

RULE 6.8(A) REPORT
OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL LAW AND PROCEDURE
ON SENATE BILL NO. 57

June 1, 2017

Date

I. SUMMARY OF JOINT RESOLUTION

This report is for Senate Bill No. 57 of the 2017 Regular Session by Senator Cortez, proposing to amend Article VII, Section 27(B) of the Constitution.

SB 57 removes the authority to fund state police for traffic control purpose from the Transportation Trust Fund.

II. CONCLUSION

The proposed measure cannot be accomplished statutorily.

SB 57 proposes to remove the authority to use funds from the Transportation Trust Fund for state police for traffic control purposes as currently allowed in the constitution. A constitutional amendment is necessary to remove that authority in the existing constitution.

III. OTHER PENDING MEASURES

Total joint resolutions introduced: 50

Total joint resolutions reported
by other standing committees: 19

HB 236, HB 346, HB 354, and HB 447 all propose to amend Const. Art. VII, §27(B). These joint resolutions each propose various changes to the Transportation Trust Fund, some of which directly conflict with HB 57, particularly HB 346, while others may not directly conflict but may cause confusion if submitted to the voters with SB 57.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

With Amendments

Without Amendments X