

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HJR 97

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Hearing Date: April 14, 2021 8:00 AM

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Kent Sears, Mr

Justice for Rhonda. Net

tomball, TX

HB2071 By Ann Johnson and Julie Johnson. I am asking that you please consider passing it in the current form or allowing it to at least cover past victims of rape who were minors prior to 2019. If this Bill cannot be passed, perhaps another lawmaker will take up the cause and create a Bill that will make it through the committee, House and Senate. My wife's abuser got off on a loophole in the 2019 HB3809 and now he is out bragging about it. My wife has a heart condition and really would like her day in court. It really should not matter when a person was raped. What should matter is did the rape happen and can the victim prove it. If so, they should get their day in court. This man is currently out there bragging he got away with it and technically he does if the law does not change. Rape victims need time to heal, process what has happened to them and the opportunity for them and build a life. This is not about the money, this is about justice. Rapist should not ever be allowed to receive a pass on a technicality such as the statute of limitation on their crimes. That is simply not right and should anger anyone who has a shred of decency and cares about the cause of justice being served. I am begging all lawmakers to please give my wife her day in court so she can finally use her voice now that she is ready to come forward. Her website is called justiceforhonda.net. She created this to create awareness for her situation. Little did she know she is now getting so many people emailing her and thanking her for fighting for justice. Please help these victims as they have been through enough already. There has to be someone that has the power to get these victims the justice they deserve. That is why we turn to you good people in Austin. Please do the right thing and help these victims of the worst kind of abuse.

Gregory Romeu

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Presidio, TX

How about I wager that should this or any legislature pass this Bill HJR 97 that the State of Texas will surely fall into despair and further crime, corruption fraud and even human trafficking, the likes of what occurs at The Super Bowl annually without a peep of exposure of the abuses performed on minor children and women to the "outside world" as do / are other states with such legislation passed?

Jason Cravy

Self / Sales

McKinney, TX

The residents of the State of Texas should have the freedom to use their money in any way or manner they feel. It is not the right of the State to determine the moral obligations of the citizens and what is right or wrong in the use of their money. Any game of chance or wagering should be free of government interference, except in the protection that the opportunities are free of criminal entanglements and influence.

I submit that wagering and sports betting be made legal in the State of Texas.

Ryan Rundell

self

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Cypress, TX

Many states have benefited from this and Tribal organizations around the country have pulled their tribes out of poverty with the use of organized gaming. Done correctly it could prove to be very beneficial to the state. Again done correctly.

Ryan Rundell

Frank Holman

Self

Austin, TX

Because people break the law is not reason or justification to change a law. Texas does not need Gambling. Please focus on the needs and improvements of our state rather than more vices that can cause pain and suffering to people.

Vidya Mudaliar

Self

Prosper, TX

I support this resolution because Texans deserve to be able to wager on sports. The state has no right to ban free people from doing this.

Andra Haney

Self

Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

I am opposed to this HJR. As with anything else gambling related, it will result in more crime, more problems, and just be an all-around disaster for Texas. Dump this one.

Skyler Korgel

Self, Manufacturing Engineer

Weatherford, TX

I oppose HJR 97 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.