



The Capitol Current



REPRESENTATIVE HERRERO'S WEEKLY SESSION UPDATE

Just a day before the start of the 83rd Legislative Session, State Comptroller Susan Combs released the biennial revenue estimate, which revealed a surplus of \$8.8 billion. It is great to see that our state economy is improving, but we must do better on priorities. With the added revenue surplus, it is critical to be transparent in our state's budget.

SAVE THE DATES!

Representative Herrero is hosting town hall meetings in the district later this week:

Thursday, Jan. 24: Tom Browne Middle School,
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Friday, Jan. 25: Robstown Senior Community Center
11:30am-12:15pm

Bishop Community Action Center, 12:45pm-1:30pm

Saturday, Jan. 26: West Oso High School, 10:10am-10:50am

IN THE NEWS:

The Texas Observer featured Rep. Herrero as a "legislator to watch," this session.

To read more about the feature, visit:

<http://www.texasobserver.org/legislators-to-watch/>

As part of the first order of business, I introduced an amendment to the House Rules aimed at improving transparency in the state's budget process. The amendment would have prevented the House Committee on Appropriations from using funds for a purpose other than what they had been originally intended. Unfortunately, the House declined to address the issue and failed to adopt the amendment.

As the session progresses, I will continue to support legislation aimed at budget honesty and openness. I will further prioritize the critical needs of House District 34 and all of Texas families' most pressing concerns.

I encourage you to share your priorities and concerns. I value your feedback and will take into consideration your perspectives this legislative session.

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