

SUBJECT: Making certain events eligible for Major Events Reimbursement Program

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation and Tourism — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 9 ayes — Cyrier, Martinez, Bucy, Gervin-Hawkins, Holland, Jarvis  
Johnson, Kacal, Morrison, Toth

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Jay Winborn, National Reined Cow Horse Association; Walter Kinzie (*Registered, but did not testify*: Melissa Gautier, Catholic Charities Galveston and Houston; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Luke Bullock, Encore Live for Convrgr; Shanna Igo, Texas Municipal League)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes art. 5190.14 sec. 5A specifies the events that are eligible for reimbursement under the Major Events Reimbursement Program. These events include the Super Bowl, an NCAA Final Four tournament game, a World Cup soccer game, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, among others as specified in statute.

DIGEST: CSHB 2402 would make a championship event in the National Reined Cow Horse Association and a CONVRG conference eligible for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.