

SB 863 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Holvey

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/16/21

Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Bonham, Drazan, Fahey, Holvey, Salinas, Smith Warner, Zika

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 6/16, 6/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes rural fire protection district (district) to acquire real property or easement for purpose of establishing fire evacuation route by purchase or other voluntary agreement. Allows district to construct or maintain fire evacuation route or to participate in certain agreements on property owned by district, under district easement, or owned and authorized by person or governmental entity for fire evacuation route purposes. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safe evacuation routes for communities
- Other rural fire protection districts needing this authority
- Evacuation route needs for other emergencies (e.g., tsunamis)
- Increasing fire risks and safety concerns for residents

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current law allows a rural fire protection district to acquire sites on which to place fire houses or district headquarters by purchase or exercise of the powers of eminent domain. Senate Bill 863 A authorizes a rural fire protection district to acquire real property or an easement to establish and maintain fire evacuation routes.