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Submitted to the Committee on Urban Affairs
For HB 3528

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My name is Allison Greer Francis and I work for CHCS in San Antonio, TX I'm in favor of HB 3528 which would require the TCFP to establish an advisory committee to study the need for suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments across the state. Our first responders save lives every day and they are often exposed to trauma events. Many first responders take their own lives, and those who struggle would benefit from suicide prevention programs and a person to talk to in a peer support program. I urge your support of HB 3528.

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Melissa Rowell, Honorable

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Houston, TX

I am against this bill. We do not need any more committees, boards, programs, commissions or districts, etc. that just cost the tax payer money. It is spelled out in the bill that "the commission shall provide administrative support and resources necessary for the committee to carry out the purpose and duties."

Just use your own resources internally that you already have and put up a suicide prevention hotline information in the stations.

If you want to help prevent suicides for the public, then let's get to the root cause of them and help those with depression or mental illness, and not throw an advisory committee in the mix.