

- SUBJECT:** Allowing counties to purchase blanket insurance policies
- COMMITTEE:** County Affairs — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 6 ayes — Kamel, Bonnen, Christian, Denny, Flores, G. Lewis  
0 nays  
3 absent — R. Lewis, Chisum, Gutierrez
- WITNESSES:** For — Robin Lawler and Rebecca Rentz, Harris County; Jim Allison, County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; Donald Lee, Conference of Urban Counties  
Against — None
- BACKGROUND :** County commissioner courts currently may obtain individual insurance policies from a governmental pool, self-insurance fund, or risk retention group to insure county employees and officials against liability arising from the performance of their official duties.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2670 would allow county commissioner courts to purchase blanket insurance policies to cover county officers and employees against liability for losses due to errors, omissions, crime, theft and dishonesty. Commissioners could self-insure for part or all of any deductible required under the policy. A blanket policy would satisfy insurance requirements provided by other laws for county officers.  
CSHB 2670 would take effect September 1, 1997.
- NOTES:** The committee substitute added definitions of county officer and employee.