

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law allows the Texas Transportation Commission to authorize a port authority to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight trucks carrying cargo on state highways in certain counties. An overweight corridor places a fee on overweight trucks transporting goods for the purpose of maintaining and operating the overweight corridors highways. These overweight corridors allow for the efficient and safe movement of goods and incentivize cargo transport companies to call on these ports.

S.B. 1921 creates an overweight corridor between Bay City to the entrance of Port Freeport.

As proposed, S.B. 1921 amends current law relating to the route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in 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 623.219(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Requires that the Texas Transportation Commission, for a permit for oversize or overweight vehicles issued by a certain port authority, with the consent of the port authority, designate the most direct route from:

(1) through (5) makes no changes to these subdivisions; and

(6) 5261 7th Street in Bay City to the entrance of Port Freeport using State Highway 35, Loop 419, State Highway 36, and Farm-to-Market Road 1495.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.