

The House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

87th Legislature

September 21, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on September 14, 2022, the House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative King, Ken, at 10:12 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives King, Ken; Burns; Clardy; Frullo; Israel; and Krause.

A quorum was present.

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(Representatives Martinez and Morales, Christina participating virtually, pursuant to Rule 4, Section 16A.)

The committee considered Interim Charge #1:

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- HB 1728, relating to partnerships between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and nonprofit entities to promote hunting and fishing by certain veterans; and
- HB 3081, which relates to the issuance of digital tags for the taking of certain animals.

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

(Representative Gervin-Hawkins now present.)

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

The committee considered Interim Charge #2:

Review the overall state of Texas' travel, tourism and hospitality industry. Make recommendations for statutory and regulatory changes to ensure industry resiliency and vitality. Consider the following:

- Access to federal recovery programs and efforts that enable the draw-down of federal funding;
- Improvement of workforce reliability; and
- Use of the supplemental money appropriated to the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism through SB 8 (87S3).

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

The committee considered Interim Charge #3:

Review state efforts to preserve and develop Texas state parks and open spaces to ensure affordable public access to outdoor recreational and educational opportunities.

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

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At 1:52 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. King, Ken, Chair

Megan Quijano, Clerk