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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY TAX REFORM & RELIEF, SELECT**

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

10:30 AM

University of Texas at San Antonio, Main Campus

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief, Select was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, in the University of Texas at San Antonio, Main Campus.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Van Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Carlos Uresti

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:41 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Bettencourt made opening remarks.

Senator Lucio made opening remarks.

Testimony was heard on the following interim charges:

Study the property tax process, including the appraisal system, and recommend ways to promote transparency, simplicity, and accountability by all taxing entities.

Examine and develop options to further reduce the tax burden on property owners.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

President Ricardo Romo, University of Texas at San Antonio gave welcoming remarks.

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Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt announced that the next hearing will be held on February 11, 2016 in Harlingen, Texas.

There being no further business, at 4:35 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk