

SUBJECT: Allowing extension for certain comprehensive development agreements

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Canales, Landgraf, Bernal, Martinez, Ortega, Raney, Thierry

0 nays

6 absent — Y. Davis, Goldman, Hefner, Krause, Leman, E. Thompson

WITNESSES: For — C. Brian Cassidy and Deirdre Delisi, State Highway 130
Concession Company

Against — Terri Hall, Texas TURF, Texans for Toll-free Highways; Don Dixon; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steven Albright, AGC of Texas - Highway Heavy Branch; Trey Duhon, Waller County; Tom Glass; Terry Holcomb; Roy Morales; Lee Spiller)

BACKGROUND: Transportation Code sec 223.208(h) sets the maximum duration of a comprehensive development agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and a private entity to develop a toll road at 50 years from either the project's final acceptance or the start of revenue collection, whichever is later, not to exceed a total term of 52 years.

Interested parties have suggested that extending the term of the State Highway 130 comprehensive development agreement could incentivize the development of new non-toll roads to provide better access to State Highway 130 and reduce traffic on Interstate Highway 35.

DIGEST: HB 4427 would allow the Texas Department of Transportation to amend a comprehensive development agreement with a private participant entered into on or before March 22, 2007, for State Highway 130 segments 5 and 6 to extend the term of the agreement for an additional period, not to exceed 20 years, if the amendment outlined the benefit the state would receive from extending the term.

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This bill would take effect September 1, 2019.