

SUBJECT: Texas Department of Aging block grant programs

COMMITTEE: Human Services - favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Hilderbran, Naishtat, Davila, Denny, J. Jones, Krusee, Maxey,  
Park, Wohlgemuth

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Kim Kirchoff, Texas Association of Regional Councils; Bruce  
Bower, Houston Welfare Rights Organization

Against — None

DIGEST: HB 2703 would add the Texas Department on Aging to the list of agencies  
that may participate to receive and administer federal block grants. The  
provision allowing any other designated commission, board or department  
to receive block grants would be amended to add state agencies. The bill  
would take effect immediately if approved by a two-thirds vote of each  
house.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 2703 is important because of current discussions at the federal level  
regarding distributing more federal dollars through block grants to states.  
HB 2703 would allow the Texas Department on Aging to participate as an  
eligible state agency if changes in funding were to occur relating to the  
distribution of funds under the Older Americans Act.

OPPONENTS SAY: No apparent opposition