

# Texas House of Representatives



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### **Rep. Lucio Appointed to Committee to Study Development of Cruise Industry**

**AUSTIN** - Texas House Speaker Joe Straus announced appointments to the Joint Interim Committee to Study the Development of a Cruise Industry.

**"Texas is the best state in the country for business,"** said Speaker Straus. **"This committee will help make the state more competitive in the tourism industry by finding ways to enhance the cruise industry for economic development in communities along the Texas coast."**

The committee will study the possibility and potential economic impact of the development of a cruise industry on the Texas coast between Calhoun and Cameron counties. The committee was created through Senate Concurrent Resolution 5, Regular Session, 82nd Legislature.

**"I am honored and excited to be a part of this committee. With everything we have to offer, the Rio Grande Valley is a perfect location for a cruise line to attract tourists from all over the world,"** said Rep. Lucio. **"I look forward to working with our local tourism and port officials as we seek new approaches to making the South Texas Coast the next home for the cruise industry."**

The addition of the cruise industry to South Texas would be a major boost to the local tourism industry. According to recent studies, an average of 10 million Americans decide on a cruise for their vacation each year.

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