

SUBJECT: Transferring a painting titled "The Spirit of the Alamo Lives On" to GLO

COMMITTEE: Land and Resource Management — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 7 ayes — Herrero, Bell, Bailes, Blanco, Faircloth, Krause, Stucky

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Mark Lambert, General Land Office; Sacha Jacobson)

BACKGROUND: Observers have pointed out that while the painting "The Spirit of the Alamo Lives On" by George Skypeck was donated to the Veterans Commission, the commission does not have the capacity to reproduce and retail the painting to raise money for Texas veterans. Some have suggested that the General Land Office, in coordination with the State Preservation Board and capitol gift shop, have the capacity to reproduce and retail the painting to support veterans' causes in the state.

DIGEST: HB 1644 would transfer charge and control of the painting entitled "The Spirit of the Alamo Lives On" by George Skypeck from the Veterans Commission to the General Land Office by December 1, 2017.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.