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S.B. No. 1686

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the interagency work group on rural issues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 487.054, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) At least once each year, the following agency heads or their designees shall meet in Austin to discuss rural issues and to provide information showing the impact each agency has on rural communities for use in developing rural policy and compiling the annual report under Section 487.051(4):

(1) the commissioner of agriculture;

(2) the executive director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas;

(3) the director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service;

(4) the presiding officer of the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board;

(5) the executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;

(6) the commissioner of the Department of State Health Services ~~health~~;

(7) the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board;

- 1 (8) the executive director of the Parks and Wildlife
2 Department;
- 3 (9) ~~[the commissioner of human services;~~
4 ~~(10)]~~ the commissioner of higher education;
5 (10) ~~(11)]~~ the comptroller;
6 (11) ~~(12)]~~ the executive director of the Texas
7 Department of Transportation;
8 (12) ~~(13) the presiding officer of the Texas~~
9 ~~Aerospace Commission;~~
10 ~~(14)]~~ the executive director of the Texas Commission
11 on Environmental Quality;
12 (13) ~~(15)]~~ the executive director of the Texas
13 ~~[Department of]~~ Economic Development and Tourism Office;
14 (14) ~~(16)]~~ the commissioner of insurance;
15 (15) ~~(17)]~~ the commissioner of the Department of
16 Aging and Disability Services ~~[mental health and mental~~
17 ~~retardation]~~;
18 (16) ~~(18)]~~ the commissioner of education;
19 (17) ~~(19)]~~ the executive commissioner of the Health
20 and Human Services Commission ~~[health and human services]~~;
21 (18) ~~(20)]~~ the executive director of the Texas
22 Workforce Commission;
23 (19) ~~(21)]~~ the executive director of the Texas
24 Historical Commission;
25 (20) ~~(22)]~~ a member of the Railroad Commission of
26 Texas;
27 (21) ~~(23)]~~ the executive director of the State Soil

1 and Water Conservation Board;

2 (22) [~~(24)~~] the executive director of the office; and

3 (23) [~~(25)~~] the head of any other agency interested in
4 rural issues.

5 (c) In addition to the individuals identified by Subsection
6 (a), the governor shall designate a representative from the entity
7 that provides mediation services to the state under 7 U.S.C.
8 Section 5102 to attend meetings held under this section.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.