

SUBJECT:	Requiring agencies to publish brief summary of proposed rules on website
COMMITTEE:	State Affairs — favorable, without amendment
VOTE:	12 ayes — Paddie, Hernandez, Deshotel, Harless, Howard, Hunter, P. King, Lucio, Metcalf, Raymond, Shaheen, Slawson 0 nays 1 absent — Smithee
WITNESSES:	For — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club; Annie Spilman, NFIB; Tray Bates, Texas Realtors; Shelia Franklin and Sheena Rodriguez, True Texas Project; Thomas Parkinson; Ruth York) Against — (<i>Registered, but did not testify</i> : Brian McDowell)
DIGEST:	HB 1322 would require a state agency to publish a plain-language summary of a proposed rule on its website or another generally accessible website at the time it filed a 30-day notice of the proposed rule. The bill would take effect September 1, 2021, and would apply only to a proposed rule for which notice was filed on or after that date.
SUPPORTERS SAY:	HB 1322 would promote transparency by requiring state agencies to publish plain-language summaries of proposed rules on their websites. Currently, agencies are only required to publish proposed rules in the Texas Register, but many Texans do not know to look there or where to find it. The bill would improve access to this important public information.
CRITICS SAY:	No concerns identified.