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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 2154 (house committee printing) by  
2 striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the  
3 following:

4 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "task force" means the  
5 generate recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas) task force  
6 established under this section.

7 (b) The generate recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas)  
8 task force is established to:

9 (1) serve as the state's primary point of contact for  
10 local governments representing areas of this state experiencing  
11 high growth associated with the rapid expansion of energy  
12 production;

13 (2) coordinate with those local governments to identify  
14 for implementation programs to address the increased demand for  
15 education, housing, health care, and workforce training resulting  
16 from increased energy production, as permitted by the laws of this  
17 state; and

18 (3) assist those local governments in leveraging  
19 federal programs to address the increased demands described by  
20 Subdivision (2) of this subsection.

21 (c) The task force is composed of 13 members appointed by  
22 the chief executive officer of the following state agencies and  
23 university systems:

- 24 (1) the Texas Department of Transportation;
- 25 (2) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- 26 (3) the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality;
- 27 (4) the Public Utility Commission of Texas;
- 28 (5) the Texas Department of Housing and Community  
29 Affairs;

- 1 (6) the Texas Department of Public Safety;
- 2 (7) the Department of State Health Services;
- 3 (8) the Health and Human Services Commission;
- 4 (9) The University of Texas System;
- 5 (10) The Texas A&M University System;
- 6 (11) the Texas Tech University System;
- 7 (12) the Texas State University System; and
- 8 (13) the Texas Education Agency.

9 (d) The governor shall designate a member of the task force  
10 as the presiding officer of the task force.

11 (e) Each state agency and university system the chief  
12 executive officer of which is required to appoint a member to the  
13 task force shall provide administrative support for the task force.  
14 The administrative and operational expenses of the task force shall  
15 be divided equally among those agencies and systems and paid from  
16 existing appropriations.

17 (f) The task force may consult with relevant experts and  
18 stakeholders as the task force determines is appropriate,  
19 including the representatives of state professional associations  
20 and organizations.

21 (g) The task force is subject to Chapter 552, Government  
22 Code, but is not subject to Chapter 551 of that code.

23 (h) The task force is abolished and this section expires  
24 January 1, 2023.

25 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the  
26 effective date of this Act:

27 (1) the speaker of the house of representatives shall  
28 appoint seven state representatives to a House Select  
29 Transportation Committee to Generate Recurring Oil Wealth for  
30 Texas (GROW Texas) and designate one member as the presiding  
31 officer; and

1           (2) the lieutenant governor shall appoint five senators  
2 to a Senate Select Transportation Committee to Generate Recurring  
3 Oil Wealth for Texas (GROW Texas) and designate one member as the  
4 presiding officer.

5           (b) In making appointments under Subsection (a) of this  
6 section to the respective select committees, the speaker of the  
7 house of representatives and the lieutenant governor shall ensure  
8 that the members appointed to a select committee:

9           (1) reflect, to the extent possible, the ethnic and  
10 geographic diversity of this state; and

11           (2) represent areas of the state:

12           (A) in which there is significant road degradation  
13 due to the production of oil and natural gas;

14           (B) with the highest rates of production of oil  
15 and natural gas; and

16           (C) that are engaged in the refining and export of  
17 oil and gas.

18           (c) The committees established under this section may meet  
19 separately at the call of the presiding officer of the committee  
20 or jointly at the call of both presiding officers. In joint  
21 meetings, the presiding officers shall act as joint presiding  
22 officers.

23           (d) The committees established under this section, meeting  
24 separately or jointly, shall:

25           (1) study and make recommendations regarding:

26           (A) specific issues that affect areas of the state  
27 from which oil and natural gas are produced, including:

28           (i) infrastructure degradation caused by oil  
29 and natural gas production activities;

30           (ii) the need for increased commercial motor  
31 vehicle standards enforcement; and

1 (iii) the need for increased workforce  
2 education and training to facilitate the efficient completion of  
3 transportation projects;

4 (B) specific issues that affect areas of the state  
5 engaged in the refining and export of oil and gas, including:

6 (i) facilitating the efficient export of oil  
7 and gas at Texas ports; and

8 (ii) the need for additional infrastructure  
9 to facilitate future oil and gas exports; and

10 (C) whether railroads are being effectively used  
11 to reduce increased commercial vehicle traffic attributable to oil  
12 and natural gas production activities; and

13 (2) identify county roads that are essential to the  
14 efficient transport of oil and gas and recommend whether the  
15 identified roads should be temporarily or permanently transferred  
16 to the state farm-to-market road system.

17 (e) In making the recommendations required under Subsection  
18 (d) (2) of this section with respect to a county road, the  
19 committees established under this section shall consider:

20 (1) the amount of daily commercial vehicle traffic on  
21 the county road due to the production of oil and natural gas;

22 (2) the severity of the degradation to the county road;

23 (3) the proximity of the county road to major state and  
24 United States highways;

25 (4) whether it is in the best interest of the state to  
26 temporarily designate the road as part of the farm-to-market road  
27 system for purposes of reconstruction but allow counties to be  
28 responsible for ongoing maintenance; and

29 (5) whether the county road is so essential to the  
30 production of oil and natural gas that the road should be  
31 permanently designated as part of the farm-to-market road

1 system.

2 (f) Not later than December 1, 2020, the committees  
3 established under this section shall prepare and deliver a written  
4 report on the committees' findings and recommendations, including  
5 proposed legislation regarding necessary statutory changes and  
6 appropriations of state money, to the governor and the legislature.

7 (g) A committee established under this section may exercise  
8 any power of a committee of the committee members' legislative  
9 chamber and any power of a joint committee. For the purposes of  
10 this section, the committees established under this section are  
11 considered a joint committee and the cost of operation of each  
12 committee may be borne in the same manner as the cost of a joint  
13 committee. The Texas Legislative Council shall provide funding for  
14 the operations of the committees. To the extent not inconsistent  
15 with this section, the joint rules adopted by the 86th Legislature  
16 for the administration of joint interim legislative study  
17 committees apply to the committees established under this section.

18 (h) This section expires January 11, 2021.

19 SECTION 3. Section 316.093(e), Government Code, is repealed.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.