## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center 85R7916 AAF-D H.B. 1303 By: Stephenson (Kolkhorst) Transportation 5/10/2017 Engrossed

## **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 1303 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of State Highway 71 in Wharton County between its intersection with the Colorado County line and Farm-to-Market Road 2765 as the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway.

The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

H.B. 1303 amends current law relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 71 in Wharton County as the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway.

## **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 B, Chapter 225, Transportation Code, by adding Section 225.123, as follows:

Sec. 225.123. ROY P. BENAVIDEZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. (a) Provides that the portion of State Highway 71 in Wharton County between its intersection with the Colorado County line and Farm-to-Market Road 2765 is designated as the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway.

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), subject to Section 225.021(c) (relating to prohibiting TxDOT from designing, constructing, or erecting a marker unless a grant or donation of funds is made), to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the Roy P. Benavidez Memorial Highway and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.