

## Allowing certain electric utilities to provide land for recreational use

HB 1166 by Stephenson (Kolkhorst)

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DIGEST:	HB 1166 would have allowed an electric utility in Fort Bend County to enter into an agreement with a political subdivision to allow public use of the utility's premises for recreational purposes while receiving limited liability for incidents that occurred on that property.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"I signed House Bill 931, which extends statewide the provisions of section 75.022 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code regarding public parks in utility rights of way. Because House Bill 1166 extended those provisions only to one additional county, it was superfluous and could have caused confusion had it become law."
RESPONSE:	<p><b>Rep. Phil Stephenson</b>, the bill's author, said: "A statewide bill was passed that accomplished HB 1166's goal. As HB 931 would override HB 1166, it rendered the bill superfluous."</p> <p><b>Sen. Lois Kolkhorst</b>, the Senate sponsor, had no comment on the veto.</p>
NOTES:	The HRO analysis of <a href="#">HB 1166</a> appeared in Part Three of the May 6 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .