

Legislative Session Update (5/30)

Day 137 (out of 140) - 98%

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

By the Numbers

- House
 - 1,673 bills passed the House
- Senate
 - 1,631 bills passed the Senate
- Sent to Governor – 731 bills

Saturday @ Midnight
Last Deadline:
Sign Conference Comm Report

Review Major Actions This Week

- **Budget (SB 1)**

- *Vote still needed in House*
- \$338.0 billion for 2026-27 FY
 - \$334.0 billion for 2024-25 FY
 - 1.2% increase*

- **Supplemental Approps (~\$13b)**

- \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure/grants
- \$1.3 billion for Texas University Fund
- \$350m for nuclear development
- \$300m for TX Space Commission
- \$250m for Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund
- \$250m for Moving Image Fund

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]~~
- ~~**HB 1585 (C. Bell)**~~ – Omnibus housing finance corporations bill
 - ~~No Change – Referred to Senate Local Gov't Committee~~
- **SB 840 (Hughes)** – Preempts certain local zoning regulations for cities over 150k in population.
 - Passed House as amended (101-38) – Sent to Governor
- **SB 25 (Kolkhorst)** – Creates onerous food labeling requirements. *Potential Amdt*
 - No Change – Sent to Governor

Review Economic Development Policy (tax/incentives)

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

- ~~• 5/21 – Referred to Senate Economic Development~~

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

- ~~• 5/21 – Hearing in Senate Finance (“changes coming”...)~~

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

- ~~• No Change - Referred to Senate Finance~~

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

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

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

- ~~• No Change - Referred to House Ways & Means~~

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

- ~~• 5/24 – Sent to Governor~~

Review Economic Development Policy (tax/incentives)

HB 4751 (Capriglione) – Establishes the Texas Quantum Initiative

- Sent to Governor

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

- 5/28 – In Conference Committee

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

- ~~• 5/23 – On Senate Intent Calendar~~

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

- ~~• No Change – Referred to Senate Finance~~

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

- ~~• No Change – Referred to Local Government Committee~~

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
(Amended)

- 5/23 – Will be Sent to Governor

HB 14 (Harris) – Incentive program for small modular nuclear reactors

- 5/29 – Passed Senate as amended

Review Economic Development Policy (workforce)

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

- 5/22 – Passed Senate (25-6), Sent to Governor

SJR 59(Birdwell/Lambert) – \$850m in funding for TSTC

- Sent to Sec. of State (November election)

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

- Sent to Governor

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

Review Economic Development Policy (New Adds)

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

~~• 5/23 – In House Calendars~~

~~**SB 2747 (Paxton)** – Prohibits sales tax “funneling” agreements~~

~~• 5/23 – In House Calendars~~

HB 2765 (Guillen) - Clean-up for TX Dept. of Agriculture economic development program. Low-interest loans for rural areas (adds MOUs and other local/water districts)

• Sent to Governor

HJR 7 / SB 7 (Harris/Perry)– Dedicated Water Funding

• HJR 7 - Sent to Sec. of State (November election)

• SB 7 – Senate action on House Amendments

Tracking TEDC Priorities

JETI Bills

- ~~HB 105 (Guillen)~~ – Broad/omnibus changes to program
 - 5/15 – Died on House Floor
- ~~HB 4022 (Lujan)~~ – Smaller focused changes
- ~~SB 2322 (King)~~ – exempts dispatchable energy from “compelling factor”
 - 5/26 – On House Calendar

~~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)*



Tracking TEDC Priorities

- **Enhance Economic Development Tools**

- ~~JETI Improvements~~
- **No bills left**

- **Preserve Chapter 380/381 Agreements**

- ~~SB 2747 is the only bill left amending this section~~
- **No bills left**

- **Protect EDC Sales Tax**

- **No bills left**

- **Maintain Funding for Economic Development Programs**

- **SB 1** – Biennial Budget
- **HB 500** – Supplemental appropriations

- **Support Workforce Development Programs**

- **SJR 59** - TSTC Long Term Funding (*likely to pass and go to voters for approval*)
- **HB 322** – Expands usage of JET program (*Sent to Governor*)

- **Enhance Infrastructure Investments**

- **SB 6** – Improves ERCOT Interconnection Process (*Sent to Governor*)
- **HJR 7/ SB 7** – Dedicated water funding (*Likely to pass and go to Governor/voters*)

Preview Upcoming Activities

- **Saturday, 5/31**

- Midnight deadline – sign/report conference committee report

- **Sunday, 6/1**

- Last day to vote on conference committee report or bills amended

- **Monday, 6/2**

- Minor corrections only
- Sine Die

- **Sunday, 6/22**

- Last day for the Governor to veto bills
 - *(Bills not signed become law without the governor's signature)*

Questions/Comments/Suggestions



LAST Weekly Meeting: Friday, June 6th