

1-1 By: Uresti, Kolthorst S.B. No. 951  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2015; March 9, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; April 27, 2015,  
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0; April 27, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Hinojosa	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Eltife	X			
1-11 Hancock			X	
1-12 Huffman	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Nichols	X			
1-15 Schwertner	X			
1-16 Seliger			X	
1-17 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-18 Uresti	X			
1-19 Watson	X			
1-20 West	X			
1-21 Whitmire	X			

1-23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 951 By: Uresti

1-24 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-25 AN ACT

1-26 relating to the allocation and use of payments received under oil  
 1-27 and gas leases of land owned by the state for a county road.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 32.201, Natural Resources  
 1-30 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 32.201. PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO LEASE CERTAIN LAND BY  
 1-32 ADJOINING MINERAL OWNER; ALLOCATION AND USE OF PAYMENTS RECEIVED  
 1-33 FROM LEASING OF LAND OWNED FOR COUNTY ROAD.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 32.201, Natural Resources Code, is  
 1-35 amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

1-36 (i) Subject to Subsection (j), any payment received from the  
 1-37 leasing of oil and gas under lands owned by the state that were or  
 1-38 may be acquired by a county to construct a county road shall be  
 1-39 deposited to the credit of the county road oil and gas fund as  
 1-40 provided by Section 32.2015.

1-41 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a lease of  
 1-42 oil and gas under land described by Subsection (i) that is entered  
 1-43 into on or after September 1, 2015, must require any payment under  
 1-44 the lease to be made directly to the county treasurer, or officer  
 1-45 performing the function of that office, in the county in which the  
 1-46 land is located for deposit to the credit of the county road and  
 1-47 bridge fund of the county to be used for the purposes described by  
 1-48 Section 32.2015(d).

1-49 SECTION 3. Subchapter F, Chapter 32, Natural Resources  
 1-50 Code, is amended by adding Section 32.2015 to read as follows:

1-51 Sec. 32.2015. FUND. (a) The county road oil and gas fund  
 1-52 is a trust fund outside the state treasury to be held and  
 1-53 administered by the comptroller as trustee for the payment, without  
 1-54 appropriation, to counties of money received from the leasing of  
 1-55 oil and gas under lands owned by the state that were or may be  
 1-56 acquired by a county to construct a county road.

1-57 (b) The land office shall deposit to the credit of the fund  
 1-58 money received under Section 32.201(i) from the leasing of oil and  
 1-59 gas under lands owned by the state that were or may be acquired by a  
 1-60 county to construct a county road.

