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### **Gov. Greg Abbott Signs SB 1086 Into Law**

WASHINGTON – Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law Thursday a bill to remove property-specific sales and tax data from the Texas State Comptroller’s public website. The bill instead designates the information as public information accessible via open records requests.

The bill was lauded by the Asian American Hotel Owners Association and the Texas Hotel and Lodging Association. Together, they urged Texas lawmakers to adopt the bill, which passed the legislature with a nearly unanimous vote.

Chip Rogers, the president and CEO of AAHOA, thanked Abbott for signing the bill into law.

“Gov. Abbott is a champion for Texas small businesses and we thank him for signing this bill into law,” said Rogers.

“We are truly grateful to Scott Joslove and the entire Texas Hotel and Lodging Association team, who worked tirelessly with lawmakers for more than two years to ensure that this bipartisan bill was enacted into law,” Rogers added. “Scott and the team also worked to create consensus among all groups interested in this bill, from media organizations to the hotel industry, and these efforts underscore the tremendous value of AAHOA’s special partnership with TH&LA.”

The bill was authored by Texas Sen. Kel Seliger (R, Amarillo) and becomes effective immediately.

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