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 1-4 Economic Development; April 21, 2021, reported favorably by the
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of a task force to evaluate
 1-20 state-owned artifact collections.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "task force" means the
 1-23 task force established under Section 2 of this Act.

1-24 SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE. A task force is
 1-25 established to manage artifact collections owned by this state.

1-26 SECTION 3. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP. (a) The task force is
 1-27 composed of representatives of the:

- 1-28 (1) Texas Historical Commission;
- 1-29 (2) General Land Office;
- 1-30 (3) Texas State Library and Archives Commission;
- 1-31 (4) Parks and Wildlife Department;
- 1-32 (5) State Preservation Board; and
- 1-33 (6) Texas Facilities Commission.

1-34 (b) The executive director of each state agency represented
 1-35 on the task force shall appoint an employee of the agency to serve
 1-36 as the agency's representative on the task force not later than
 1-37 October 1, 2021.

1-38 (c) The member representing the Texas Facilities Commission
 1-39 must have engineering and architectural expertise.

1-40 SECTION 4. REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES. A member of the task
 1-41 force is not entitled to compensation for service on the task force
 1-42 but is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses incurred by
 1-43 the member while conducting the business of the task force as
 1-44 provided by the General Appropriations Act.

1-45 SECTION 5. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. For each state agency
 1-46 represented on the task force, the task force shall:

1-47 (1) evaluate the need for a separate collections
 1-48 facility for the agency and compare use of a separate collection
 1-49 facility to a secure centrally located joint collections facility
 1-50 with a processing laboratory for repair, cleaning, re-housing, and
 1-51 light conservation of state artifacts, including cost estimates for
 1-52 maintaining a separate collections facility for each agency
 1-53 compared to a joint collections facility;

1-54 (2) analyze the storage capacity for the agency's
 1-55 collections to determine whether the agency's collections facility
 1-56 is adequate for the agency's successful stewardship of its
 1-57 collections over the next five years and 10 years;

1-58 (3) review the option of establishing a
 1-59 disaster-secure collections facility with separate storage areas
 1-60 for each agency;

1-61 (4) review the recommendations in the Texas Historical

2-1 Commission's December 2018 response to the Sunset Advisory
2-2 Commission decisions on creating a searchable public catalog of
2-3 state-owned collections to determine cost estimates for
2-4 implementing the recommendations and a process for implementing the
2-5 recommendations; and

2-6 (5) assess any unmet need of the agency regarding
2-7 state-owned collections as determined by the task force.

2-8 SECTION 6. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2022, the
2-9 task force shall report the task force's findings and
2-10 determinations under Section 5 of this Act to the governor,
2-11 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
2-12 standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary
2-13 jurisdiction over the history and culture of this state.

2-14 SECTION 7. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and this
2-15 Act expires September 1, 2023.

2-16 SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
2-17 1, 2021.

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