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SB 1861  
Senate Committee Report  
Education

March 29, 2023 - 9:00 AM

FOR:

Benscoter, Dr Andrew Chief Education Officer Upbring & CEO Trinity Char (Self; Trinity Charter), Austin, TX  
Gore, Rex (also providing written testimony) (Self) , Austin, TX  
Hryhorchuk, John Senior Vice President of Policy and Advocacy (also providing written testimony) (Texas 2036), Austin, TX

AGAINST:

Bakich, Meg (Self) , Dallas, TX  
Davenport, Lynn (Self) , Dallas, TX  
Hale, Rachel (Self) , Henderson, TX  
Lowe, Mary (Self) , Colleyville, TX

ON:

Bigenho, Chris Dr. (Self; Lewisville ISD- Virtual Learning Academy), Wylie, TX  
Fairbank, Rob (Stride Learning), Littleton, TX  
Puchstein, Chelsea (Self; Public School Options Texas), Alvin, TX  
Schutte, Marian Executive Director TEA (Texas Education Agency), Austin, TX

Registering, but not testifying:

FOR:

Balcom, Jaukeem (Self) , Austin, TX  
Case Pickens, Liz (Self) , Dallas, TX  
Drabbant, Jennifer (Self) , San Antonio, TX  
Garcia, Brandon Director of legislative affairs (Texas public charter schools association), Austin, TX  
Jones, Garry (Democrats For Education Reform), Fort Worth, TX  
Kennon, Suzi President (Texas PTA), Sachse, TX  
Matthews, Stephanie (Texas Association of Business), Austin, TX  
Russell, Matthew (Texas Computer Education Association), Austin, TX  
Stump, Tim (Self) , Austin Texas, TX  
Tasneem, Tania (Self) , Austin, TX  
Taylor, Larry (Self; Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute), Friendswood, TX  
Tielle, Annette Superintendent (Del Valle ISD), Del Valle, TX  
Yancy, Justin President (Texas Business Leadership Council), Austin, TX

AGAINST:

Asher, Kayden (Self) , Austin, TX  
Besinger, Jackie Mrs (Self; Moms for America), Austin, TX  
Gonzalez, Ana (Texas AFL-CIO), Austin, TX  
Griffith, Carrie (Texas State Teachers Association), Austin, TX  
Kling, Kelsey Government Relations (Texas AFt), Austin, TX

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White, Crystal Deputy Executive Director (Self; Texas Association of Community Schools), Austin, TX

ON:

Byer, Von General Counsel (Texas Education Agency), Austin, TX

Marin, Eric (TEA), Austin, TX

Terry, James Associate Commissioner of Finance (Texas Education Agency), Austin Texas, TX

Providing written testimony:

FOR:

Bruno, Amy (Upbring), Austin, TX

Fagen, Elizabeth Superintendent (Self; Humble ISD), Humble, TX

List, Amanda (ResponsiveEd), Austin, TX

Packard, Ron (Pansophic Learning), McLean, VA

Romero, Olga Principal (Self; Dallas Hybrid Prep, Dallas ISD), Arlington, TX

Sass, Emily Senior Fellow (Texas public policy foundation), Austin, TX

AGAINST:

Cave, Tricia (Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)), La Porte, TX

ON:

Holleman, Will Mr. (Raise Your Hand Texas), Austin, TX

McCreary, Casey Associate Executive Director (Texas Association of School Administrators), Austin, TX