

**SUBJECT:** Requiring speed limit signs at the end of work zones

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 10 ayes — Canales, Landgraf, Y. Davis, Goldman, Hefner, Leman, Martinez, Ortega, Raney, E. Thompson

0 nays

3 absent — Bernal, Krause, Thierry

**WITNESSES:** For — None

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Shanna Igo, Texas Municipal League)

On — Gina Gallegos, TxDOT

**DIGEST:** HB 339 would require an entity that lowers the speed limit on a section of the state highway system for a construction or maintenance work zone to place a sign at the end of the work zone indicating the speed limit after the zone ends.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** HB 339 would improve road safety by requiring speed limit signs at the end of work zones, helping prevent drivers from maintaining dangerously low speeds. This would codify in law existing Texas Department of Transportation policy.

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact. The costs of temporary signage could be included in contracts issued for road work.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** HB 399 could place a cost burden on cities and other entities by requiring additional signage for work done on state highways.