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Bill Analysis

SB 747 establishes grounds to issue a protective order to prevent the abuse of discovery if the party or the person seeking the protective order demonstrates that the person sought to be deposed is a current or former high-ranking officer of a government entity or any other public or private organization that is large and complex, has unique and extensive scheduling demands or responsibilities, and lacks unique personal knowledge of the issues being litigated. If a party meets these criteria, the court shall prevent deposition of the party unless the party seeking the deposition demonstrates that it has exhausted other reasonable means of discovery. The measure also authorizes the court to limit the scope of the deposition rather than prohibiting the deposition altogether if the subject claims a lack of unique personal knowledge. The measure also strikes language in other sections of law to conform with the language described above.

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