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Sen. Kelly Hancock Statement on Hailstorm Lawsuit Abuse Reform

AUSTIN - Sen. Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) today issued the following statement on final passage of HB 1774, hailstorm lawsuit abuse reform legislation. Hancock is the Senate sponsor of the legislation and authored its companion bill, SB 10.

"In his State of the State address this January, Gov. Abbott said the following:

One reason Texas attracts so many jobs is because of the strides we've made on tort reform. But our work is not done. Hailstorm litigation is the newest form of lawsuit abuse. To reduce the economic havoc, I want legislation on my desk that limits abusive hailstorm litigation.

"We're glad to report that legislation is now headed to the Governor's desk. Hail litigation has spiraled out of control in Texas, mainly because of a small group of bad actors who abuse the system. HB 1774 will address this problem and protect Texas consumers from sky-high premiums without infringing on their right to make an insurance claim or sue their insurance company when it's not holding up its end of the deal."

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Sen. Hancock represents [District 9](#), which includes portions of Dallas and Tarrant Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce.