

SUBJECT: Developing a Texas Music History Tour program

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation, and Tourism — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 4 ayes — Hilderbran, Kuempel, Baxter, Dukes
0 nays
3 absent — Dunnam, Gallego, Phillips

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, March 5 — 31–0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar

WITNESSES: No public hearing

BACKGROUND: The Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office within the office of the governor has been established by statute for the purpose of promoting these industries.

DIGEST: SB 1100 would require the Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office to develop the Texas Music History Tour, if funding could be obtained to cover the program costs. The office could solicit and accept grants and donations for this program.

The program would be designed to promote and preserve Texas music history. The office would adopt program administration procedures and criteria to determine the eligibility requirements for a site to become a musical heritage destination. It would adopt an icon or symbol to identify locations significant to the state’s musical heritage and promote tourism. It also would develop maps and itineraries to guide tourists to these significant destinations.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.