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H.C.R. No. 150

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Public Information Act has recently been  
2 impacted by court decisions; and

3 WHEREAS, During the 85th Legislative Session, lawmakers and  
4 other stakeholders spent months collaborating on several bills to  
5 improve the act, with many proposals garnering broad support;  
6 despite those efforts, significant reforms failed to pass, leaving  
7 TPIA still susceptible to a number of loopholes; and

8 WHEREAS, Government transparency is a vital component of an  
9 informed citizenry, and it is incumbent on the State of Texas to  
10 ensure that the public have access to information regarding how  
11 their government functions in order to promote accountability,  
12 openness, and honesty; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house  
15 of representatives to create a joint interim committee to examine  
16 all state open-government laws, including the Texas Public  
17 Information Act, for opportunities to improve transparency and  
18 accountability; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including  
20 its findings and recommendations, to the 86th Texas Legislature  
21 before it convenes in January 2019; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be  
23 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim  
24 committees as the 85th Legislature may adopt.