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JOC Killer Bill Discussed HB447 Issues Impacting Job Order Contracting Concerns Heard

March 1, 2007 - Austin Texas, A hearing was held on February 26th before the committee bring HB447 forward, lead by the Honorable Chairman Rep. Bill Callegari. A wide variety of organizations and individuals attended the session to voice concern and register their testimony against HB447.

The core issues around HB447 which were uniformly and professionally stated:

- HB447 will impact the ability of existing and future Job Order Contracting programs to operate effectively and to the positive benefit of publicly funded organizations supported today and in the future
- HB447 increases costs and delays responsiveness to publicly funded facilities and infrastructures
- HB447 will reduce competitiveness and eliminates the ability of small and minority-owned business to acquire renovation, remodeling and rehabilitation projects through a Job Order Contracting program
- HB447 removes the ability to access competitively bid Job Order Contracting programs through cooperative purchasing organizations and interlocals, further reducing the ability of medium and smaller publicly funded facilities to access quality services and support – hurting schools, universities and municipalities
- HB447 removes and/or restricts the ability of governing boards and entities of publicly funded organizations from making decisions, choosing appropriate resources and being able to fulfill their individual missions as organizations

The concerns and issues were made loud and clear in the session. The outcome of the informative session was a follow up session focused on further exploration of the issues and topics around HB447.

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About The Alliance For Job Order Contracting In Texas: A grassroots alliance of individuals, businesses and organizations that support the value and use of Job Order Contracting for publicly funded facilities and infrastructures. The mission is: To build sustainable support and understanding around professionally designed and managed job order contracting programs in Texas. For more information please go to www.JOCalliance.org