

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1221
By: Campbell
Transportation
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Recent reports indicate the purchase of certain property by the revered Texan hero William B. Travis before his death defending the Alamo. There have been calls to recognize the sacrifice made by Travis at the Alamo by designating a heritage trail through this property in his honor. S.B. 1221 seeks to provide this recognition by designating a portion of Ranch-to-Market Road 150 in Hays County as the William B. Travis Heritage Trail.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1221 amends the Transportation Code to designate the portion of Ranch-to-Market Road 150 in Hays County between its intersection with Ranch-to-Market Road 12 and its intersection with Ranch-to-Market Road 3237 as the William B. Travis Heritage Trail. The bill requires the Texas Department of Transportation, subject to a grant or donation of funds, to design and construct markers indicating the designation as the William B. Travis Heritage Trail and any other appropriate information and to erect a marker at each end of the highway and at appropriate intermediate sites along the highway.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.