

# ANALYSES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

The following comments supporting or opposing the proposed amendment reflect positions that were presented in committee proceedings, during house or senate floor debate, or in the analysis of the resolution prepared by the House Research Organization (HRO) when the resolution was considered by the House of Representatives.

### Comments by Supporters

- Inflationary costs are making it hard for child-care facilities to stay in business, and many facilities in Texas have closed in recent years. This leaves working families with fewer options for child care.
- The high costs associated with operating child-care facilities and the inability of facilities to provide competitive wages have resulted in a shortage of employees for many child-care facilities.
- High property taxes have contributed to the rising cost of child care.
- Providing local governments with the authority to offer a tax exemption for property used to operate an eligible child-care facility may free up resources that could be used to hire and retain staff, which would help to reduce the prevalence of child-care deserts in Texas communities. A facility's savings from such an exemption may also be passed down to consumers, which would address child-care affordability.

### Comments by Opponents

- No opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment was expressed during legislative consideration of the proposal.