

Legislative Session Update (5/16)

Day 123 (out of 140) - 88%

8,984 bills filed (100+ bills in TEDC Bill tracker)

By the Numbers

- House
 - 1,153 bills passed the House
+347 bills this week* (*estimated*)
- Senate
 - 1,001 bills passed the Senate
+127 bills this week
- Sent to Governor – 19 bills

-10 hours

First Major Deadline:
Pass out of first chamber

11 Days

Second Major Deadline:
Pass out of second chamber

Review Major Actions This Week

- **Bail Reform – SB 40/SB 9/SJR 1/SJR 5 [Huffman/Smithee]**
 - On the House Floor on Monday. Constitutional amendments...
- **Public Education Funding (?)**
 - HB 2 (Buckley) - Senate K-16 Education Committee hearing on 5/15
- **Tort Reform (SB 30 – Hughes/Meyer)**
 - Attempts to address “nuclear verdicts”

Review Economic Development Policy (general)

- **SB 504 (Kolkhorst)** – Requires nonprofits to post their operating budget and salaries over \$115k if they have a contract with a city, county, or EDC exceeding \$500k
 - **No Change** – In House Calendars
- **HB 406 (Ordaz)** – Requires a city/county to provide written notice to their local workforce development board when they enter/amend/renew a 380/381 agreement.
 - **No Change** – Passed House (108-33) [Not yet referred]
- **SB 840 (Hughes)** – Preempts certain local zoning regulations for cities over 150k in population.
 - **No Change** – In House Calendars
- **SB 25 (Kolkhorst)** – Creates onerous food labeling requirements
 - **No Change** – Sent to House Calendars
- **HB 1585 (C. Bell)** – Omnibus housing finance corporations bill
 - **5/8** – Passed House (113-13), referred to Senate Local Gov't Committee

Review Economic Development Policy (tax/incentives)

HB 112 (Button) – Develops a plan to develop a “Texas Science Park”

- 5/13 - Passed House (81-58)

HB 104 (Bonnen) – Creates the Texas Future Fund - Invests funds in the Economic Stabilization Fund (aka Rainy Day Fund) into innovative Texas companies.

- No Change – Passed House (107-35), Referred to Senate Finance

HB 1268 (Button) – State grant funds for SBIR projects

- 5/9 - Passed House on 4/16 (116-29), Referred to Senate Finance

~~HB 134 (Meyer)~~ – ~~Destination versus origin-based sales tax~~

- ~~No Change - In House Calendars Committee~~

SB 2206 (Bettencourt) – R&D Tax Credit renewal

- No Change - Pending in House Ways

SB 878 (Birdwell) – Omnibus chapter 380/381 overhaul

- No Change - Referred to House Ways & Means

Review Economic Development Policy (tax/incentives)

HB 4751 (Capriglione) – Establishes the Texas Quantum Initiative

- 5/15 – Passed House (94-21), Pending in Senate Business & Commerce

HB 5246 (Bonnen) – Space Commission Clean up (*amended*)

- 5/14 – Passed House (123-8), Pending in Senate Finance

HB 5265 (Wilson) – Creates the health care professional education fund

- No Change - Passed House (119-16), referred to Senate K-16 Education Committee

HB 4735 (Ashby) – Creates "Rural Development Funds" offering tax credits to incentivize development/investment in rural areas.

- 5/13 – Passed House (114-31), Referred to Senate Finance

HB 4308 (Gates) – Creates a county industrial development district. Bracketed to ~~Fort Bend County~~, all counties except Harris County

- 5/15 – Passed House (102-30), Referred to Senate Finance

Review Economic Development Policy (energy)

SB 819 (Kolkhorst) – Creates burdensome siting requirements for wind/solar electric generation projects

- **No Change** – Referred to House State Affairs

SB 1754 (Birdwell) – Prohibits a chapter 380, 381, or 312 agreement from being used for a wind, solar, or battery project.

- **No Change** – Referred to House Ways and Means

SB 715 (Sparks) / ~~HB 3356(Patterson)~~ – Requires existing electric generators to have back-up power.

- **No Change** – Referred to House State Affairs

SB 6 (King) – Improves the interconnection process for large loads

- **No Change** – Hearing in House State Affairs

Review Economic Development Policy (workforce)

HB 3260 (K Bell) – Improves the Texas Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Grant Program

- **No Change**– Referred to Senate EcoDevo

HJR 5 (Lambert) – \$850m in funding for TSTC

- **No Change** - Pending in Senate K-16 Committee hearing

HB 322 (Guillen) – Expands the use of the JET program at TX Workforce Commission

- **No Change** - Passed House (108-38), Referred to Senate K-16 Committee

SB 1143 (Blanco) – Aims to improve local workforce board programs impacting “opportunity youth” & ~~requires new reporting of economic development agreements that create over 100 jobs~~

- **Sent to Governor**- Amendment to remove economic development reporting

Tracking TEDC Priorities

JETI Bills

- ~~HB 105 (Guillen)~~ – ~~Broad/omnibus changes to program~~
 - 4/28 – Hearing in House Ways & Means
 - 5/7 – Voted out of House Ways (10-0)
 - 5/15 – Died on House Floor
- ~~HB 4022 (Lujan)~~ – ~~Smaller focused changes~~
- **SB 2322 (King)** - exempts dispatchable energy from “compelling factor”
 - 4/15 – Voted out of Committee (3-2)
 - 4/29 – Passed Senate (20-11), Referred to House Ways and Means

~~HB 3291 (Hefner)~~ - ~~Exempts property owned by a Type A EDC from property taxes~~ ~~(no hearing in House Ways)~~

Funding for **Texas Capital Fund** within Tx Dept. of Agriculture
(not in either House/Senate budget)



JETI Update

HB 105 (Guillen)

- Recap yesterday:
 - Postponed numerous times in an attempt to negotiate with stakeholders
 - It would have been a close vote
 - Died on a point of order
- Concerns Raised:
 - The change in wages was too significant for labor unions
 - “Corporate Welfare”
 - Notice to Elected Officials
 - Nothing of major significance to the school districts
- One other JETI bill will not likely be able to be amended in a substantial way
- “Silver lining”
 - The message that JETI program needs changes was received.
 - Helpful to make the case going forward (next session)

THANK YOU!

Preview Upcoming Activities

- Monday, 5/12

- House Ways & Means

- **SB 2529 (Bettencourt)** – Increases the threshold for local governments to approve GO bonds (60%) and to increase the voter-approved tax rate (75%)

TBD rest of week

Questions/Comments/Suggestions



Next Meeting: Friday, May 23rd