

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Texas Department of Transportation is statutorily required to pay bidders for their work proposals for a roadway project, even if they are not awarded the bid. These payments, sometimes called "work-product" or "consolation" stipends, although intended to encourage a more competitive field of bidders, cost the state substantial sums of money.

As proposed, S.B. 621 eliminates consolation stipends for bidders who do not ultimately win a transportation project.

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. Repealer: Section 223.203(m), Transportation Code (regarding a requirement that the Texas Department of Transportation pay an unsuccessful private entity that submits a proposal for a roadway project a stipulated amount for the work product stated in the proposal and the rights to that product).

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.