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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY TAX REFORM & RELIEF, SELECT

Monday, March 21, 2016

11:00 AM

Texas Tech University - International Cultural Center

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief, Select was held on Monday, March 21, 2016, in the Texas Tech University - International Cultural Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Bettencourt made opening remarks.

Senator Perry made opening remarks.

Robert Duncan, Chancellor, Texas Tech University System, gave welcoming remarks.

Testimony was heard of the following interim charges:

Study the property tax process, including the appraisal system, and recommend ways to promote transparency, simplicity, and accountability by all taxing entities.

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Examine and develop options to further reduce the tax burden on property owners.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed.

There being no further business, at 3:42 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk