

SUBJECT: Requiring certain features in displays and exhibits at the Alamo complex

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation and Tourism — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 7 ayes — K. King, Gervin-Hawkins, Burns, Clardy, Frullo, Krause, C. Morales

2 nays — Israel, Martinez

WITNESSES: For — Lee White, Alamo Defenders Descendants Association; Brandon Burkhart, Ramon Garza, Jo Ann Henry, Christopher Henry, Lamar Henry, Tracie Kelley, and Randy Beale, This Is Texas Freedom Force; and eight individuals; (*Registered, but did not testify:* David Wylie and Tom Nobis, Republican Party of Texas; Shelby Little and Michael Hurley, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Eliazar Cisneros, Teri Mordica, and Dave Ryan, This Is Texas Freedom Force; and 10 individuals)

Against — Bryan Register; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Chas Moore, Austin Justice Coalition; and seven individuals)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jeff Gordon, General Land Office)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested the need to ensure that the Alamo complex includes features that focus on the 1836 battle, including those who fought in it and their reasons for fighting as expressed in the Texas Declaration of Independence.

DIGEST: CSHB 3013 would require the General Land Office to ensure that the displays and exhibits located on the grounds of the Alamo complex, including those located in a museum prominently feature the story of the 1836 Battle of the Alamo, the history of the Texians and Tejanos who fought in the battle, and the grievances to the Mexican federal government listed in the Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Texas dated March 2, 1836.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

