

- SUBJECT:** Tax information provided to local governments by the comptroller
- COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — Hilderbran, Otto, Christian, Elkins, Gonzalez, Lyne, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Ritter, Villarreal
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Woolley
- WITNESSES:** For — John Kroll, MuniServices, LLC; Mercy Rushing, City of Canton and Canton EDC Corporation; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jim Allison, County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; John Carlton, Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts, Travis County Emergency District No. 2; Shanna Igo, Texas Municipal League)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Tax Code, ch. 321, 322, and 323 allow cities, transportation districts, and counties, respectively, to levy local sales taxes at rates approved by voters of between one-eighth and one-half of a penny. They also direct the comptroller, on request, to provide to a local government that levies a local sales tax information on taxes paid to the local government during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in the territory of the local government who annually pays \$25,000 or more in state and local sales taxes.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 270 would require the comptroller to provide a local government with information on taxes paid to the local government during the preceding or current calendar year by each person doing business in its territory who annually paid \$5,000 or more in state and local sales taxes, lowering the threshold from \$25,000.
- The bill would take effect on September 1, 2012 and only would apply to requests for information made on or after that date.

NOTES:

The companion bill, SB 758 by Deuell, passed the Senate by 31-0 on April 12 and was reported favorably, without amendment, by the House Ways and Means Committee on April 28 and recommended for the Local and Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note, the bill would have no significant fiscal impact to the state.