

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HJR 140

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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Every Texan opposes HJR 140. We believe it would be short-sighted to cut off potential sources of future revenue, particularly given the rapid rate of change in fintech and the financial industry. Last session the Legislature wisely expanded the sales tax to cover Internet sales, including "marketplace" sales, in recognition of the changing nature of online retail. It would be prudent to leave open future options to respond similarly to changes in the financial industry, such as the growth of bitcoin or non-fungible tokens (NFTs)