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Chair Coleman and Chair Whitmire to work together on Criminal Justice Reform

HOUSTON - Representative Garnet Coleman (HD-147), the chair of the House Committee on County Affairs and Senator John Whitmire (SD-15) the chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice will continue to work together on criminal justice reform during the upcoming Texas Legislative session.

Chair Whitmire and Chair Coleman have worked together the last few sessions to pass important criminal justice reform including the Sandra Bland Act, and HB 4468.

Chair Coleman and Chair Whitmire released the following joint statement:

"The recent murder of longtime Houston resident George Floyd by a law enforcement officer in Minneapolis is a painful reminder to us that though we have traveled so far, there is still a long way to go. The passion shown by the millions of people who have made their voices heard against racism have helped fuel our commitment to continue to work towards justice.

In honor of George Floyd and his family, and to continue to honor Sandra Bland and her family, and all the other families seeking justice and change. We are committed to passing a package of policies next legislative session that will improve our criminal justice system. Including criminal justice policies that will ensure equal treatment for people of color, increase transparency and accountability, and keep both law enforcement and the public safer."

Chair Whitmire and Chair Coleman are available for comment.

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