

SUBJECT: Exempting certain contracting personnel from contracting training

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 12 ayes — Canales, Bernal, Y. Davis, Goldman, Hefner, Krause, Leman, Martinez, Ortega, Raney, Thierry, E. Thompson

0 nays

1 absent — Landgraf

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jennifer Walker, Homespun Kitchen and Bar; Walter West II, Republican Party of Texas-Senate District 4; Terri Hall, Texans Uniting for Freedom and Reform, Texans for Toll-Free Highways; Stephanie Ingersoll; Ruth York)

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

DIGEST: HB 3088 would exempt certain Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) purchasing personnel from comptroller-administered training for state agency purchasing personnel. Exempted personnel would include those whose duties related primarily to TxDOT contracts for highway construction or engineering or that were subject to contract claims procedures established by Texas Transportation Commission rule.

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.