

Legislative Session Update (5/1)

Day 109 (out of 140) - 78%

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

By the Numbers

- House
 - 2,706 bills heard in Committee
+359 bills this week* (*estimated*)
 - 570 bills passed the House
+340 bills this week* (*estimated*)
- Senate
 - 1,826 bills heard in Committee
+114 bills this week
 - 772 bills passed the Senate
+141 bills this week
- Sent to Governor – 19 bills

13 Days
First Major Deadline:
Pass out of first chamber

Review Major Actions This Week

- **Relatively quiet week, setting up for end of the session**
 - Property Taxes – Homestead versus Rate Compression
 - Public Education Funding – Passed House, in Senate
 - Budget - TBD
 - SB 3 – THC regulations (House vs Lt. Gov)

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
 - 4/28 – Passed House Committee (6-4)
- **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.
 - 4/30 – Passed House (108-33)
- **SB 840 (Hughes)** – Preempts certain local zoning regulations for cities over 300k in population.
 - **No Change** – Passed Senate, Heard in House Land & Resource Mngt

Review Economic Development Policy (tax/incentives)

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

- 4/29 - Returned to committee, back in House Calendars

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

- 5/2 – On House Floor

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

- No Change - Passed House (116-29)

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

- No Change - In House Calendars Committee

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

- 4/28 - Passed Senate (31-0), referred to 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

- No Change – In House Calendars

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

- 5/1 – Passed House (142-1)

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

- 5/2 - Passed House (102-24)

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

- No Change – In House Calendars

HB 4308 (Gates) – Creates a county industrial development district. Bracketed to Fort Bend County

- No Change - Voted out of TWED committee (9-0)

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.

- **4/30** – Passed Senate (19-12)

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

- **No Change** – Passed Senate, In House State Affairs

Review Economic Development Policy (workforce)

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

- 4/29 – Passed House (119-29)

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

- 4/29 - Passed House (129-15)

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

- 4/29 - Passed House (108-38)

Tracking TEDC Priorities

JETI Bills

- **HB 105 (Guillen)** – Broad/omnibus changes to program
 - 4/28 – Hearing in House Ways & Means, vote soon?
- ~~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*)



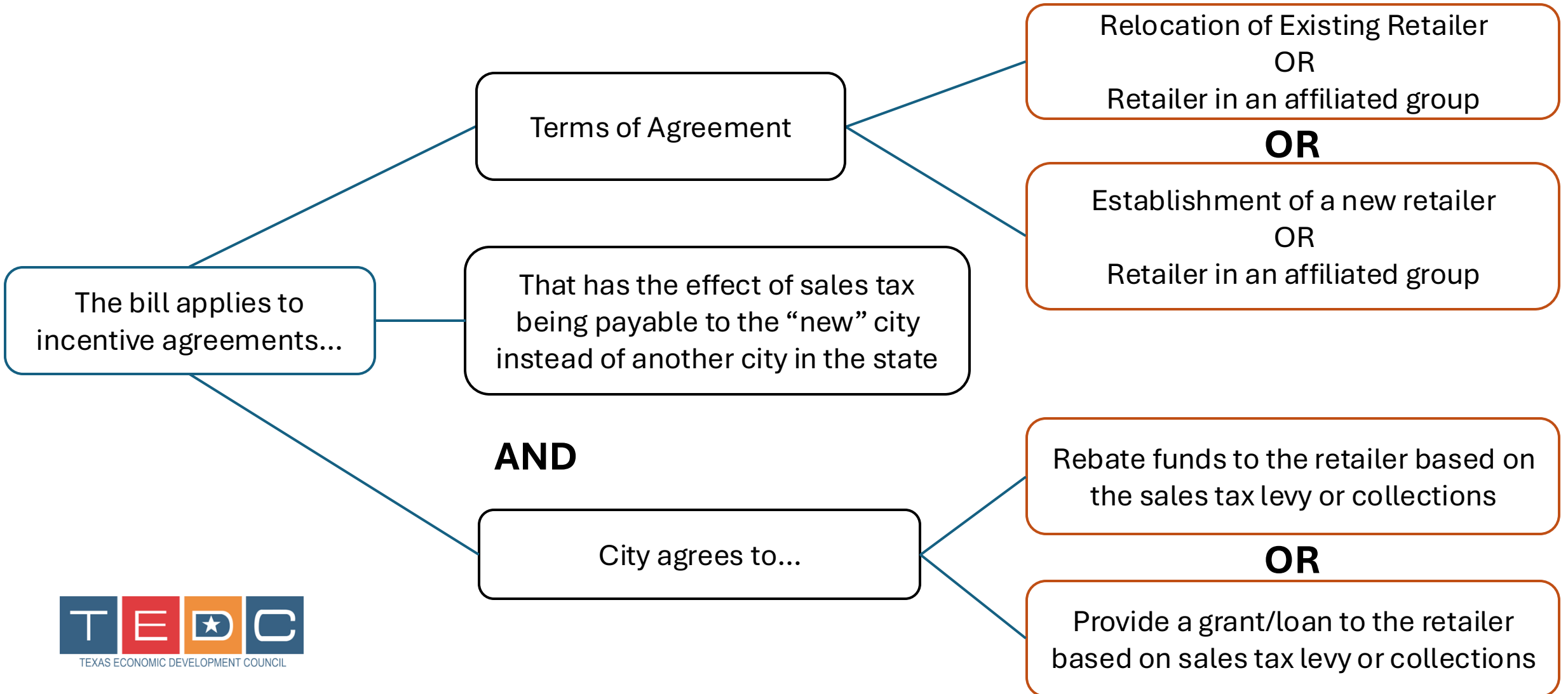
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- “...there is a potential to misuse Chapter 380 agreements to shift local sales tax revenue from one municipality to another in exchange for substantial sales tax rebates and payments to third-party consultants for facilitating the agreement.”
 - 4/28 – HB 5169 heard in House Ways & Means
 - 4/29 – SB 2747 Voted out of Senate EcoDev (as substituted)

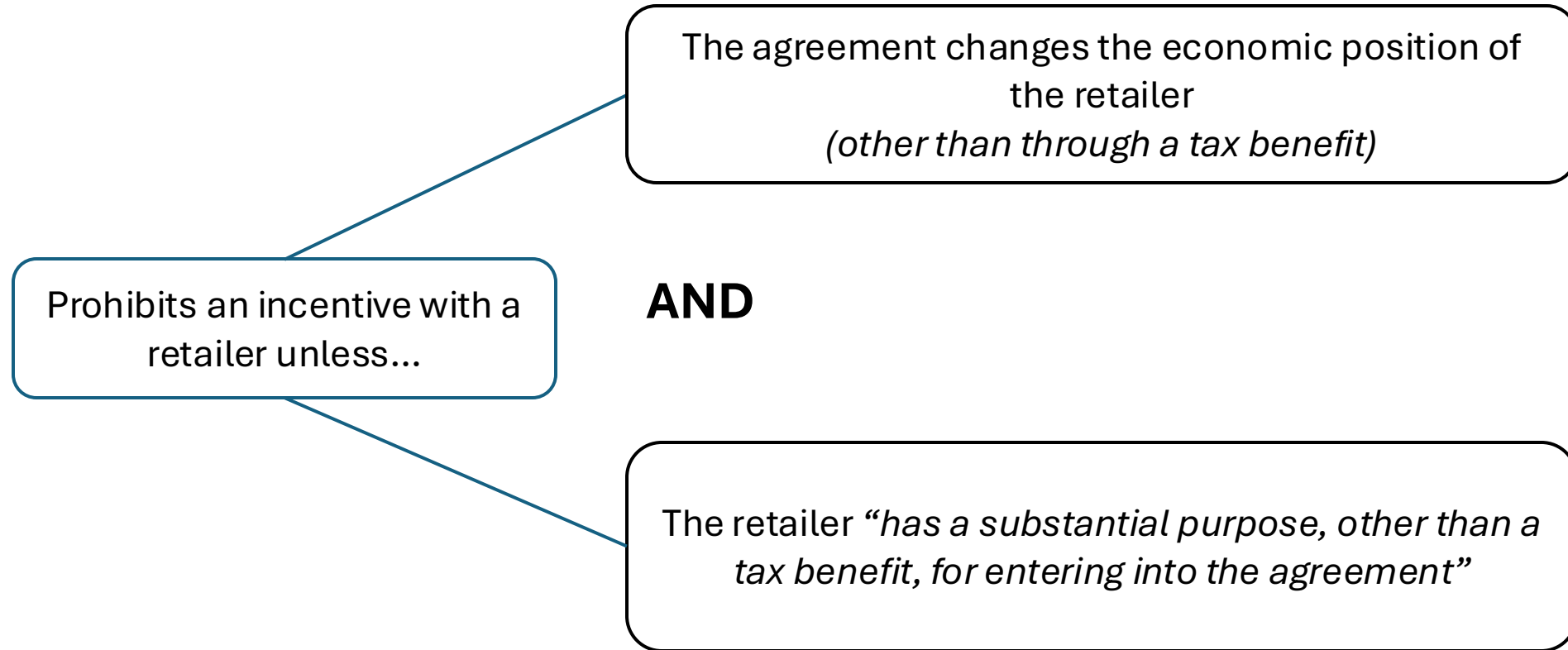
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Preview Upcoming Activities

- **Monday, 5/5**

- Senate Economic Development Hearing - *not yet posted*
- House Ways & Means Committee (26 bills)
 - *SB 2 - Homestead exemption increase (\$100k to \$140k)*

- **Tuesday, 5/6**

- Senate Business & Commerce - *not yet posted*

- **Wednesday, 5/7**

- House Trade, Workforce, and Eco Dev Comm - *not yet posted*

Questions/Comments/Suggestions



Next Meeting: Friday, May 9, 2025, 10:00 AM