



DON'T CRIPPLE WORKERS' COMP

HB 1657 will badly damage the Texas workers' comp system.

If HB 1657 passes property owners—small or large—will have no reason to buy workers' comp insurance. Why pay premiums when you won't get the coverage? Less money in the system mean less available for injured Texas workers.

In *Entergy v. Summers*, the Supreme Court upheld a Beaumont trial court ruling that correctly applied state law as it has stood for a century. It does not change Texas law or override legislative intent.

Nothing in current Texas workers' comp laws says that a property owner cannot also act as its own contractor and buy insurance for an employee of a contractor.

Passing HB 1657 to invalidate a court decision won't solve the problem of providing adequate benefits for injured workers—it could even serve as a death knell for the Texas workers' comp system.

Support workplace safety. Oppose HB 1657.



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