

SUBJECT: Allowing electric vehicle charging equipment placement on state property

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Hunter, Hernandez, Anchía, Dean, Geren, Metcalf, Raymond,  
Slawson, Spiller, S. Thompson, Turner

0 nays

2 absent — Guillen, Smithee

WITNESSES: For — Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club (*Registered, but did not testify*; Jason Sabo, Environment Texas; Bill Kelly, Mayor's Office, City of Houston; Matthew Bentley, Texas Electric Transportation Resources Alliance; Gentry McLean)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Henry Bohnert)

DIGEST: HB 821 would authorize a state agency in charge and control of state property, including a state park, to enter into an agreement authorizing a charging provider to place and maintain electric vehicle charging equipment on the property. The agreement would have to require the provider to use a metering device to determine the cost of electricity transferred through the equipment.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 821 would help to facilitate increased tourism in Texas, especially in state parks, by allowing state agencies to partner with private entities to place and maintain electric vehicle charging equipment on public property.

CRITICS SAY: No concerns identified.