

SUBJECT: Authorizing certain counties to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Canales, Ashby, Davis, Gamez, Harris, Landgraf, Lozano, Lujan, Patterson, Romero

0 nays

3 absent — Raney, Ordaz, Perez

SENATE VOTE: On final passage (April 3) — 31 - 0

WITNESSES: None (*considered in a formal meeting on May 11*)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that Waller County should have the authority to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards, as the county has four major transportation corridors.

DIGEST: SB 323 would grant a sheriff or deputy sheriff of a county with a population of more than 50,000 and less than 90,000 that was adjacent to a county with a population of more than 4,000,000 eligibility to apply for certification to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

To the extent of any conflict, SB 323 would prevail over any other bill enacted during the 88th Legislature Regular Session, relating to non-substantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.