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Last week, HMSDC received information from one of our affiliate partner organizations, the Texas Association of Mexican Americans Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) that the Texas House of Representatives was considering legislation that would expand the definition of a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) to include people with disabilities. This is something that HMSDC and its affiliate partner organizations are opposed to as it creates more competition for opportunities under the HUB statute without increasing the goal (i.e. expanding the opportunities). While we are not opposed to opportunities for disabled individuals, we believe the existing statute allows individuals with disabilities who are ethnic minorities or women to be included under the existing statute. This proposed legislation would only expand the class to white men (which already have protections under a different disability statute).

To that end, HMSDC has been working in coordination with its partners through teleconferences organized by the MBE Institute of Public Policy (MBEIPP) and by signing onto a letter, which will be sent today to the members of the State Affairs Committee and the Calendars Committee. House Bill 1565 is currently in State Affairs in which it was scheduled for a public hearing and conducted the public hearing all in one day on (April 8, 2019). This appears to be a maneuver to move the legislation along with little to no chance for true public comment and engagement. House Bill 3362 was reported out favorably by the State Affairs Committee and is pending in the Calendars Committee. In addition to signing on the joint letter, HMSDC has reached out to the members of these committees who represent our service territory area asking that they oppose the legislation as it will have a negative impact on engaging MBEs in state government procurement opportunities.

Offensive Posture:

State Affairs Committee: The Committee is assigned to monitor and identify issues suitable for legislative review, gather and evaluate information, and recommend courses of action to the House of Representatives. Once a bill is passed out of committee, it goes to the entire body of the House of Representative for reading, review and vote.

Defensive Posture:

Calendar Committee: This committee decides which legislation gets considered on the floor of the House of Representatives. Without scheduling by the calendar committee a bill will not get considered by the deliberative body of the House of Representatives, thus "killing" the legislation.

To that end, it is important that we engage both committees to stop these bills from moving forward.

House Bill 1565

House Committee:

[State Affairs](#)

Status:

In committee

Actions: (descending date order)

Description		Comment	Date ▼	Time	Journal Page
H	Left pending in committee		04/08/2019		
H	Testimony taken/registration(s) recorded in committee		04/08/2019		
H	Considered in public hearing		04/08/2019		

H	Scheduled for public hearing on . . .		04/08/2019		
H	Referred to State Affairs		03/04/2019	05:43 PM	513
H	Read first time		03/04/2019		513
H	Filed		02/11/2019		

House Bill 3362

House Committee: [State Affairs](#)

Status: Out of committee

Vote: Ayes=12 Nays=1 Present Not Voting=0 Absent=0

Actions: (descending date order)

	Description	Comment	Date ▼	Time	Journal Page
H	Committee report sent to Calendars		04/24/2019		
H	Committee report distributed		04/23/2019	07:14 PM	
H	Comte report filed with Committee Coordinator		04/23/2019		2177
H	Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)		04/15/2019		
H	Considered in formal meeting		04/15/2019		
H	Left pending in committee		04/08/2019		
H	Testimony taken/registration(s) recorded in committee		04/08/2019		
H	Considered in public hearing		04/08/2019		
H	Scheduled for public hearing on . . .		04/08/2019		
H	Referred to State Affairs		03/18/2019	04:58 PM	765
H	Read first time		03/18/2019		765
H	Filed		03/06/2019		

MBE CALL TO ACTION!

If you have relationships with any of the following state legislators, please contact them and let them know you oppose this legislation.

The Honorable Representatives of State Affairs Committee:

- Dade Phelan (Orange, TX)
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