

Georgia Shepherd

Subject: Urban County News, March 9, 2011; Unfunded Mandates HJR Heard in Committee this Week
Attachments: HJR_56_List.pdf

From: Michael Vasquez [mailto:michael.vasquez@cuc.org]

Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 9:04 PM

To: michael@cuc.org

Subject: Urban County News, March 9, 2011; Unfunded Mandates HJR Heard in Committee this Week

March 9, 2011

To All Urban Counties:

The unfunded mandates protection constitutional amendment (HJR 56 by Solomons) was heard in House State Affairs earlier today. Urban county officials are urged to contact members of the committee to encourage support for the constitutional amendment. Members should also contact members of their legislative delegation if they have not yet signed up as a co-author of the legislation (see attachment).

House State Affairs Committee (members in bold are already co-authors of HJR 56)

Representative Byron Cook, Chairman (R-Anderson, Freestone, Limestone, Navarro)

Representative Jose Menendez, Vice Chairman (D-Bexar County)

Representative Tom Craddick (R-Midland County)

Representative John Frullo (R-Lubbock County)

Representative Pete Gallego (D-Border Area Counties)

Representative Charlie Geren (R-Tarrant County)

Representative Patricia Harless (R-Harris County)

Representative Harvey Hilderbran (R-Hill Country counties)

Representative Dan Huberty (R-Harris County)

Representative Rene Oliveira (D-Cameron County)

Representative John Smithee (R-Randall County)

Representative Burt Solomons (R-Denton County)

Representative Sylvester Turner (D-Harris County)

Urban Counties Immediate Past Chairman Judge Mike Bradford provided testimony on behalf of the Urban Counties. Members in town for the luncheon were encouraged to fill out a support card for the hearing.

There was a committee substitute laid out in committee that clarified that the bill applied to schools but made no other changes. The bill was left pending in committee for future action.

Michael Vasquez

Program Manager

Texas Conference of Urban Counties

500 West 13th Street

Austin, Texas 78748

512.476.6174

512.476.5122 fax