

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 3842 permits the Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission and institutions of higher education to enter into joint agreements to finance and build facilities in or near state parks. These facilities would provide beneficial use to participating state parks and higher education institutions.

H.B. 3842 amends current law relating to an agreement to finance and build a conference center and other appropriate facilities in or near a state park.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Section 13.0046, as follows:

Sec. 13.0046. COOPERATION WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

(a) Defines "institution of higher education."

(b) Authorizes the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission (commission) to enter into a joint agreement with the governing board of an institution of higher education to finance and build a conference center and other appropriate related facilities to be located in or near a state park.

(c) Requires that a facility built under this section be operated cooperatively to provide benefits to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the institution of higher education in accomplishing the purposes of TPWD and the institution.

(d) Authorizes the commission and an institution of higher education to use any funds, property, or other assets available to finance and build a facility under this section.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies only to an agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.