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Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee to discuss Hotel Occupancy Taxes, Regulatory Barriers

Sen. Rodriguez to attend Houston hearing

Austin – The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development will have a hearing tomorrow (Thursday, Feb 1, 2018) to review interim charges related to hotel occupancy taxes and regulatory barriers. The interim charges to be discussed are as follows:

Thursday (Feb. 1, 2018)

- **Hotel Occupancy Taxes:** Study and make recommendations regarding the collection and use of hotel occupancy taxes to increase transparency in the imposition, rate, and use of such taxes.
- **Regulatory Barriers:** Identify options to maintain our state's competitive advantage and make recommendations to remove or reduce administrative or regulatory barriers hindering economic growth, including permitting or registration requirements and fees.
- **Public testimony** will be limited to 3 minutes per person, if submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the committee clerk with your name on each copy.

The hearing begins at **9 a.m. CST** in Houston (8 a.m. MST in El Paso).

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Economic Development; Transportation; Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs (Vice Chair).