

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.H.B. 3422  
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Transportation  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Texas has landscape donation programs for state highways, but these programs are not currently in use for various reasons, including lack of funding, lack of awareness about the programs, and the need to standardize Texas Department of Transportation agreements with local governments.

C.S.H.B. 3422 amends current law relating to donations of landscape materials and services to the Texas Department of Transportation.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Transportation Commission in SECTION 1 (Section 392.003, Transportation Code) of this bill.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 392, Transportation Code, by adding Section 392.003, as follows:

Sec. 392.003. DONATIONS FOR LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION OR MAINTENANCE. Requires the Texas Transportation Commission by rule, as authorized by Section 201.206 (Donations and Contributions), to establish a program under which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is authorized to accept from any source, including an individual or a private business or organization, donations of landscape materials for state highways. Authorizes the program to provide for TxDOT to enter into an agreement with an individual or private business or organization for the individual or entity to provide, at no cost to TxDOT, services for the installation or maintenance of landscaping on state highways.

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