

SUBJECT: Posting certain project information at commercial construction sites

COMMITTEE: Business and Industry — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — C. Turner, Ordaz Perez, Patterson, Shine, S. Thompson
0 nays
4 absent — Hefner, Cain, Crockett, Lambert

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, March 31 — 30-1 (Springer)

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Leonard Aguilar, Texas AFL-CIO)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Georgia Keysor)

DIGEST: SB 291 would require the developer of a commercial building project located in Texas to visibly post, as soon as practicable after beginning construction, at the entrance to the construction site:

- the name and contact information of the developer; and
- a brief description of the project.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

SUPPORTERS SAY: SB 291 would increase transparency and facilitate communication between commercial developers and neighboring landowners and residents by requiring developers to share their name, contact information, and a brief description of the project at the entrance to a construction site. Texas is experiencing explosive growth, and large-scale commercial development projects are common across the state, especially in fast-growing areas. Local residents may be concerned about aspects of such construction, such as noise, traffic, air pollution, and safety impacts. This bill would ensure residents had the information they needed to communicate with developers about such concerns.

CRITICS
SAY:

No concerns identified.