

- SUBJECT:** Expanding statutory definition of neighborhood electric vehicles
- COMMITTEE:** Transportation — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 12 ayes — Canales, Landgraf, Bernal, Y. Davis, Goldman, Hefner, Krause, Leman, Martinez, Raney, Thierry, E. Thompson
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Ortega
- WITNESSES:** For — Walid Mourtada and Colin Sommer, eTuk USA; Amanda Miller; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Eddie Solis, Abilene Chamber of Commerce; Melissa Shannon, Bexar County Commissioners Court; Randy Lee, eTuk USA; Ashley Harris, Visit San Antonio)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Transportation Code 551.301 defines "neighborhood electric vehicle" as a vehicle that can attain a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour on a paved level surface and otherwise complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500 (49 CFR sec. 571.500).
- Suggestions have been made to revise the types of vehicles classified as neighborhood electric vehicles in law to keep up with growing nontraditional transportation options.
- DIGEST:** HB 2163 would expand the statutory definition of "neighborhood electric vehicle" to include electric vehicles that complied with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards applicable to motorcycles that had at least three wheels in contact with the ground or complied with federal regulations for low-speed vehicles.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.