

**The House Committee on Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure, Select**

85th Legislature

April 30, 2018

10:00 a.m.

402 Harbor Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

Pursuant to a notice posted on March 28, 2018, the House Committee on Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure, Select met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Deshotel, at 10:03 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Deshotel; Paul; Goldman; Morrison, Geanie W.; Ortega; Phelan; and Rodriguez, Justin.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Hunter now present)

The Chair delivered opening remarks.

The Chair laid out the following charge: Review the maritime port program for “Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies” in Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code to identify changes or modernization needed to address current maritime-related port access and freight mobility needs.

(Representative Herrero now present)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee stood at ease.

The Chair laid out the following charge: Study the benefits of 85RSB28: Funding of Ship Channel Improvements; ensure the fund is properly designed to benefit the Coast of Texas and it's Ports.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair laid out the following charge: Study how to continue maintenance and dredging to ensure navigable waterways and channels. Identify alternative funding, if any, ensure navigable waterways and channels to remain competitive in the post-Panama Canal expansion era.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Chair delivered closing remarks.

At 12:30 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Deshotel, Chair

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Melissa Quevedo, Clerk