

- SUBJECT:** Prohibiting the operation of State Highway 255 as a toll project
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 12 ayes — Morrison, Martinez, Burkett, Goldman, Israel, Minjarez, Phillips, Pickett, Simmons, E. Thompson, S. Thompson, Wray
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Y. Davis
- WITNESSES:** For — George Altgelt, City of Laredo; Laredo MPO; Terri Hall, Texas TURF, Texans for Toll-free Highways; Don Dixon; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Nathan Bratton, City Laredo, Laredo MPO; Jim Reaves, Texas Farm Bureau; Les Findeisen, Texas Trucking Association)
- Against — None
- On — James Bass, Texas Department of Transportation
- BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that the cost of tolls for certain highway projects may inhibit economic development in surrounding areas.
- DIGEST:** HB 141 would prohibit the Texas Department of Transportation from operating any part of State Highway 255 in Webb County as a toll project.
- The bill would take effect immediately if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017,