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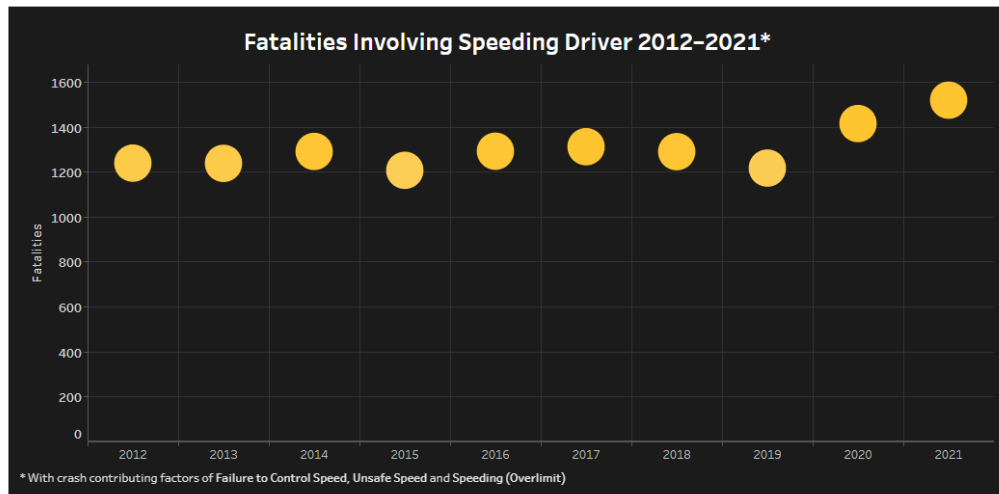
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**HB 1855**

Thank you, Chairman Canales, for the opportunity to present the following information from the American Planning Association - Texas Chapter (APATX). My name is **Heather Nick** and I am the President of the American Planning Association - Texas Chapter. **We are testifying in favor of HB 1855.** The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APATX) represents public and private sector planners, planning academics and students, elected officials, and citizen planners in the great state of Texas.

According to the TxDOT Crash Database, from 2018-2021 there were 15,648 roadway related deaths reported in Texas. Of those deaths, 5,437 were contributed to speed, which is about 33%. Clearly, speed is the most direct factor in determining whether a person hit dies, is injured, or walks away unharmed.



*\*TxDOT Traffic Safety Data*

Providing TxDOT with additional tools like Highway Safety Corridors provides another step toward our shared vision of saving lives on TxDOT roadways. Once again, I'd like to thank the Legislature for working together to make roadway safety a priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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