

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SB 1524

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

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Shannon Noble

Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association

Austin, TX

The Texas Air Conditioning Contractors Association supports SB 1524.

Thank You.

Martin Gutierrez, Mr.

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

San Antonio, TX

For over 91 years, the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SAHCC) has been San Antonio's leading advocate for Hispanic businesses and Hispanics in business. We pride ourselves on five pillars of success: small business, economic development, international trade, education, and leadership. On behalf of the Hispanic Chamber's more than 900 members, I write to you today to express our support for SB 1524, which will incentivize more apprenticeship programs for in demand jobs.

This bill would benefit the 2.8 million small businesses in Texas which were adversely affected by the pandemic. Increasing the number of apprenticeships would help bridge the skills gap in Texas. As we continue our economic recovery from the pandemic, it is vital that we help reskill and upskill workers for jobs being created now and in the future. By incentivizing businesses to provide work-based learning and/or on-the-job training, we are building a pipeline of skilled workers that employers need.

We need to grow the skilled workforce Texas needs to compete in the global, 21st century economy and create opportunity for all Texans. The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce urges you to support SB 1524