

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Revitalization efforts in blighted areas lead to increased economic development and better quality of life in those areas. Certain areas of the state are plagued by social, physical, and economic problems that could be mitigated by such efforts. C.S.H.B. 139 seeks to provide these benefits by adjusting population criteria to statutes relating to the exercise of urban renewal powers by certain counties.

C.S.H.B. 139 amends current law relating to the exercise of urban renewal powers by certain counties.

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. Amends Section 374.902(b), Local Government Code, as follows:

(b) Authorizes a county with a population of more than 250,000 and located along an international border or a county with a population of more than 1.3 million to exercise the powers provided for municipalities under this chapter (Urban Renewal in Municipalities) with respect to areas of the county that are not within the corporate boundaries of a municipality. Authorizes a county with a population of more than 250,000 and located along an international border to exercise the powers provided for municipalities under this chapter with respect to areas of the county located within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, if the municipality approves the county's participation in an urban renewal project through an interlocal agreement under Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Agreements), Government Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.