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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY TAX REFORM & RELIEF, SELECT

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

8:00 AM

University of Texas

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 Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in the University of Texas at Arlington.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Van Taylor
Senator Carlos Uresti

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:08 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Bettencourt made opening remarks.

Senator Hancock made opening remarks.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick was present at the hearing and provided testimony.

Senator Konni Burton and Senator Don Huffines were present at the hearing.

Testimony was heard on 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.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed.

There being no further business, at 7:18 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