

Legislative Analysis



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

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House Bill 4433

Sponsor: Rep. Tom Casperson

Committee: Government Operations

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4433 AS INTRODUCED 3-1-05

The bill would create a new act to allow the display of a document or object containing the Ten Commandments on public property if the following circumstances exist.

** It is displayed with other documents, public records, or objects of historical significance that have formed and influenced the legal or governmental system of the United States.

** It is displayed in the same manner as other documents, public records, or objects displayed at the same time and location, and the display does not focus more attention on it than on the other documents, records, or objects.

The term "public property" refers to a building or land owned, possessed, or leased by the state or by a county, city, township, village, school district, or other governmental unit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no obvious fiscal impact.

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