

SUBJECT: Extending certain health care provider participation programs

COMMITTEE: County Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Neave Criado, Gerdes, J. Jones, Orr, Rosenthal

3 nays — Stucky, Slaton, Tinderholt

1 absent — Schatzline

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Gregg Knaupe, Ascension Seton; Jesse Sifuentez, Baylor Scott & White Health; Juliana Kerker, HCA Healthcare; Guy Herman, Presiding Judge Travis County Probate Court #1; Jessica Schleifer, Teaching Hospitals of Texas; Jennifer Banda, Texas Hospital Association; Julie Wheeler, Travis County Commissioners Court; Mike Geeslin, Travis County Healthcare District (dba Central Health))

Against — None

On — Mark Bordas, Family Hospital Systems

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that legislative action is needed to continue the Travis County Hospital District.

DIGEST: CSHB 2146 would extend the authority of certain hospital districts to operate a health care provider participation program until December 31, 2027. The bill would apply only to hospital districts created in a county with a population of more than 800,000 that was not included in the boundaries of a hospital district before September 1, 2003.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.