

- SUBJECT:** Raising private funds for maintaining the Capitol and its grounds
- COMMITTEE:** House Administration — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Geren, VanDeaver, Bernal, Cyrier, Goldman, Hinojosa, Howard, Oliverson, Raney, Schubert, Vo
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jason Tucker)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Government Code, sec. 443.007 requires the State Preservation Board to preserve, maintain and restore the Texas Capitol, the General Land Office Building, their contents, and their grounds.
- Sec. 443.030 allows the board to establish one or more nonprofit organizations whose purpose is to raise funds for or provide services to the board.
- DIGEST:** HB 1829 would require the State Preservation Board to contract with a nonprofit organization to develop and implement a plan to raise funds for the preservation, maintenance, and improvement of the Capitol and its grounds. The board may establish a nonprofit for the purpose of raising funds for maintaining the Capitol and its grounds or may partner with an existing nonprofit.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2017, and the State Preservation Board would be required to enter the contract with the nonprofit by September 1, 2018.
- SUPPORTERS SAY:** HB 1829 would allow private donors to give gifts, grants, property, and services to be used specifically for maintaining the Capitol and its grounds, one of Texas' most important historical and architectural resources. Current law allows the State Preservation Board to establish a

nonprofit that benefits the board's general efforts. This bill would enable people to contribute more directly to the preservation of the Capitol and its grounds by requiring the board to contract with or establish a nonprofit specifically dedicated to this purpose.

Using private funds raised by a nonprofit for preservation, maintenance, and improvement efforts at the Capitol could free up State Preservation Board money for other projects.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No apparent opposition.