



Public Statement

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

SEN. LUCIO FILES A SERIES OF BILLS TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTIONS IN BORDER COUNTIES

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Austin, TX – Today, Senator Eddie Lucio Jr. (D-Brownsville) issued the following statement regarding the filing of a series of bills to strengthen public health protections in border counties:

“As we continue to navigate the public health crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic, it is more important than ever to invest in the health and safety of our most vulnerable communities, like those in the Rio Grande Valley, that have been disproportionately affected by the effects of COVID-19. Border communities face unique challenges that require tailored legislative solutions to address.

“It was for this reason that I filed SB 1048, SB 1049, and SB 1050, in addition to three border health bills I filed last November, to target public health issues specific to our region, such as childhood obesity, chronic disease prevention, and educational and training opportunities for health professionals.

“These bills are critical to protecting the public health of our border community and providing the resources necessary to address the Valley’s most pressing public health needs.”

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Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D – Harlingen) represents Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education; Member of the Senate Committees on State Affairs; Natural Resources & Economic Development; of the Special Committee on Redistricting; and, of the Select Committee Texas Ports. He is member of the Sunset Advisory Commission, DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Advisory Panel, and has been an ex-officio member of the DSHS Task Force of Border Public Health Officials since 2017. Elected in 1991, Lucio is third in seniority in the Texas Senate.