

PROCLAMATION

**CREATION OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
SECURING TEXAS FROM HOSTILE FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16(b), Rules of the House of Representatives, I, Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House of Representatives, hereby create the House Select Committee on Securing Texas from Hostile Foreign Organizations.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.

The committee is created to:

- (1) Study the threat posed by hostile foreign organizations and related entities on the Texas economy, security, and values;
- (2) Evaluate the ways in which hostile foreign organizations acquire property, including real property, in Texas as well as the attendant risks. Recommend policy changes to mitigate the risks posed by ownership of Texas assets by hostile foreign organizations; and
- (3) Examine rates of intellectual property (IP) theft in the state and identify the industries most impacted. Make recommendations to better secure the IP of government and businesses operating in the state and ensure Texas remains competitive in the face of economic aggression by hostile foreign organizations.

SECTION 2. REPORTING.

The committee shall submit a final report in the same manner as an interim study committee under Rule 4, Section 61, Rules of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP, AUTHORITY AND DURATION.

The committee shall have seven members and shall have the same authority and duties conferred on standing committees under the Rules of the House of Representatives. The committee expires on the date the 89th Legislature convenes.

The following are hereby appointed as members of the House Select Committee on Securing Texas from Hostile Foreign Organizations:

Cole Hefner, Chair
Angie Chen Button
Cody Harris
Todd Hunter
Ray Lopez
Armando Martinez
Terry Wilson



DADE PHELAN
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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