

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2050
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Appropriations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There are concerns that it has become increasingly difficult for the state to provide the level of grant funding necessary to meet its general aviation facility development needs given that the level of available funding has remained the same despite population growth and increased costs. S.B. 2050 seeks to address this situation by creating the aviation development account to be used to make grants to political subdivisions for aviation facility development.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 2050 amends the Transportation Code to create the aviation development account as a separate account in the general revenue fund consisting of transfers made to the account. The bill restricts the appropriation of money in the account to the Texas Department of Transportation for making grants to political subdivisions for aviation facility development. The bill establishes that any money in the account not appropriated for a state fiscal year remains in the account and exempts the account from the application of statutory provisions governing the use of dedicated revenue.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2019.