

SUBJECT: Revising reporting requirements related to use of open-space land

COMMITTEE: Ways & Means — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 10 ayes — Meyer, Thierry, Craddick, Gervin-Hawkins, Hefner, Muñoz, Noble, Raymond, Shine, Turner

0 nays

1 absent — Button

WITNESSES: For — *(Registered, but did not testify:* Julia Parenteau, Texas Realtors)

Against — None

On — Brent South, Texas Association of Appraisal Districts *(Registered, but did not testify:* Allison Mansfield, Comptroller of Public Accounts)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that reducing the frequency with which landowners must file certain reports to an appraisal district for a property tax exemption would decrease burdensome and costly processes for both landowners and the government.

DIGEST: HB 3745 would prohibit a chief appraiser in an appraisal district from requiring a landowner to file a report on the implementation of a written management plan related to wildlife management on open-space land more than once during a five-year period.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.