

- SUBJECT:** Modifying requirements for certain RRC licensing examinations
- COMMITTEE:** Energy Resources — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — Goldman, Herrero, Anchia, Craddick, Darby, Ellzey, Geren, Leman, Longoria, Reynolds
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — T. King
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 29 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Ryan Paylor, Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* April Richardson, Railroad Commission of Texas)
- BACKGROUND:** It has been suggested that the Railroad Commission (RRC) should be able to use proctoring services to administer licensing examinations for liquid petroleum gas and compressed natural gas activities. Concerns also have been raised that the requirement that testing services conducting such examinations collect exam fees is an unnecessary process for fees that could be paid directly to RRC.
- DIGEST:** SB 1582 would repeal Natural Resources Code provisions that:
- require a testing service that administered an examination under statute governing liquid petroleum gas licensing to collect a nonrefundable fee for the examination before it was administered and forward the fee to the Railroad Commission (RRC) within five business days after receiving the fee; and
 - allow a testing service to administer such an examination before

RRC received the fee.

The bill also would expand provisions related to testing services that administered examinations for liquid petroleum gas and compressed natural gas licensing to proctoring services.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.