

- SUBJECT:** Requiring operators of wind power facilities to post certain signs
- COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Paddie, Deshotel, Harless, Howard, Hunter, P. King, Lucio, Metcalf, Raymond, Shaheen, Slawson
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Hernandez, Smithee
- WITNESSES:** For — Jeffrey Clark, Advanced Power Alliance
- Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Mike Meroney, Enel North America)
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Mike Hoke, Public Utility Commission of Texas)
- BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested requiring operators of wind turbines to post signs at public entrances so that people, including first responders who may be responding to a fire in the area, may contact the owner or operator.
- DIGEST:** HB 1842 would require an operator of a wind power facility to post at each entrance to the facility a sign including:
- the name of the facility;
 - the name of the owner;
 - the name, business address, and phone number of the operator;
 - the number of acres in the lot on which the facility is located;
 - the county in which the sign is located; and
 - emergency contact information.

The sign would have to be displayed in a conspicuous manner clearly visible to the public and use contrasting colors with one-inch high block

letters.

The Public Utility Commission could regulate a wind power facility as necessary to carry out the provisions of this bill and could enforce the provisions in the manner provided by current law.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.