

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HCR 4

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

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Austin, TX

1. HCR 4 (White)—Position: On (Neutral). HCR 4 specifies, in part, Lines 13-17: "Texas should join the numerous other states that have met the certification requirements in a federal rule (23 C.F.R. Section 192.5(c)) by submitting a written statement from the governor and a concurrent resolution from the state legislature to the U.S. secretary of transportation" (p. 2).

2. Technical Errors.

a. Pronoun Error: Lines 15-18 (p. 1). Drafting error: a person, the person should refer to his/her, not their.

Line 15: a person

Line 16: their driver's license

Line 17: the person

Line 18: their family

Line 20: their driver's license

b. Verb Error: Lines 18-22 (p. 2). The 87th Legislature is singular. Change express to expresses.

3. Recommended Pronoun Corrections: "a person" and "the person" should refer to his/her, not their.

a. Drafted Language: Lines 15-18 (p. 1). "WHEREAS, Under Texas law, a person convicted of a misdemeanor drug offense loses their driver's license for at least six months, making it difficult for the person to keep a job and provide for their family; and

Corrections [brackets]: Lines 15-18 (p. 1). "WHEREAS, Under Texas law, a person convicted of a misdemeanor drug offense loses [his/her] driver's license for at least six months, making it difficult for the person to keep a job and provide for [his/her] family;"

b. Drafted Language: Lines 19-22 (p. 1). "WHEREAS, Upon release from confinement, a person convicted of a felony drug offense in Texas also loses their driver's license for at least six months, making it harder for the person to reintegrate into society;"

Corrections [brackets]: Line 20 (p. 1). "WHEREAS, Upon release from confinement, a person convicted of a felony drug offense in Texas also loses [his/her] driver's license for at least six months, making it harder for the person to reintegrate into society;"

4. Lines 18-22 (p. 2). The 87th Legislature is singular. Change express to expresses.

Drafted Language: "RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby express opposition to the enactment or enforcement in Texas of a law, under a federal mandate, that automatically suspends the driver's license of an individual who is convicted of certain offenses; and, be it further"

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Thanks.~zcg

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I am writing to express my support for HCR 4. The automatic suspension of driver's license for individuals convicted of offenses unrelated to driving does not improve public safety and results in severe collateral consequences for those who are subjected to this unreasonable policy. Texas should join the many other states who have opposed the federal mandate to suspend driver's licenses for individuals convicted of certain offenses.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dianne Taylor

Self

Waco, TX

This punishment is not warranted!

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Self

Waco, TX

Harsh punishment that should not be required.

Karen Page

Myself and my Family

San Angelo, TX

I request that you support this Bill. Suspending anyones Driver's license is MAJOR and should not be taken lightly. It removes their ability to gain or keep employment, take care of their families, go to church, etc.

Maria Guevara

Self / nurse

San Antonio, TX

I support these bills and understand that it is important for humanitarian within TDCJ

Lisa Sanchez, Mrs.

TPAA

Fort Worth, TX

I HAVE NUMEROUS LOVED ONES IN PRISON AND OUT OF PRISON. SUSPENDING CERTAIN OFFENDERS/FELONS DRIVERS LICENSE IS A LOSING PROPOSITION IN NUMEROUS WAYS! AFFECTS OUR ECONOMY,MAKES THINGS EVEN HARDER TO GET GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AND TO CONTINUE TO COME BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

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AND BEFORE PRODUCTIVE. SO PLEASE SEND THIS TO THE FLOOR AND VOTE YAY! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. BE BLESSED.

Laura Martinez

HB1971,HB357,HB342

Tyler, TX

stop treating people like animals and stop putting them in situations unhumane what your doing is a sin as well and no matter how you look at it or state your facts sin is sin and you will be judged as you are judging. How can people completely help them selves if you keep making it harder and harder.