

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 2850
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 14, 2025; April 7, 2025, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and
 1-4 Rural Affairs; May 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the task force on pollinator health.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 131, Agriculture Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 131.011 to read as follows:
 1-23 Sec. 131.011. TASK FORCE ON POLLINATOR HEALTH. (a) In this
 1-24 section, "task force" means the task force on pollinator health
 1-25 under this section. The governor shall establish the task force and
 1-26 the membership of the task force.
 1-27 (b) The task force consists of members appointed by the
 1-28 governor, including:
 1-29 (1) one member who is a university faculty member
 1-30 specializing in the science of pollinator health;
 1-31 (2) one member representing an advocacy group for
 1-32 nurseries and greenhouse producers;
 1-33 (3) one member representing an advocacy group for
 1-34 agriculture in this state;
 1-35 (4) one member representing an advocacy group
 1-36 dedicated to the protection of pollinators and invertebrates;
 1-37 (5) one member representing an advocacy group for
 1-38 pesticide applicators;
 1-39 (6) one member who is certified as a master gardener by
 1-40 the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and who represents the
 1-41 public;
 1-42 (7) one member who is a beekeeper and who represents
 1-43 the public; and
 1-44 (8) one member who is an employee of the Parks and
 1-45 Wildlife Department who specializes in melittology.
 1-46 (c) The task force shall undertake activities to examine
 1-47 issues relevant to pollinator health, including:
 1-48 (1) identifying ways the state can incentivize the
 1-49 development of new pollinator habitat in residential, commercial,
 1-50 and public areas;
 1-51 (2) studying public education and outreach plans
 1-52 regarding pollinator health that have been successful in other
 1-53 states;
 1-54 (3) investigating the means used by other states to
 1-55 gather data on populations of bees or other pollinating insects;
 1-56 and
 1-57 (4) identifying ways to prevent loss of pollinator
 1-58 habitat.
 1-59 (d) The task force may take actions necessary and proper to
 1-60 carry out the work of the task force, including scheduling hearings
 1-61 and taking testimony on matters related to pollinator health.

