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Submitted to the Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism
For HB 2719

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Historical history shall be preserved.

DustinWayne 23'

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Support for the Texas Historical Commissions concerns in Sec. 442.112, State Historic Site Retail Operations.

Downtown Port Isabel is home to the Port Isabel Lighthouse State Historic Site whose location is in the heart of our retail district. Not only is the Lighthouse appreciated and trafficked for its valued historical reference, but for most travelers, the experience is only complete with a retail purchase to commemorate the visit. We believe this reinforces a connection between a State Historic Site, the Texas Historical Commission brand and the visitor. That can only further serve to grow brand awareness and support for this state agency. Being able to meet the needs of an off-site visitor with online retail sales is, we believe, essential.

The City of Port Isabel wishes to convey their support of HB2719 and believe that this expansion and support of retail sales for the Texas Historical Commission State Historic Sites will not only result in direct economic impact and growth but will also directly impact the public buy-in of these important and iconic sites. And will continue to strengthen ties back to the Texas Historical Commission's full suite of products, services and support.

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