

Legislative Session Update (5/9)

Day 116 (out of 140) - 83%

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

By the Numbers

- House
 - 806 bills passed the House
+235 bills this week* (*estimated*)
- Senate
 - 874 bills passed the Senate
+102 bills this week
- Sent to Governor – 19 bills

6 Days
First Major Deadline:
Pass out of first chamber

Review Major Actions This Week

- **Property Tax Deal Between House/Senate**

- SB 4 (Bettencourt) – Increases homestead exemption from \$100k to \$140k
- HB 9 (Meyer) – Increase business personal property exemption from \$2.5k to \$125k

- **Public Education Funding (?)**

- HB 2 (Buckley) - Referred to Senate K-16 Education Committee on 4/23...

- **Tort Reform (SB 30 – Hughes/Meyer)**

- Attempts to address “nuclear verdicts”

- **Happy Mother’s Day (?)**

- House scheduled to work Sunday, coming in at 2pm

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) [Not yet referred]
- **SB 840 (Hughes)** – Preempts certain local zoning regulations for cities over 150k in population.
 - 5/2 – Passed out of House Land & Resource Mngt (7-0-2) *as substituted*
- **SB 25 (Kolkhorst)** – Creates onerous food labeling requirements
 - 4/28 – Sent to House Calendars
- **HB 1585 (C. Bell)** – Omnibus housing finance corporations bill
 - 4/28 – Sent to House Calendars

Review Economic Development Policy (tax/incentives)

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

- 5/12 - On House Floor

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

- 5/5 – Passed House (107-35), Referred to Senate Finance

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

- No Change - Passed House on 4/16 (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

- 5/12 - Hearing 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

- 5/7 – Passed House (94-21) referred to Senate Business & Commerce

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

- 5/5 – Passed House (123-8), referred to Senate Finance

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

- 5/5 - 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.

- 5/8 – Passed House (114-31)

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

- 5/9– On House Floor

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.

- **5/2** – Referred to House Ways and Means

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

- **5/7** – Hearing in House State Affairs

Review Economic Development Policy (workforce)

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

- 5/5 – Referred to Senate EcoDevo

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

- 5/8 - Senate K-16 Committee hearing

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

- 5/5 - Passed House (108-38), Referred to Senate K-16 Committee

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)
 - ~~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)*



New Developments/Discussion/Feedback

SB 2747 (Paxton) / HB 5169 (Shaheen)– Prohibits sales tax “funneling” in 380 agreements

- *“...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)

Preview Upcoming Activities

- **Saturday, 5/10**

- House Floor

- **Sunday, 5/11**

- House Floor

- **Monday, 5/12**

- House Floor

Questions/Comments/Suggestions



Next Meeting: Friday, May 16th