

SUBJECT: Allowing contracts for electric vehicle charging on state property

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 11 ayes — Paddie, Hernandez, Deshotel, Harless, Howard, Hunter, P. King, Metcalf, Raymond, Slawson, Smithee

1 nay — Shaheen

1 absent — Lucio

WITNESSES: For — Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club; Tom Smitty Smith, Texas Electric Transportation Resources Alliance; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Mike Meroney, Enel North America; Jason Sabo, Environment Texas; Timothy Glassco, Francis Energy; Katherine Carmichael, Rivian Automotive; Joshua Houston, Texas Impact)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Matt Burgin, Texas Food and Fuel Association)

BACKGROUND: Concerns have been raised that there are currently not enough charging stations for hybrid or electric vehicles on state property, and it has been suggested that allowing such charging stations to be installed could lead to increased tourism in the state.

DIGEST: CSHB 3963 would allow a state agency in charge and control of state property, including a state park, to enter into an agreement with a charging provider to place and maintain electric vehicle charging equipment on the property.

Such an agreement would have to require the provider to use a metering device to determine the cost of electricity transferred to another person through electric vehicle charging equipment and could include any other reasonable requirements on the use of the property.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

