

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

S.B. 2034 would create a task force to study the health effects of rock and concrete crushing. The task force will be comprised of members appointed by the governor from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Department of State Health Services. The task force will submit its study to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives.

As proposed, S.B. 2034 amends current law relating to creation of a task force to study the health effects of concrete and rock crushing.

### **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. TASK FORCE TO STUDY CONCRETE AND ROCK CRUSHING. (a) Defines "task force."

(b) Provides that the Task Force to Study the Health Effects of Concrete and Rock Crushing (task force) is established for the purpose of assessing the health effects of concrete and rock crushing.

(c) Provides that the task force is composed of members appointed by the governor to represent the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Department of State Health Services.

(d) Authorizes the task force to seek input from the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Hospital Association, the American Heart Association, and the American Lung Association.

(e) Requires the members of the task force to elect a presiding officer from among the membership.

(f) Requires the offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives (speaker) to provide staff support to the task force.

(g) Requires the task force to hold public hearings to achieve the purpose described by Subsection (b) of this section.

(h) Provides that a member of the task force is not entitled to receive compensation for service on the task force but is entitled to reimbursement of the travel expenses incurred by the member while conducting the business of the task force.

(i) Authorizes the task force to accept gifts and grants from any source to be used to carry out a function of the task force.

SECTION 2. FINAL REPORT. Requires the task force, not later than November 1, 2018, to submit a final report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker, and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature. Requires the report to include a summary and analysis of hearings and studies conducted by the task force, legislation proposed by the task force, and other findings and recommendations made by the task force.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENTS. Requires the governor, not later than December 1, 2017, to make the appointments to the task force as described by Section 1(c) of this Act.

SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. Provides that the task force is abolished and that this Act expires August 31, 2019.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.