

- SUBJECT:** Creating a property tax exemption for the National Hispanic Institute
- COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — D. Bonnen, Y. Davis, Bohac, Button, Darby, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Parker, Springer, C. Turner, Wray
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Analyse Escobar, Chris Nieto, Ernesto Nieto, and George Rodriguez, National Hispanic Institute; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Astrid Fuentes, Zachary Gonzalez, Karla Martinez, Paul Martinez, and Roberto Ramirez, National Hispanic Institute; C. LeRoy Cavazos, MPA, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and five individuals)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Tax Code, sec. 11.23 provides for property tax exemptions for various non-profit organizations, among other exemptions.
- DIGEST:** HB 3623 would exempt the National Hispanic Institute from state and local property taxes as long as it is classified as it is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- This bill would take effect on January 1, 2016, and would apply only to a tax year beginning on or after that date.