

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2070

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Hearing Date: April 14, 2021 8:00 AM

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Jason Cravy

Self / Sales

McKinney, TX

Sports wagering should be made permissible under the auspices of the State of Texas. As a freedom loving people, the citizens should not be restricted from the enjoyment of wagering and the State of Texas should benefit from the additional tax revenues from these activities similar to the other lottery endeavors.

James Foreman

Self

Houston, TX

Sports betting happens all the time it needs to be decriminalized.

Adam Smok

Self

Weatherford, TX

People want to waste their money, I say let them. I think all winnings should be taxed and all establishments or (bookies) should be registered and taxed of any winnings and the tax go to Texas infrastructure and wildlife parks. Any form of cheating and or fixing of games should be a felony and a mandatory sentence of five years in prison and all winnings returned.

Frank Holman

Self

Austin, TX

I find no Intrinsic Value in this bill. The justification or argument found in the bill simply reasons that because people are breaking the law the law should be changed so that they are not breaking the law. Please vote no on HB 2070.

Andra Haney

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

I am opposed to this bill. Bringing gambling into Texas invites a humongous can of worms. It's bad enough we have that lottery. Don't bring any more of this garbage into our state. This would introduce crime, including organized crime, mental and emotional issues from people who cannot control their gambling, and so many other problems that Texas does NOT NEED. Let's trash this bill.

Sarah Beech

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Self

Austin, TX

Hi, my name is Sarah and I would like to encourage you to vote YES on HB 2070 to legalize and regulate sports betting. Doing so will bring much-needed revenue to the state, while protecting consumers from a currently unregulated industry. Thank you for your time and service to the state of Texas.

Skyler Korgel

Self, Manufacturing Engineer

Weatherford, TX

I oppose HB 2070 and urge the committee to not favorably report this harmful legislation out of committee.

Allowing casinos and gambling in Texas is not in the best interests of working Texans and their dependents as gambling and gaming facilities and corporations are specifically in the industry to make millions and billions of dollars off of everyday people visiting their locations. If this industry is allowed to expand in Texas there will be billions fewer dollars in Texans' hands and instead in the pockets of out-of-state casino tycoons, guaranteed. The presence of casinos in our communities also would increase alcohol and drug consumption, leading to an assured increase in drunk drivers and drivers under the influence on our roads causing damage and taking lives. Also, the increased presence of legal gambling would feed gambling addictions along with alcohol and drug addictions while simultaneously draining them of disposable income to address these issues with medical attention.

Please vote NAY on this bad legislation in committee and, if it progresses, on the House floor.