

- SUBJECT:** Prohibiting the use of certain weapons in certain river or stream beds
- COMMITTEE:** Culture, Recreation and Tourism — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Cyrier, Martinez, Bucy, Gervin-Hawkins, Holland, Kacal, Morrison
- 2 absent — Jarvis Johnson, Toth
- WITNESSES:** For — Philip Hancock; Bryan Hollaway; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Quint Balkcom, Game Warden Peace Officer's Association; Jodie Rapp, Texas Alliance of Land Brokers; Bob Turner, Texas Poultry Federation)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Mark Neugebauer, Texas General Land Office; Stormy King, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)
- BACKGROUND:** Parks and Wildlife Code sec. 284.001 prohibits a person from discharging a firearm or shooting an arrow from any kind of bow if the person is located in or on the bed or bank of a navigable river or stream located in Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kenedy, Llano, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, or Zavala counties.
- Concerns have been raised about hunting activities and firearm target practice taking place on river banks in Hall County.
- DIGEST:** HB 489 would prohibit a person from discharging a firearm or shooting an arrow if the person was located in or on the bed or bank of a navigable river or stream in Hall County.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.