

SUBJECT: Changing reporting timelines for state agencies with large vehicle fleets

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 — None

Against — None

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

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 2171.101 requires the Office of Vehicle Fleet
Management to establish a reporting system to assist each state agency in
managing its vehicle fleet. A state agency is required to submit reports to
the office on a quarterly basis.

Concerns have been raised that the data entry process related to vehicle
fleet reports is time-consuming and difficult, especially for agencies with
large fleets. To lessen the administrative burden, some have suggested
exempting agencies with large vehicle fleets from quarterly reporting
requirements and instead subjecting them to an annual reporting
requirement.

DIGEST: HB 3388 would require a state agency with a fleet of more than 2,500
vehicles to establish and maintain a reporting system to assist in the
management of its vehicle fleet.

Such a state agency would be excepted from submitting a report to the
Office of Vehicle Fleet Management on a quarterly basis, and instead

would have to submit by October 15 of each year to the office the information the office requested regarding the agency's vehicle fleet for the previous fiscal year. The agency could provide the information in the format used by the agency's reporting system.

Such agencies also would be exempt from paying to the office any fee for maintaining the office's vehicle reporting system.

Each state agency the bill applied to would have to establish a vehicle reporting system by October 1, 2021, and submit the first report to the office by October 15, 2021, or a later date determined by the office.

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, 2021.