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ISSUES IMPACTING PROPERTY RIGHTS

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30x30 Bill Filed in Texas House of Representatives

Two bills that will help the Biden Administration implement the radical 30x30 land grab in Texas have been filed in the Texas House of Representatives. HB 3165 and its companion HJR 138, were filed by Justin Holland (R-Rockwall), and are scheduled for a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee this Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

These bills will create a \$2 billion slush fund using Rainy Day Funds, federal grant money and other donations to permanently place Texas' private property under the control of Environmental NGO's and the government.

HB 3165 will create the Land and Water Conservation Board composed of members from Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Water Development Board, and two other representatives from state government.

One of the key purposes of HB 3165 is to provide grants that will increase the number of private acres in Texas under a conservation easement in perpetuity. The conservation easement transfers the development rights to the easement holder forever, while the landowner commits to restrictions and controls forever, satisfying the federal government that this land is permanently controlled by the administrative state.

However, these lands are not truly protected. They can still be condemned for a public purpose, such as a highway or powerline. It is only the landowner and his heirs that are prevented from changing the use of the land, forever.

These two bills coincide precisely with Biden's 30x30 plan to set aside 30 percent of our nation's land and oceans by 2030 and Texas, with this bill, will assist the federal government in achieving this goal within our great state.

This bill must be stopped and never come out of committee.

Key Points

- This bill creates a \$2 billion slush fund assisting the Biden Administration's 30x30 agenda using conservation easements to permanently control farm, ranch, and forest land.
- 2. Mr. Holland claims we are losing 250,000 acres of land per year in Texas to development and we must protect and preserve our private lands. The socialist Center for American Progress (CAP) uses the exact reasoning explaining we're losing a football field (1.32 acres) to development every 30 seconds and therefore, we must permanently protect an additional 400 million acres by 2030 to save humanity. This bill assists the Biden administration by taking Texan's private property using our tax dollars.
- 3. It's not about creating parks for urban folks to see nature. It's about taking private property from private landowners and allowing land trusts to financially profit and government agencies to control our future.
- 4. Taking land out of the hands of producers will ruin the productivity of the land and destroy local communities and their tax base. Texas land belongs to Texans,

- not land trusts, not government agencies. Texas should not cede one acre, or even one property right to Biden's 30x30 land grab.
- 5. Once placed in a conservation easement, the land, in essence, is no longer private property because it's controlled by the easement holder, not the landowner.

CALL to ACTION

- CALL as many members of the House Natural Resources
 Committee as possible and tell them not to allow this bill out of committee. Here are the <u>Committee Members</u>.
- 2. ATTEND the Committee Hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 8 a.m. in Room E2.010 at the State Capitol. For more information, call the Natural Resources Clerk Sam Bacarisse, Ext E2.104, 512-463-0802. Be prepared to stay all day if necessary.
- 3. **EDUCATE** your Texas Representative and Senator if they are not a member of the Natural Resource Committee, and make sure they know the dangers of these bills.

Resources

Text of HB 3165.

Conservation Easement or Servitude: 13 Key Points Landowners Should Know About Conservation Easements.

Guide to Fight the Biden Administration's 30x30 Land Grab.



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