

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that certain entities related to agriculture and bioenergy are inactive and are no longer needed to carry out the mission for which they were originally created. H.B. 3582 seeks to abolish these entities.

H.B. 3582 abolishes the Agriculture Policy Board, the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council, and the Texas Bioenergy Research Committee and requires the Department of Agriculture to take custody of any property, records, or other assets, including unspent and unobligated appropriations, of an entity abolished by the bill.

H.B. 3582 amends current law relating to the abolition of certain entities associated with the Department of Agriculture.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the Agriculture Policy Board is rescinded in SECTION 1 (Section 2.004, Agriculture Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. AGRICULTURE POLICY BOARD. (a) Provides that the Agriculture Policy Board is abolished.

(b) Repealer: Section 2.004 (Agriculture Policy Board), Agriculture Code.

SECTION 2. TEXAS BIOENERGY POLICY COUNCIL; TEXAS BIOENERGY RESEARCH COMMITTEE. (a) Provides that the Texas Bioenergy Policy Council and the Texas Bioenergy Research Committee are abolished.

(b) Repealer: Chapter 50D (Texas Bioenergy Policy Council and the Texas Bioenergy Research Committee), Agriculture Code.

SECTION 3. PROPERTY, RECORDS, OR OTHER ASSETS. Requires the Texas Department of Agriculture, if an entity that is abolished by this Act has property, records, or other assets, including unspent and unobligated appropriations, to take custody of the entity's property, records, or other assets.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2017.