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H.C.R. No. 72

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Closing public beaches during the COVID-19 pandemic  
2 proved challenging in coastal communities due to the uncertainty of  
3 who determines the boundaries of public beaches, who enforces the  
4 law governing access to public beaches, and who has the authority to  
5 close access to public beaches during a disaster; and

6 WHEREAS, Public beaches are a shared responsibility of the  
7 state and local governments, and clarifying their jurisdictions  
8 would help to ensure that safety protocols are enforced; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby request that the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the  
12 house of representatives create a joint interim committee to study  
13 the determination of the boundaries of, and the enforcement of the  
14 law governing access to, public beaches and the authority of a  
15 county or municipality to close access to public beaches during a  
16 disaster; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
18 governed by such general rules and policies for interim committees  
19 as the 87th Texas Legislature may adopt; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the committee shall submit a full report,  
21 including findings and recommendations, to the 88th Texas  
22 Legislature in January 2023.