

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1373

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Hearing Date: April 29, 2021 8:00 AM

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Estevan Zarate

Theater Artist

Austin, TX

Please support this bill. The performing arts could take decades to recover from this pandemic. We entertain you when you are feeling low. We help you celebrate life and all of the beauty that lies within. We can't do that if there is nowhere to rehearse or perform. Support this bill.

Jennifer Dorsey, Dr.

JENNIFER DORSEY

AUSTIN, TX

I am strongly for this bill. As a performer of both stand up and improv comedy, I have been very saddened to see performance spaces going out of business even before the pandemic. With property costs in the larger cities constantly rising, and a paucity of resources in smaller towns, leasing state property for affordable rates would benefit all Texas communities.

Cynthia Oelkers

Girls Girls Girls Musical Improv Troupe

Round Rock, TX

Our small theaters have struggled financially to stay afloat (The Hideout and The Fallout). Coldtowne was not able to retain their property, and closed. Please help!

Shana Merlin

Merlin Works

Austin, TX

This would be huge for the performing arts community who are often struggling to find space to rehearse, teach and perform in.