

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

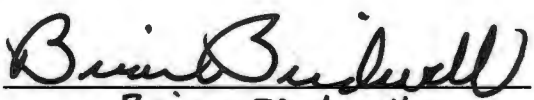
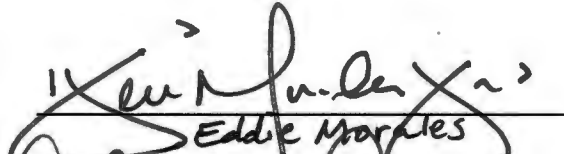

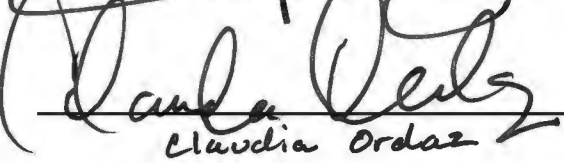
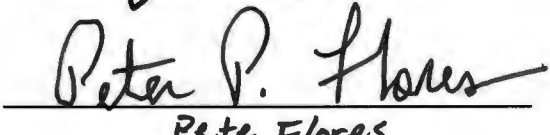
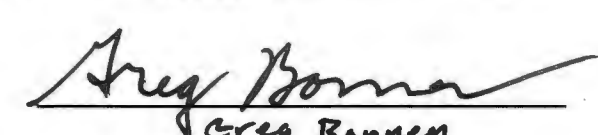
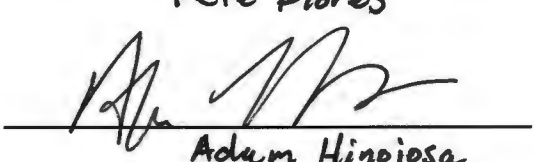
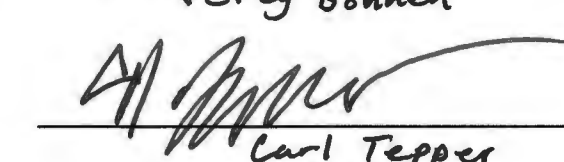
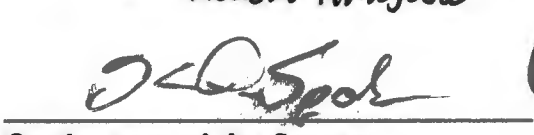
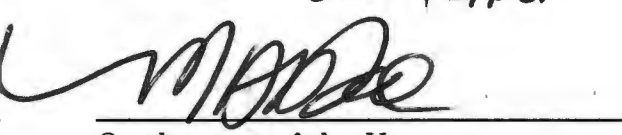
28 May 2025
Date

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dustin Burrows
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on SB 178 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

 Brian Birdwell	 Eddie Morales
 Cesar Blanco	 Claudia Ordaz
 Pete Flores	 Greg Bonnen
 Adam Hinojosa	 Carl Tepper
 On the part of the Senate Kevin Sparks	 On the part of the House Marc LaHood

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

S.B. No. 1198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation of spaceports as critical
3 infrastructure facilities for purposes of criminal and civil
4 liability.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 424.001, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 424.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "critical
9 infrastructure facility" has the meaning assigned by Section
10 423.0045(a)(1-a) and also includes:

11 (1) any pipeline transporting oil or gas or the
12 products or constituents of oil or gas;

13 (2) a public or private airport depicted in any
14 current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation
15 Administration;

16 (3) a military installation owned or operated by or
17 for the federal government, this state, or another governmental
18 entity; ~~and~~

19 (4) any property, including a temporary hazard area
20 related to the operation of a launch complex authorized by the
21 Federal Aviation Administration, or facility used for the launch,
22 landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft, as defined by Section
23 507.001, Local Government Code; and

24 (5) a property, facility, or pipeline described by

1 this section that is under construction and all equipment and
2 appurtenances used during that construction.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
5 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
6 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
7 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
8 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
9 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was
10 committed before that date.

11 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
12 to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of
13 this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date
14 of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the cause of
15 action accrued, and the former law is continued in effect for that
16 purpose.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 1198
Conference Committee Report
Section-by-Section Analysis

SENATE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 424.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 424.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "critical infrastructure facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 423.0045(a)(1-a) and also includes:

- (1) any pipeline transporting oil or gas or the products or constituents of oil or gas;
- (2) a public or private airport depicted in any current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation Administration;
- (3) a military installation owned or operated by or for the federal government, this state, or another governmental entity; ~~and~~
- (4) any property or facility that is:
 - (A) used for the launch, landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft, as defined by Section 507.001, Local Government Code; and

(B) licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration or operated by a spaceport development corporation under Chapter 507, Local Government Code; and

- (5) a property, facility, or pipeline described by this section that is under construction and all equipment and appurtenances used during that construction.

SECTIONS 2 and 3. Saving provisions.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

HOUSE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Section 424.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 424.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "critical infrastructure facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 423.0045(a)(1-a) and also includes:

- (1) any pipeline transporting oil or gas or the products or constituents of oil or gas;
- (2) a public or private airport depicted in any current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation Administration;
- (3) a military installation owned or operated by or for the federal government, this state, or another governmental entity; ~~and~~
- (4) any property, **including a hazard area related to the operation of a launch complex authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration,** or facility used for the launch, landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft, as defined by Section 507.001, Local Government Code; and [FAI]

- (5) a property, facility, or pipeline described by this section that is under construction and all equipment and appurtenances used during that construction.

SECTIONS 2 and 3. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Section 424.001, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

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- (1) any pipeline transporting oil or gas or the products or constituents of oil or gas;
- (2) a public or private airport depicted in any current aeronautical chart published by the Federal Aviation Administration;
- (3) a military installation owned or operated by or for the federal government, this state, or another governmental entity; ~~and~~
- (4) any property, **including a temporary hazard area related to the operation of a launch complex authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration,** or facility used for the launch, landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft, as defined by Section 507.001, Local Government Code; and

- (5) a property, facility, or pipeline described by this section that is under construction and all equipment and appurtenances used during that construction.

SECTIONS 2 and 3. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2025

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1198 by Birdwell (Relating to the designation of spaceports as critical infrastructure facilities for purposes of criminal and civil liability.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would expand the applicability of the offenses of damaging or destroying critical infrastructure facility, impairing or interrupting operation of critical infrastructure facility, intent to damage or destroy critical infrastructure facility, and intent to impair or interrupt operation of critical infrastructure facility to include any property, including a temporary hazard area related to the operation of a launch complex authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration, or facility used for the launch, landing, recovery, or testing of spacecraft. It is assumed that any fiscal impact and any impact on state correctional populations or on the demand for state correctional resources would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

It is assumed that any fiscal impact to units of local government associated with enforcement, prosecution, supervision, or confinement would not be significant.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: JMc, CMA, WP, CSmi, TUf, DGI, QH