

**The House Committee on Securing Texas from Hostile Foreign Organizations,  
Select**

88th Legislature

September 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

University of Texas at Tyler

Soules College of Business – Room COB 180

3501 Liberty Lane, Tyler, TX 75701

Pursuant to a notice posted on August 30, 2024, revised on September 10, 2024, the House Committee on Securing Texas from Hostile Foreign Organizations, Select met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Hefner, at 9:03 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Hefner; Harris, Cody; Hunter; Lopez, Ray; and Wilson.

A quorum was present.

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Representative Dutton, Jill was also in attendance.

The chair made opening remarks.

The committee heard testimony on the following items:  
Study the threat posed by hostile foreign organizations and related entities on the Texas economy, security, and values.

Examine rates of intellectual property (IP) theft in the state and identify the industries most impacted. Make recommendations to better secure the IP of government and businesses operating in the state and ensure Texas remains competitive in the face of economic aggression by hostile foreign organizations.

Testimony taken/registration recorded.  
(See attached witness list.)

At approximately 12:50, the committee stood at ease briefly.

The chair called the committee back to order.

Testimony taken/registration recorded.  
(See attached witness list.)

At approximately 1:05, the committee stood at ease briefly.

The chair called the committee back to order.

Testimony take/registration recorded.  
(See attached witness list.)

At 1:35 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Hefner, Chair

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Harrison Salter, Clerk