

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 327

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Hearing Date: March 11, 2021 8:00 AM

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Donnis Baggett

Texas Press Association

Bryan, TX

We support requiring state agencies to broadcast and archive their open meetings on their agency websites. We also respect and support the author's requirement that notice of these meetings be posted on the agencies' websites IN ADDITION to current notice requirements.

Kelley Shannon, Executive Director

Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas

Austin, TX

I support this positive open government bill by Rep. Howard. Requiring more online live video broadcasts of government meetings and online archiving of those meetings helps the public better observe and participate in their government. I will add that including a call-in telephone line for listening to the meeting will help those Texans who do not have Internet access. Unfortunately, many Texans still don't have Internet at home. The bottomline: More access to public meetings is helpful for transparency and accountability. Thank you!

Shannon Hodges, Waco

Self

Waco, TX

I approve of this bill, allowing the public to see and hear all elected representatives discussions during meetings is important.

Arthur Simon

self, artist

Austin, TX

I support this bill, because an open and transparent government is likely to be less corrupt. The people deserve to directly view their democracy at work.

Kathy Williams

IndivisibleTxLege, volunteer

Austin, TX

Great Bill. Please pass this to further empower Texas Sunshine laws. And it brings more, important bodies into the light.

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Unity of peace

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Houston, TX

We need a fucking say