

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 4359

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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William Glosson

SHIPPING

Huntsville, TX

NO out of USA people drawing STATE CONTRACTS

James Lowry II, Mr.

Self, Maintenance & Transportation logistics specialist

Douglasville, TX

I believe this issue requires looking at more than just the Monroe doctrine but pondering the comments of President Washington on this subject in particular.

Let us learn from history and not be condemned to repeat it.

Adam Smok

Self

Weatherford, TX

Foreign entities should not be allowed anything concerning Texas infrastructure!!!!!! They are foreign interests and have no concern here, this is how Washington is being controlled by foreign companies buying interest, investing into domestic companies or state interests and then using influence to control regulations, politicians, and blackmail to further political opposition.

Frank Holman

Self

Austin, TX

We must be self reliant. Our recent pandemic and other events have proven that we are too reliant on foreign imports. We can not put critical infrastructure in the hands of foreign entities. Pass HB 4359.

Ryan Reed

Self - Design Manager

San Antonio, TX

I am voicing my support for Bill 4359.

Justin Morris

Self

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McKinney, TX

Thank you for hearing my voice. This is absurd, how can we allow foreign entities to dictate our landscape? This area is pristine because of the residents and visitors taking pride in its true beauty. By allowing foreign corporations to erect infrastructure in the middle of a remote area does not sound very promising from a pollution, lack of care, and financial obligation standpoint. Please do not allow foreign entities to infiltrate our area, county or country for that matter. I am a developer, and I will tell you that these foreign entities could care less about the environment, architectural landscape, and the pride that the citizens have in living in this tough remote yet gorgeous area. This is solely a greed play, and please do not be fooled by them. They do not care about anything other than profit. Trust me, there are separate hidden agendas behind every move they make. If felt these corporations were indeed for the betterment of the citizens you would not be hearing from me. Please help protect the Red, White and Blue!

Thank You!  
Justin Morris

Weldon Yates  
self - private equity  
JOHNSON CITY, TX

I am in favor of HB 4359

Julie LeClair  
Self, Ecologist  
Lockhart, TX

I am in support of HB 4359.

Brooke Meharg  
Self  
San Antonio, TX

Please support this bill

Alice Strunk  
self Rancher  
Comstock, TX

The State of Texas is home to the ninth largest economy in the world and the second largest economy in the U.S. This type of economic size can provide geopolitical implications when there are disruptions within the state's economic activity. One such avenue for disruption from hostile foreign actors is through the interruption of services provided through critical infrastructure within the State of Texas. Congressman Will Hurd was greatly opposed to foreign ownership connecting to our Electrical Grid. He said, 'What, are we going to let them have our playlist?'

In Val Verde County there is a Wind Farm Development currently being built totally owned by GH America LLC which is the subsidiary of the Chinese owned Guanghai Energy Company based in the Xinjiang province. Please help Val Verde County by passing SB 4359 which would prevent the Chinese from continuing this project if they are not allowed to connect to the grid. Thank you for your attention to this critical bill.

Ruth Russell  
DRC LRWA

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San Antonio, TX

The threat of an adversarial country connecting to our electric grid and bulk power structures and any important infrastructure is obvious. In this case a top communist party general has purchased 130,000 acres in Val Verde Co. for the purpose of gigantic 700 foot Wind turbines, in close proximity to Laughlin air trading base, training 400 to 500 pilots a year. Disrupted Radar signals and blinking red lights will impair their safety as well as the towering height. Billions in subsidies will leave the US for China, not to mention the intelligence at risk. Please support this critical bill.

Benjamin Baudouin

Self - Natural Resources Manager

Austin, TX

I support HB 4359 and the protection of Texas' critical infrastructure.

George Vaughan

self

Terrell Hills, TX

The breakdown in the reliability of the Texas electrical grid this Feb. 14-19 should demonstrate the importance of having state regulatory authority over foreign owned critical infrastructure in Texas. The Blue Hills wind farm project north of Comstock is a prime example of such. Owned by a Chinese conglomerate, why would we allow them to plug into our grid? They would be within the training zone of Laughlin AFB and within 40-60 miles of our international border with Mexico as well.

Gil Crawford

self, retired

Livingston, TX

Whenever items meeting requirements are available at competitive price, local-owned companies should receive the contract over any foreign-owned company; especially China.

Claire Vaughan

self/ housewife

San Antonio, TX

Texans would be very vulnerable if foreign powers were allowed to without certain safeguards in place for our protection to control energy production entities. The fact that technology is advancing at a very fast rate makes it critical to enact these protections immediately.

Ruth Russell

DRC, LRWA

San Antonio, TX

I support this bill to prevent adversarial powers like the Chinese communist leader who has bought 130,000 acres for wind farms along the pristine Devils and Pecos Rivers watersheds from connecting to our critical infrastructure. These are wild lands of beauty and pure waters of iconic birds, bats and butterfly migration corridors. Laughlin Airbase is nearby, which trains 400 to 500 pilots a year. These giant (700 ft. ) turbines will obstruct their low level flights, radar and U intel. security. This is a threat to our national security. The Chinese will take our billions of subsidy money that should stay in the US. The subsidy money is what lured them in. Crazy!

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james leclair

Self

Lockhart, TX

I strongly support HB 4359. Letting foreign entities own critical infrastructure in Texas is unacceptable. Please pass HB 4359 and fight strong to keep countries who wish for the US to fail out of Texas.

Kim Smith

Self/Realtor

SAN Antonio, TX

This is necessary. I'm in favor.

Merily Keller

Self

West Lake Hills, TX

HB 4359 (Parker, et al), prohibits companies from China, Russia, North Korea, and Iran, from investing in projects connected to Texas's critical infrastructure, including the electrical grid. I am strongly in favor of this bill since it will help protect the Devils River, Val Verde County, and Laughlin Air Force Base's low flying missions from the industrial wind farm development proposed by Xinjiang, China-based GH America Investments. I ask you to support it and support keeping Texas' infrastructure safe.

Alex Bengtsson

Alex R Bengtsson

Houston, TX

It is completely un-acceptable to allow foreign companies to have access to the Texas power grid further more the Devil's River region must be protected from this environmental nightmare that these wind farms represent for Texas wildlife.

Emily Hunt

Self

Roundrock, TX

Support this bill

Byron W. Hodge

Self, attorney, rancher

Del Rio, TX

Favor

Andrea Alderete

self, retired AF veteran

San Angelo, TX

I am in favor and support this bill as a legal Texas resident and citizen. I believe it is important to prohibit agreements with and

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investments from certain foreign  
owned companies in connection with Texas's critical infrastructure and thereby help protect Val  
Verde County and Laughlin Air Force Base's low flying missions from the industrial wind farm  
development underway by China  
based GH America Investments

Charles Johnson

Self

Round Rock, TX

Adversarial foreign powers must not have any access to critical infrastructure in Texas. They may be able launch a cyber attack that would likely make the fall out from winter storm Uri look like a walk in the park. I beseech every member of the State Affairs Committee to vote in favor of this bill. I am a school teacher and the safety of my students (and my nephew) are my highest priorities in life. This bill will help to ensure their protection from nefarious actions from our adversaries. God bless yall and God bless the great state of Texas!

Vivian Mata

self, Self-Employeed

san angelo, TX

I support and back this bill as a Texas resident.

Sean Goff

Self

Bastrop, TX

FOR

cathy martin

self-retired educator

kerrville, TX

Please support and pass HB 4359, to protect our valuable infrastructure of this state and specifically Laughlin Air Force Base. If foreign entities continue to place wind farms around Del Rio, the border, Devil's and Pecos River area, what happens to our national security? The recent winter storm that caused such widespread power outages should be a wake up call.

William Alderete

Self, Liedos contractor

San Angelo, TX

I am in favor and support this bills as a Texas resident.

David Greenlee

self, database administrator

San Antonio, TX

Please support HB 4359!! Why would we allow contentious foreign companies to continue to purchase thousands of acres of our

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most precious lands for their commercial interests?!?! The Devil's River and it's watershed is a national treasure and it's protection is on the shoulders of our great state. Preserve this special and important river and it's surrounding watershed!! We are counting on you.

Annabell McNew  
Texas Hill Country River Region  
CONCAN, TX

Please SUPPORT HB 4359!

Philip Walker  
"self"; Ranch Manager  
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my support in favor of HB 4359 that prohibits contracts/agreements with certain foreign-owned companies in connection with critical infrastructure in the state of Texas. Thank you

Dee Chambless  
self  
Bullard, TX

I strongly support this bill. The thought that our national elections had foreign interference is terrifying. We don't need foreign actors invading our infrastructure. Let TEXAS LEAD THE WAY in protecting our electrical grid. Please support this bill! Why on earth any Texas lawmaker would even consider voting against this bill should cause great concern about that particular lawmaker.

Robert Corbin  
myself  
Austin, TX

I am in favor of this bill

Kathy Turner  
self, retired  
McGregor, TX

I strongly support this bill and urge you to vote it favorably out of committee. Protecting Texas infrastructure against foreign attack is important to our state and nation. This bill would reduce that risk.