

- SUBJECT:** Hiring of a director and assistant director of the TMPC
- COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 4 ayes — S. King, Aycock, Blanco, Farias
3 nays — Frank, Schaefer, Shaheen
- WITNESSES:** For — William Parry; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jim Brennan, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations)
Against — None
On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Tom Tagliabue, City of Corpus Christi)
- BACKGROUND:** Government Code, ch. 436 establishes the Texas Military Preparedness Commission. The commission does not currently employ an assistant director, and all administrative responsibilities of the commission fall solely on the director. The director also currently serves as the director of Aerospace and Aviation in the Economic Development and Tourism Office within the Office of the Governor.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 882 would require the Texas Military Preparedness Commission, subject to approval of the governor, to hire an assistant director to assist the director of the commission in the performance of the administrative duties of the commission.

In hiring the director and the assistant director, the bill would require the commission to consider applicants who have significant and extensive experience and knowledge relating to military installation operations, the defense industry, and the

U.S. Department of Defense, including retired senior military officers from any branch of the U.S. armed forces. The bill would prohibit the director from holding another position in the Office of the Governor.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.