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To: Urban Counties Policy Committee

From: Gabriela Villareal, Program Manager

Re: **Consideration of Webb County Support Items**

Below are proposals that will be pursued by Webb County in this legislative session. Webb County is requesting support of the association for these proposals.

1. Allow the definition of a governmental body in the Open Meetings Act to include the gathering of two or more district judges performing any management or administrative function that does not involve the adjudication of an individual case.

Recommended Resolution:

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Support Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Open Meetings Act. Support expanding the Open Meetings Act to include a gathering of two or more district judges performing management or administrative functions and does not involve adjudication of an individual case. *Webb County.*

2. Allow the removal of a County Auditor from office if, after an investigation by the State Attorney General, it is proven that the auditor has committed official misconduct or is incompetent to faithfully discharge the duties of the office.

Recommended Resolution:

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Support Section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Removal of a County Auditor. Support expanding the current authority of district judges to the State Attorney General to allow a finding of official misconduct or incompetence to be grounds for removal for a County Auditor. *Webb County.*

3. Allow salaries, set by district judges, for the County Auditor and the Auditor's assistants to be consistent with locally adopted wage and classification pay plans.

Recommended Resolution:

RESOLVED by the Texas Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee that the Support section of the Policy Platform is amended as follows:

Ensure Conformity of Salaries. Support allowing the salaries, set by district judges, for the County Auditor and the Auditor's assistants to be consistent with locally adopted pay plans. *Webb County.*