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Legislative Session Resources for Cities

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Date: September 4, 2025



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TLO – Selected Glossary Terms

- **Filed** – When a measure has been introduced into the legislative process and given a number (now it's a bill!)
- **Engrossed** – When a Bill has been passed by the chamber in which it was filed with all approved amendments, and it is then forwarded to the opposite chamber for consideration
- **Enrolled** – When a Bill has been passed by both chambers in identical form and has been prepared for signature by both chambers

Once signed, it is then forwarded to the Governor



TLO – Deadline Action Calendar

- June 2nd: 140th and Final Day

“Sine Die” – Without a day

- June 22nd: Governor’s Signature Deadline

Gov. Abbott has 20 days to sign or veto bills passed during the session

Any bills not signed or vetoed by this date automatically become law

- Sept 1st: Effective Date for Most New Laws

89th Legislature, Regular Session							MAY/JUNE 2025
Deadlines for Action Under House and Senate Rules							
This deadlines calendar is intended to be a practical summary guide to the end-of-session deadlines. It is not intended as an interpretation of the rules of the House or Senate.							
A red box indicates the last day for a chamber to take certain actions.							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
118 th day 11	119 th day 12 Last day for House committees to report HBs/SRs. (See Note 1)	120 th day 13 By 10 p.m.—last House daily calendar with HBs/SRs must be distributed (36-hour layout). (See Note 2)	121 st day 14 By 9 a.m.—last House local and consent calendar with consent HBs must be distributed (48-hour layout). (See Note 2)	122 nd day 15 Last day for House to consider 2nd reading HBs/HJR on daily or supplemental calendar.	123 rd day 16 Last day for House to consider consent bills on local and consent calendar on 2nd and 3rd reading and ALL 3rd reading HBs/HJR on supplemental calendar.	124 th day 17	
125 th day 18	126 th day 19 First day Senate can consider bills and resolutions on the first day they are posted on the Notice of Intent Calendar.	127 th day 20 (See Note 2)	128 th day 21 By 9 a.m.—last House local and consent calendar with local HBs must be distributed (48-hour layout). (See Note 2)	129 th day 22	130 th day 23 Last day for House to consider local HBs on local and consent calendar on 2nd and 3rd reading.	131 st day 24 Last day for House committees to report SBs/SRs. (See Note 1)	
132 nd day 25 By 10 p.m.—last House daily calendar with SBs/SRs must be distributed (36-hour layout). (See Note 2)	133 rd day 26 By 9 a.m.—last House local and consent calendar with SBs must be distributed (48-hour layout). (See Note 2)	134 th day 27 Last day for House to consider 2nd reading SBs/SRs on daily or supplemental calendar.	135 th day 28 Last day for House to consider local and consent SBs on 2nd and 3rd reading and ALL 3rd reading SBs/SRs on supplemental calendar. Last day for Senate to consider ALL bills and JRs on 2nd or 3rd reading. (See Note 3)	136 th day 29 Before midnight—Senate amendments must be distributed in the House (24-hour layout).	137 th day 30 Before midnight— House copies of conference committee report (CCR) on the general appropriations bill must be distributed (48-hour layout). Last day for House to act on Senate amendments. Before midnight— Senate copies of CCRs on tax, general appropriations, and reappointment bills must be distributed (48-hour layout). (See Note 4)	138 th day 31 Before midnight— House copies of CCRs on JRs and bills other than tax, general appropriations, and reappointment bills must be distributed (24-hour layout).	
139 th day 1 Last day for House to adopt CCRs or discharge House conferees and concur in Senate amendments. Last day for Senate to concur in House amendments or adopt CCRs.	140 th day 2 Corrections only in House and Senate. Last day of session (Sine die).	In reviewing this calendar, all members should consider, in addition to the stated deadline, the time needed for the preparation of any ancillary documents related to the bill, any printing time, and any applicable layout rule. Note 1: The House rules do not contain an express deadline for committees to report measures, but, technically, this is the last day for a House committee to report a measure in order for the measure to have any chance of being placed on a House calendar. However , this deadline does not take into consideration the time required to: (1) prepare the bill analysis, (2) obtain an updated fiscal note or impact statement, (3) prepare any other paperwork required for a committee report, or (4) prepare the committee report for distribution to the members of the House as required by the rules. Realistically , it normally takes a full day or more for a measure to reach the Calendars Committee after the measure has been reported from committee. Note 2: The House rules do not have an express deadline for distributing calendars on the 120th, 121st, 128th, 132nd, and 133rd days. This calendar presumes that the House will convene at 9 a.m. for a local and consent calendar and at 10 a.m. for a daily or supplemental calendar. Note 3: The Senate deadline for passing all bills and joint resolutions does not take into consideration the House deadline for passing Senate bills and joint resolutions. Realistically , to be eligible for consideration by the House under its end-of-session deadlines, Senate bills and joint resolutions must be passed by the Senate and received by the House before the 130th day. Note 4: Both Senate and House rules require a 48-hour layout for a resolution suspending limitations on a conference committee considering the general appropriations bill, if such a resolution is necessary. Neither rule has an express deadline for considering that resolution, which should occur before consideration of the general appropriations bill.					



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*can be set up to notify you
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TLO – Bill Lists

- *Bill Lists* – first step in organizing alerts

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Create a list of bills you wish to follow. Enter the list name and description and click **Create**.

Legislature: 89(2) - 2025 ▾

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Bill List Name	Description	
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- Now add the bills to the list created

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To add bills to this list, enter the bill number (e.g., hb27, sjr9) and an optional comment. Click **Add**. You may also add a comment line without entering a bill number. In the *Display Order* area, click the **Bill** radio button to sort rows by bill number, or click **Entry** to display your entry order. Once you have finished editing the bill list, click **Save** to save changes. Click **Run** to display the bill list report.

Legislature: 89(2) - 2025 Display Order: ☐ Bill ☒ Entry Save Run

Bill List:

Description:

Bill	Comment	Row Action
SB1883	TrIF Bill	Add



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- Use the *Alerts* feature to receive email alerts for [bills](#), [calendars](#), [committees](#), [subjects](#), or [adjournments](#)
- Add / delete bills or save changes to your alert list on the *Alerts* page

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<u>Bill Lists</u> Create a list of bills that you would like to watch. Each time you run the list, the bill information is updated.										
Alerts Enter bills on the alert list, be notified of committee and calendar postings, be notified when bills are assigned subjects of interest, be notified when the house or senate adjourn.										



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- Here identify the bills that you want to track



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X	Bill	Category	Comment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	SB1883	Any category ▾	TrIF	Add Bill
		Any category		
		Governor has taken action (E)		
		Sent to the Governor (E)		
		Filed in the House (H)		
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		Reported out of committee (H)		
		Committee report printed and distributed (H)		
		Committee report filed with Committee Coordinator (H)		
		Committee report sent to calendars committee (H)		



TLO – Bill Alert

- Emails will be sent whenever any activities occur on the bills being tracked

From: no-reply@capitol.texas.gov <no-reply@capitol.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 2:16 PM
To: Roberts, Jennifer <Jennifer.Roberts@fortworthtexas.gov>
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89(R) HB 2225

Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.
5/13/2025 H Laid on the table subject to call

TrIF

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89(R) SB 1883

Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.
5/13/2025 H Passed to 3rd reading as amended & has passed the 3rd reading vote

TrIF

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TLO - Register for My TLO

- Register to use bill list, alert list, and saved search features in My TLO
- How to register:
 - Click the **Login** button in the upper right corner of the window
 - On the *MyTLO Login* page click the **New User** link

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- Enter your email address, select a security question, provide the answer, enter a password and click **Submit** – *EASY!*
- An e-mail will be sent to the address entered to activate your account

The screenshot shows the 'Register for Account' page on the Texas Legislature Online website. The page has a blue header with the Texas State Capitol image and navigation links: Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. A red banner at the top right contains links for Help, FAQ, Site Map, Contact, and Login, along with session information for the House and Senate. The main content area includes a warning about email configuration, followed by input fields for E-mail Address, a security question (selected from a dropdown), the answer to the question, a password (with a note that it must be 6-15 characters), and a re-type password field. There are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons at the bottom of the form. A privacy policy link is also present at the bottom of the page.

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Question:

Answer:

Password: The password must be between 6 and 15 characters.

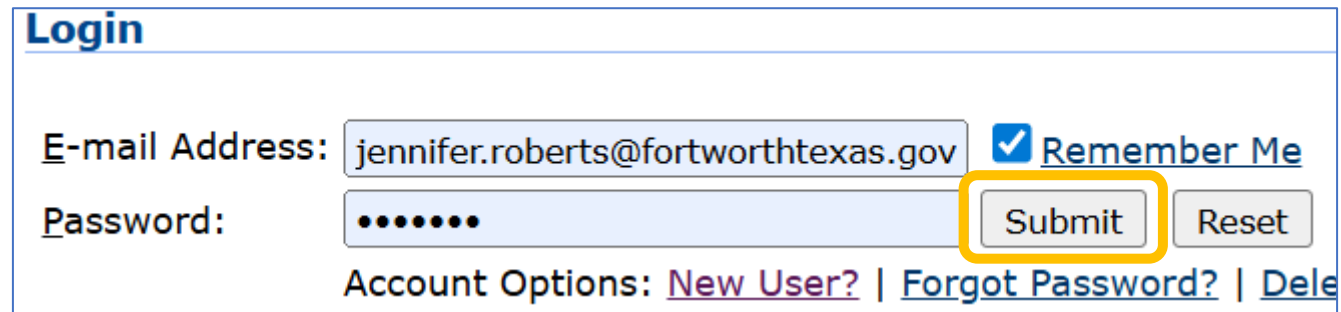
Re-type Password:

We do not disclose or otherwise make public any information you provide. This information is used only for the purpose of delivering requested content to the correct recipient ([privacy policy](#)).

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TLO – Login after Registration

- Click on **Login** in the upper right-hand corner
- Type in your email address and password and click **Submit**



A screenshot of the Login form. The form has a white background with a blue border. The title 'Login' is in blue text at the top left. Below the title, there are two input fields: 'E-mail Address:' with the value 'jennifer.roberts@fortworthtexas.gov' and 'Password:' with a masked password '.....'. To the right of the 'E-mail Address' field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember Me' which is checked. Below the 'Password' field are two buttons: 'Submit' and 'Reset'. The 'Submit' button is highlighted with a yellow rectangular box. At the bottom of the form, there is a link 'Account Options: New User? | Forgot Password? | Delete Account'.



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View the status of bills from the 71st Regular Session (1991) to present. Information available includes bill history with actions, amendments, companions, and text of bill.

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View reports representing bills authored, bills sponsored, bills reported to committee, bills by subject, today's legislative activity, general legislature and non-legislature activity.

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Report Date: 8/25/2025

Number of Bills: 1,155

[HB 2](#)

Author: Buckley | Bernal | Guillen
Sponsor: Creighton
Last Action: 06/20/2025 E See remarks for effective date
Caption: Relating to public education and public school finance.

[HB 6](#)

Author: Leach | Harris | Buckley | Metcalf | Hull
Sponsor: Perry
Last Action: 06/20/2025 E Effective immediately
Caption: Relating to discipline management and access to telehealth mental health services in public schools.

[SB 1883](#)

Author: Bettencourt
Sponsor: Buckley | Dyson | Alders
Last Action: 06/20/2025 E Effective on 9/1/25
Caption: Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.



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Search against the text of bills, bill analyses, fiscal notes, and amendments using a simple or Boolean search.

Amendment Search

Search against the text of amendments using a simple or Boolean search.

Texas Statutes

Search the text of statutes (codified law) by exact phrase or a specific code. Individual statutes are also available for download as zipped HTML, PDF, or Word documents.

House Journals

Search and view the official daily proceedings in the house chamber.

Senate Journals

Search and view the official daily proceedings in the senate chamber.

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Search the text of the constitution by exact phrase. The text is also available as a downloadable Word document.

Legislative Archive System

The Legislative Archive System provides electronic access to scanned copies of the



TLO – Bill Search

Use [Bill Search](#) (*under the Search tab*) to search using multiple criteria such as author, committee, subject, or action

The screenshot displays the Texas Legislature Online Bill Search interface. At the top, the header includes the Texas Legislature Online logo, a navigation menu with links like Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search (highlighted), Committees, and Calendars, and a status bar showing the current session (89(2) - 2025) and adjournment dates for the House and Senate. The main search area is divided into several sections: Author/Sponsor, Committee, Subjects, and Actions. The Author/Sponsor section includes fields for Author, Type (Primary, Joint/Additional Primary, Coauthor), and Sponsor, with radio buttons for 'Or' and 'And' selection. The Committee section includes a Committee dropdown and a Status dropdown (In, Out, Both). The Subjects section includes a 'Select subject criteria...' dropdown and radio buttons for 'And', 'Or', and 'Reset'. The Actions section includes a 'Select action criteria...' dropdown, a 'Last Action Only' dropdown (Yes, No), and date fields for 'Action Date: On', 'From', and 'To'. The interface is designed to allow users to filter bills based on multiple criteria simultaneously.

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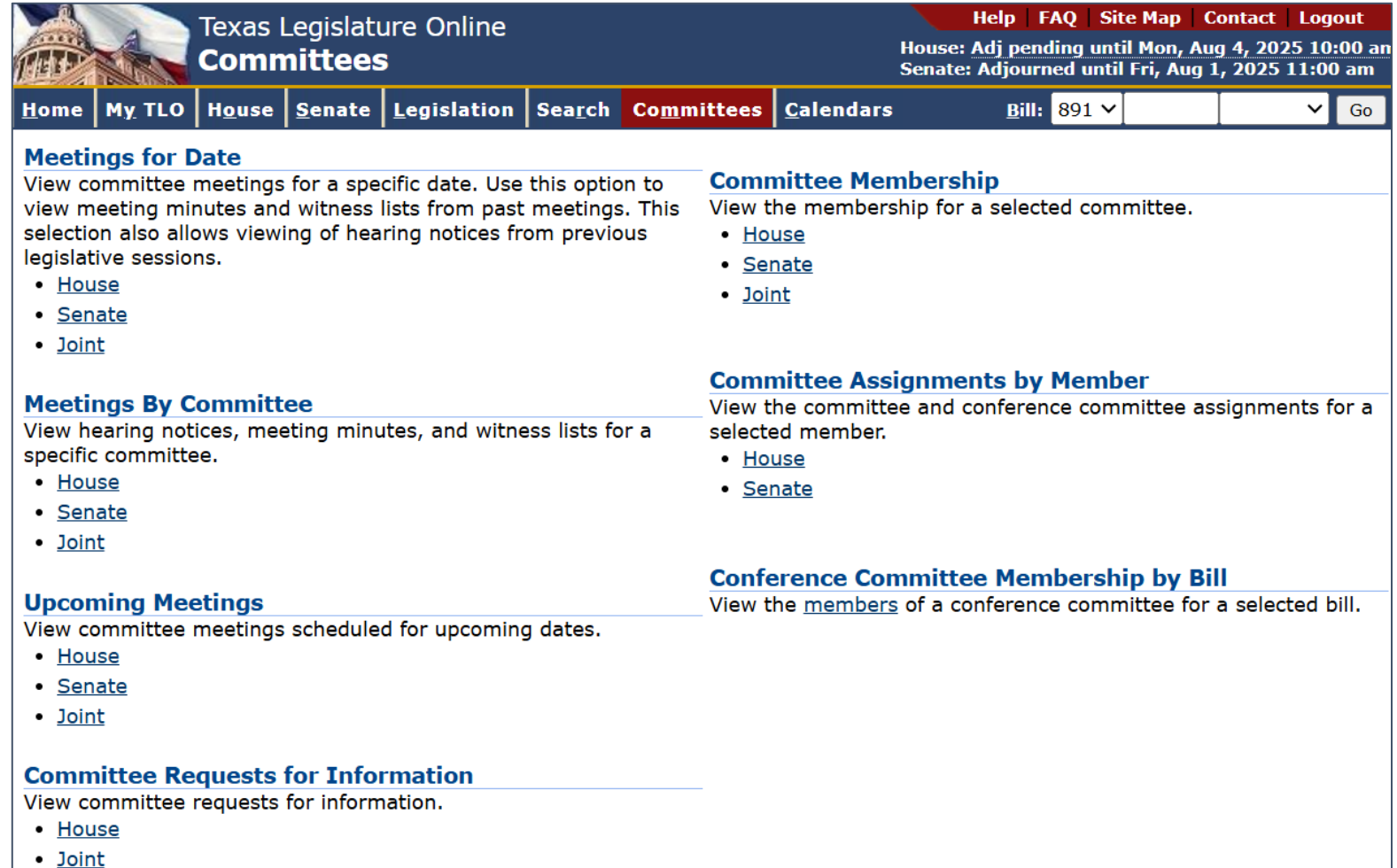
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Bill: SB 1883

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06/20/2025 E Effective on 9/1/25

Caption Version:

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Caption Text:

Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.

Author:

Bettencourt

Coauthor:

Kolkhorst

Sponsor:

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Subjects:

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Vote: Ayes=5 Nays=1 Present Not Voting=0 Absent=1

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Status: Out of committee

Vote: Ayes=6 Nays=1 Present Not Voting=0 Absent=2

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H	Statement(s) of vote recorded in Journal		05/16/2025	4961
H	Record vote	RV#2920	05/16/2025	4961
H	Passed as amended		05/16/2025	4961
H	Amended	1-Romero	05/16/2025	4961
H	Laid out as postponed business		05/16/2025	4960
H	Postponed	5/16/25 8:00 AM	05/14/2025	4349
H	Read 3rd time		05/14/2025	4349
H	Statement(s) of vote recorded in Journal		05/13/2025	4224
H	Record vote	RV#2332	05/13/2025	4223
H	Passed to 3rd reading as amended		05/13/2025	4223
H	Statement(s) of vote recorded in Journal		05/13/2025	4223
H	Record vote	RV#2331	05/13/2025	4222
H	Amendment fails of adoption	4-Romero	05/13/2025	4222
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H	Amendment(s) offered	2-Buckley	05/13/2025	4222
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H	Postponed	5/13/25 2:30 PM	05/13/2025	4215
H	Amendment withdrawn	1-Buckley	05/13/2025	4214
H	Read 2nd time		05/13/2025	4214
H	Laid out in lieu of companion	HB 2225	05/13/2025	4214
H	Committee report sent to Calendars		05/12/2025	
H	Committee report distributed		05/12/2025 02:50 PM	
H	Comte report filed with Committee Coordinator		05/12/2025	4341
H	Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)		05/05/2025	

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H	Considered in formal meeting	05/05/2025		
H	Referred to Land & Resource Management	04/28/2025	04:21 PM	2148
H	Read first time	04/28/2025		2148
H	Received from the Senate	04/24/2025		1937
S	Reported engrossed	04/23/2025		1438
S	Record vote	04/23/2025		1417
S	Passed	04/23/2025		1417
S	Read 3rd time	04/23/2025		1417
S	Record vote	04/23/2025		1417
S	Three day rule suspended	04/23/2025		1417
S	Record vote	04/23/2025		1417
S	Read 2nd time & passed to engrossment	04/23/2025		1417
S	Record vote	04/23/2025		1417
S	Rules suspended-Regular order of business	04/23/2025		1417
S	Placed on intent calendar	04/22/2025		
S	Co-author authorized	04/16/2025		1365
S	Committee report printed and distributed	04/07/2025	03:52 PM	
S	Reported favorably as substituted	04/07/2025		985
S	Vote taken in committee	04/03/2025		
S	Considered in public hearing	04/03/2025		
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S	Considered in public hearing	03/24/2025		
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S	Referred to Local Government	03/17/2025		549
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89R12467 JBD-D

By: Bettencourt

S.B. No. 1883

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 395.043, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 395.043. INFORMATION ABOUT LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC. At least 60 days ~~On or~~ before the date of the first publication of the notice of the hearing on the land use assumptions and capital improvements plan, the political subdivision shall make available to the public its land use assumptions, the time period of the projections, and a description of the capital improvement facilities that may be proposed.

SECTION 2. Section 395.051(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The political subdivision, within 30 days after the date of the public hearing on the imposition of an impact fee, shall approve or disapprove the imposition of an impact fee. Approval of the imposition of an impact fee by a political subdivision requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the governing body of the political subdivision.

SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 395, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 395.0515 to read as follows:

Sec. 395.0515. LIMITATION ON IMPACT FEE INCREASE. A



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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1883 by Bettencourt (Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB
Staff: JMc, SZ, BC, CWi



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BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
89R12467 JBD-D

S.B. 1883
By: Bettencourt
Local Government
3/21/2025
As Filed


AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Certain political subdivisions of the state are authorized by the Local Government Code to impose an impact fee on new development to generate revenue for funding or recouping the costs of specified capital improvements or facility expansions necessitated by and attributable to the new development. The law requires political subdivisions to issue public notices and hold hearings before adopting or updating impact fees. Political subdivisions must also appoint an advisory committee and prepare a capital improvement plan with land use assumptions before adopting an impact fee. Forty percent of the advisory committee must include representatives of the real estate, development, or building industries. If the political subdivision, however, has a planning and zoning commission, the commission may act as the advisory committee. A political subdivision is not limited to how frequently it may increase an impact fee.

Additional transparency provisions are needed to ensure accountability and due process. Capital improvement plans are complex reports, and current law does not provide the public with sufficient time to review the proposed capital improvement plan and land use assumptions and prepare comments for



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[HB 2225](#) **Degree of Association:** Similar
Author: Buckley
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H 2	1	Buckley		Amendment	Withdrawn	5/13/2025	 
H 2	2	Buckley		Amendment	Adopted	5/13/2025	 
H 2	3	Romero		Amendment to Amendment	Adopted	5/13/2025	 
H 2	4	Romero		Amendment	Failed	5/13/2025	 
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Bettencourt	03/04/2025
Coauthors (1)	Date Signed On
Kolkhorst	04/16/2025



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Stage 2

Bill reported out of Senate committee on Local Government with vote of 5 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 1 Absent.

Stage 3

Bill passed the Senate.

Stage 4

Bill reported out of House committee on Land & Resource Management with vote of 6 Ayes, 1 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 2 Absent.

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Bill passed the House.

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Bill signed by the Governor.

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Legislative Session: 89(R)

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Caption Text: Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital impro

Author: Buckley | Dyson | Alders

Coauthor: Spiller

Subjects: City Government--Finance (I0062)
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Vote: Ayes=5 Nays=2 Present Not Voting=0 Absent=2



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Author: Bettencourt

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[HB 2225](#)

Degree of Association: Similar

Author: Buckley

Last Action: 05/13/2025 H Laid on the table subject to call
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H	Companion considered in lieu of	SB 1883	05/13/2025		4214
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H	Laid out as postponed business		05/12/2025		3970
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H	Considered in public hearing		04/03/2025		
H	Scheduled for public hearing on . . .		04/03/2025		
H	Referred to Land & Resource Management		03/14/2025	02:36 PM	587
H	Read first time		03/14/2025		587
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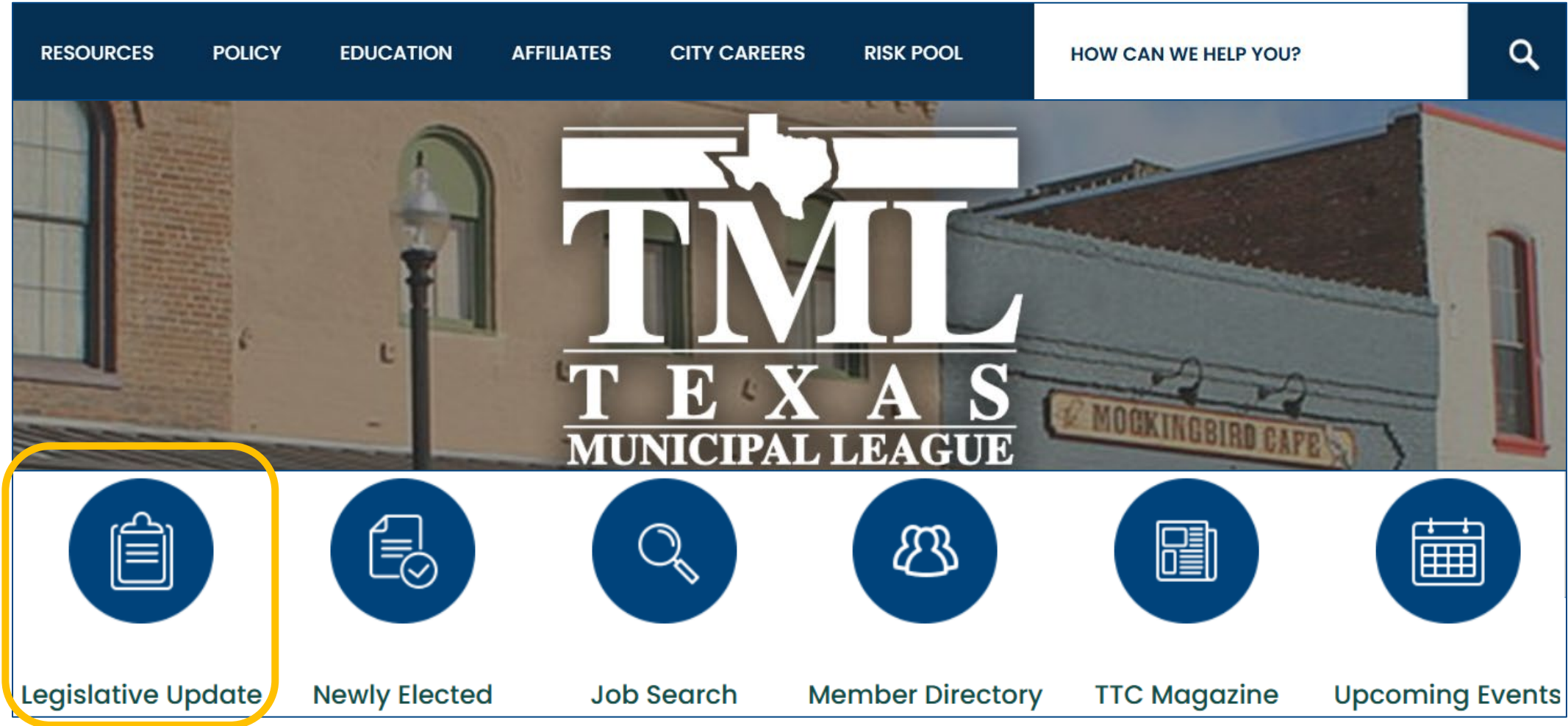
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Stage 1	Bill filed by Buckley on 1/29/2025.
Stage 2	Bill reported out of House committee on Land & Resource Management with vote of 5 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 2 Absent.
Stage 3	Not reached.
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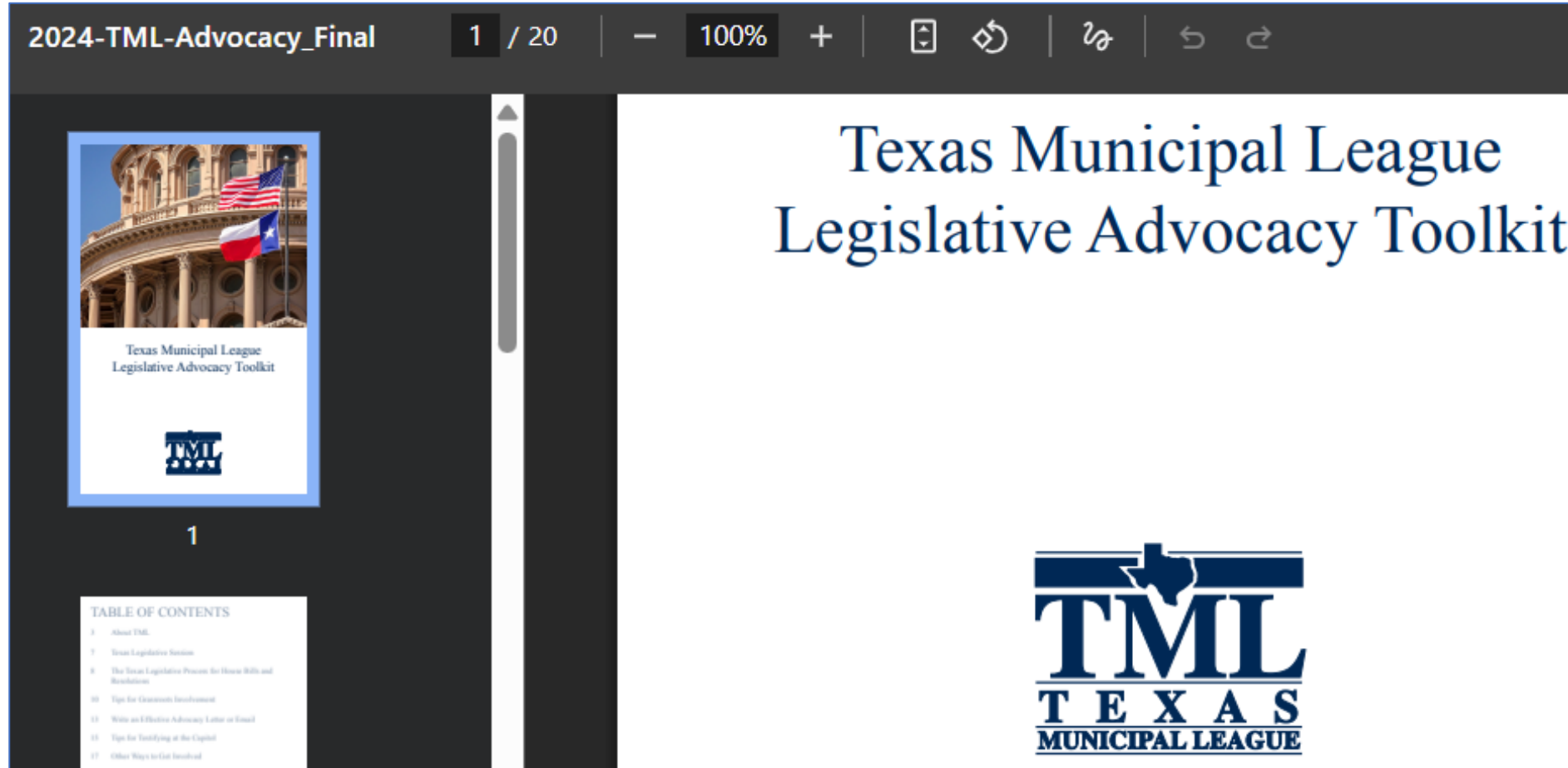
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House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

The committee will [meet](#) tomorrow, **Friday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. or upon final adjournment** in Room **E2.026**. The committee membership can be found [here](#). City officials can also submit written comments through the [House Public Comment online portal](#).

[H.B. 73](#) (C. Bell) – Expenditure Limit: provides that a city's total expenditures from all available sources of revenue in a fiscal year may not exceed total expenditures from the previous fiscal year or an expenditure amount based on population plus inflation. This expenditure limitation applies to all cities, regardless of circumstance.

[H.B. 46](#) (Tepper) – Expenditure Limit: provides that a city's total expenditures from all available sources of revenue in a fiscal year may not exceed total expenditures from the previous fiscal year or an expenditure amount based on population plus inflation. Allows the city to exceed the expenditure limit if two-thirds of voters approve the expenditure at an election held on a uniform election date. This expenditure limitation applies to all cities, regardless of circumstance.

during the regular session, and interested city officials can access public that legislation [here](#). TML will be submitting [this letter](#) to the committee.



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[H.B. 17](#) (Meyer) – Truth-in-Taxation: provides that a city must mail the notice of a public hearing on the property tax rate to each property owner in the city; requires a city to include in the notice of public hearing or public meeting on the property tax rate a specific statement that accurately describes the effect of the proposed tax rate in relation to the population growth rate and inflation rate.

[S.B. 10](#) (Bettencourt/Meyer) – Voter-Approval Rate: would lower the revenue multiplier in the voter-approval tax rate calculation for a city or county with a population of 75,000 or more from 3.5 percent to 2.5

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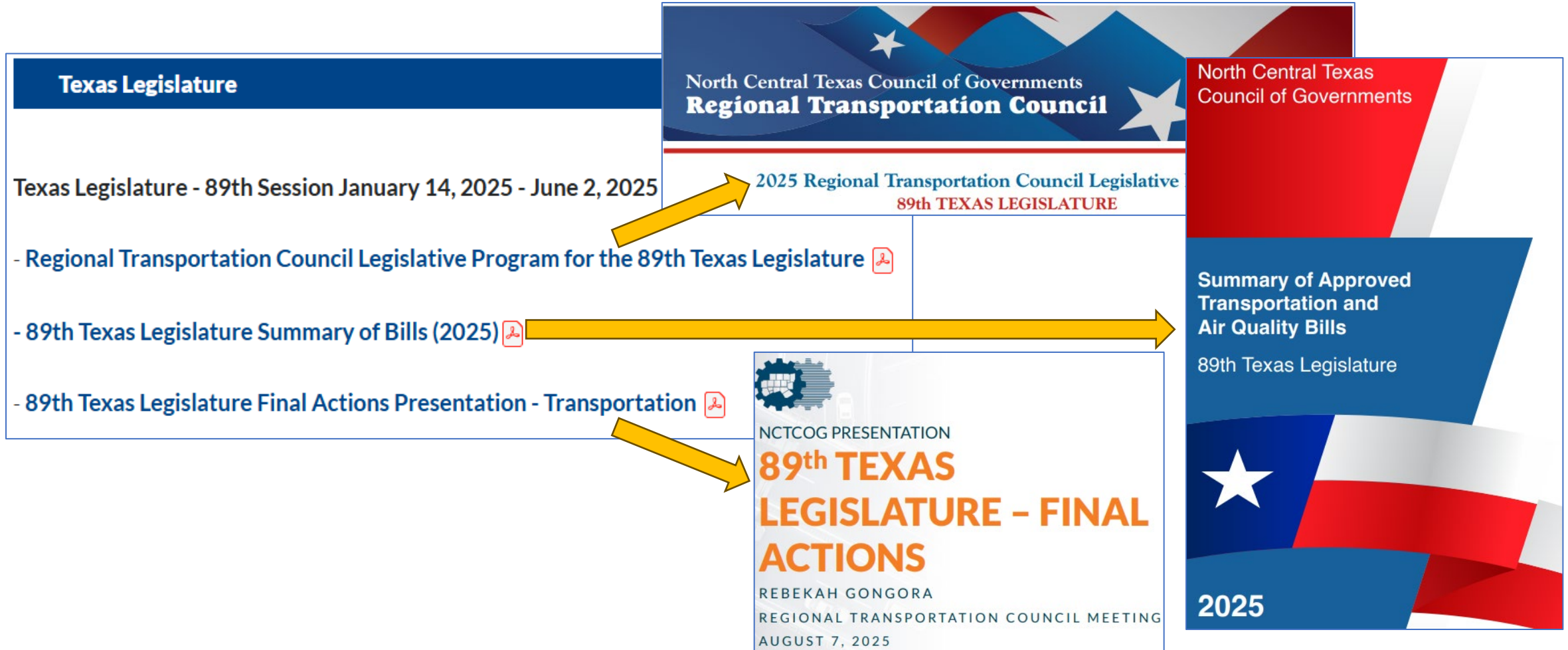
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Bill	Author	Topic	Status	Last Action	Related Bills
Annexation					
HB950	Hayes	Relating to the provision of municipal services to land annexed by a municipality for full purposes	In House committee	Reported favorably as substituted (4/28/25)	
SB2523	Bettencourt	Relating to the release of an area from the ETJ of a municipality by petition	In House committee	Public Hearing (5/15/25); Passed Senate (5/6/25)	
Finance					
HB1998	Spiller, Leo Wilson, Landgraf	Relating to the amount of an expenditure made by certain political subdivisions for which a competitive procurement method may be required	Awaiting House vote	Laid on table subject to call (5/14/25)	SB1173 (identical)




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Land Use & Zoning					
SB253	Flores	Relating to county subdivision platting requirements	Left in committee	Left pending in Local Government Committee	
HB23	Harris, Hunter, Gates, Metcalf	Relating to the authority of certain persons to obtain third-party review of plats and property development plans, permits, and similar documents, and the inspection of an improvement related to such a document	Out of committee	Left pending in Local Government Committee	SB2354 (identical); HB2977 (duplicate)
HB2559	Patterson, Ward Johnson	Relating to the imposition by a municipality of a moratorium on property development in certain circumstances	Out of committee	Effective on 9/1/2025	SB1882 (similar)
HB3572	Guillen, Gervin-Hawkins	Relating to municipal zoning regulations and district boundaries	Left in committee	Left pending in Land & Resource Management Committee	
SB673	Hughes	Relating to regulation of accessory dwelling units by political subdivisions	Out of committee	Left pending in Land & Resource Management Committee	
SB1883	Bettencourt, Kolkhorst	Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees	Out of committee	Effective on 9/1/2025	HB2225 (similar)

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Last Updated: 5/23/25 at 4:00 PM

What to do: Please review the alerts below and either attend and testify or submit your position (today) to the Committee and your Senator.

SB 1567 (Bettencourt): Prohibits cities from defining “occupancy” of a dwelling unit on the basis of familial status, relationship status, age, or occupation. As amended, SB 1567 only applies to cities with an institute of higher learning, which includes a broad range of institutions (dental schools, junior colleges, universities etc.-ref. education code chapter 61) that would apply to many communities. [READ OUR ANALYSIS](#)

SB 2965 (Creighton): Amends the Health and Safety Code 775.022 relating to territory



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6	SB 2965 (See HB 3897)	Creighton (R-Conroe)	Relating to territory in an emergency services district that is annexed by a municipality....	On Gov Desk, Passed, need amendment Senate approval. ESD disannex - ...	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Annexation & ...	Oppose	Local Government 4/7	4/24/2025
7	SB 1844 (see HB 2494)	Paxton (R-McKinney)	Relating to disannexation of certain areas of a municipality for failure to provide services.	Gov Signed CSSB 1844 Bracketed somewhat. Disannexation for failure to provide services, petition process, city pay court cost...	https://capitol.texas.gov/Se...	Annexation & ...	Oppose	Senate Local Government 3/13	3/31/2025
8	SB 2419 (see also HB ...)	Paxton (R-McKinney)	Authority of a special district to exercise certain powers and duties following municipal disannexation of certain ...	Gov Signed Appears to apply to a limited district that was created by the conversion of a special district under a strategi...	https://capitol.texas.gov/Bil...	Annexation & ...	Neutral	Senate Local Government 3/25	4/28/2025
	SUBCOMMITTEE Count Develop 108								
44	SB 2477 (also see H...	Bettencourt (R-Houst...	Relating to certain municipal and county regulation of conversion of certain office buildings to mixed-use and ...	Passed, need amendment Senate approval. - MF/MXU conversion of existing office bldgs zoned commercial over 5 y...	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Development ...	Oppose with A...	Senate Local Government 4/3	4/24/2025
45	SB 617 (see HB 4626)	Schwertner (R-Georg...	Relating to hearing and public notice requirements regarding the conversion by a municipality of certain ...	Gov Signed Notice for Homeless Housing - Requires a specific notification and public hearing process when a property is ...	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Development ...	Oppose with A...	Senate Local Government 2/3	3/17/2025
46	SB 783 (See HB 1360)	Menendez (D-San An...	Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or ...	Gov Signed Expands the list of exceptions where municipalities and counties can adopt or enforce building product standards...	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Development ...	Support	Senate Business & Commerce 2/7	3/25/2025



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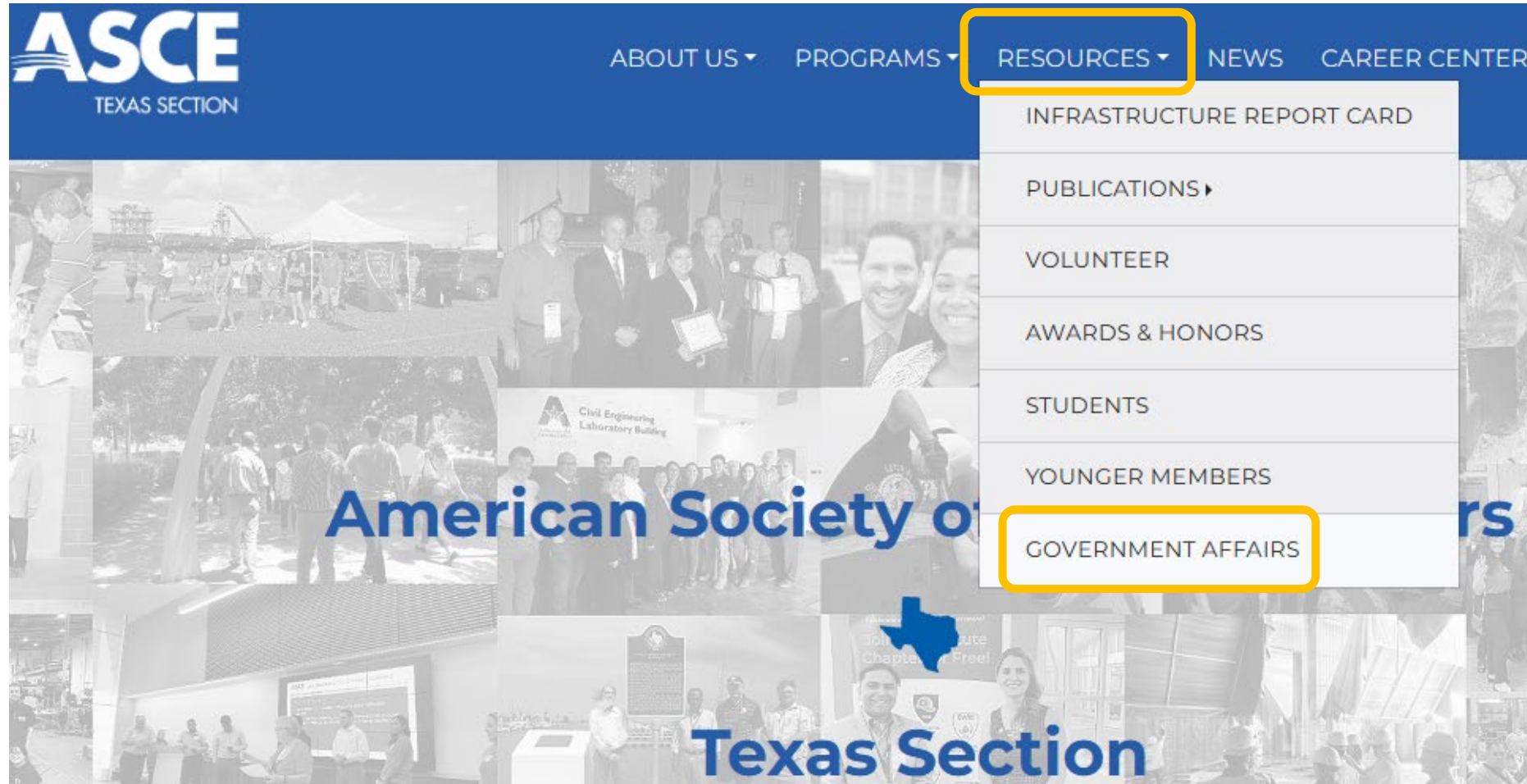
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327 SB 305	Perry (R-Lubbock)	Relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.	Gov Signed Adds to the current Move Over Law. Adds an animal control vehicle when removing a dead animal from the...	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Transportation	Support	Senate Transportation 2/3	3/12/2025
328 SB 1371	Hinojosa (D-Austin)	Relating to the operation of certain metropolitan transit authorities.	Done, on Gov's Desk Transit Bus Tax Exempt - modifies the tax code to exempt transit buses supporting schools or emergenc...	https://capitol.texas.gov/Se...	Transportation	Oppose	Senate Finance 3/6	4/2/2025
329 HB 2003	Harris (R-Palestine)	Relating to provision to the Texas Department of Transportation of information regarding certain high-spe...	Done, on Gov's Desk Requires entities proposing high-speed rail projects in Texas to submit annual reports to the Texas ...	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Transportation	No Action Need...	s/c on Transportation Funding 3/14	3/31/2025
330 SB 1555	Nichols (R-Jacksonvil...	Relating to a grant program to fund certain railroad grade separation projects	Done, on Gov's Desk Railroad Grade Separations	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Transportation	Support	Senate Transportation 3/6	3/12/2025
331 SB 2039 (See HB 4706)	Hancock (R-North Ric...	Relating to the applicability of certain pedestrian laws to certain sidewalk users.	Done, on Gov's Desk Pedestrian/Sidewalk Users	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlo...	Transportation	Support	Senate Transportation 3/17	4/2/2025

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Resilience	TX	HB 4341	Relating to critical infrastructure facility emergency response maps and the critical infrastructure emergency response map grant program.	2025-06-20	➔
Surface Transportation	TX	HB 3947	Relating to transportation planning by metropolitan planning organizations.	2025-05-09	➔
		HB 5391	Relating to design considerations of transportation projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.	2025-04-07	➔
		SB 798	Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.	2025-02-07	➔
		SB 2899	Relating to design considerations of transportation projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.	2025-04-07	➔
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Bill Examples

Example #1

Approach to Tracking/ Responding to a Land Use Bill



Example Land Use Bills of Interest

Effective September 1, 2025

- SB 1883 – Impact Fees: Capital Improvement Advisory Committee changes
- SB 15 – Small Lot (Residential)
- SB 840 – Mixed Use and Multifamily Development
- HB 24 – Zoning Notice and Protests
- HB 2512 – ETJ release; exemptions added

Transportation Impact Fee (TrIF) Program

SB 1883 impact:

- Increased the affirmative vote ratio required for the imposition of an impact fee from a majority to two-thirds
- Added a financial audit (details are defined in the bill)
- Added 120 days to the overall public comment period
- Advisory committee changes:
 - City Plan Commission can no longer serve as an advisory committee
 - 50% must represent the real estate, development, or building industries



TrIF Program - Bill Impact Assessment

Step 1:

- Figure out the impact!
- Example: Create a copy of the text impacted in Word and add the bills changes to it

Step 2:

- Determine the process, implementation, and financial impacts
- What can be accommodated and what is of concern?

TrIF Program - Approach to Sharing City Impact

Step 3: White Paper

- Prepare a short memo explaining the concerns and alternatives
 - ✓ Focus on the biggest concerns
 - ✓ Seek to understand the intent of the bill
 - ✓ Propose changes to the bill's text that gets to the intent of the bill
- City staff who went to Austin were able to use this document to discuss the issues and impacts with legislators

**S.B. 1883 CONCERNS & ALTERNATIVE
BILL SUMMARY**

PROBLEM

SOLUTION

PROPOSED BILL AMENDMENTS

TrIF Program - Implementation

Step 4:

- Implement changes
- Example: city code updates, administrative guides, applications, customer resources, website information

Ordinance Updates Required (Ch 30, [Article VIII: Transportation Impact Fees](#))

§30-154	CIAC definition will be removed and defined in §30-159
§30-159	Amended to include the establishment of the committee, its composition, and functions of the committee

Example #2

Defense Against Transportation-related Bill

HB 4272 - Utility Relocation Construction Costs

HB 4272 changes:

- Shifts the costs of private utility relocation in the public ROW from the private company to the municipality
 - Changes requirement for Utility provider to relocate at their cost
- Municipality required to give utility provider 30-days notice
 - Utility provider is not capable of relocating in 30-days
- Municipality required to specify a new ROW location for the facility
 - Currently Utility providers identify where they will locate

HB 4272 - Utility Relocation Construction Costs

HB 4272 impacts:

- Increase roadway project costs
- Decrease the amount of road construction each municipality can fund
- Delay roadway construction
- Result in taxpayers funding of the relocation of **private** “for-profit” utilities



Utility Relo - Defense against bill

Step 1:

- Identified the impact to the City

Step 2:

- Provided comments to the bill to Legislative team

Step 3:

- Shared concerns about the proposed bills with others on the Public Works Council, encouraging them to voice concerns



Utility Relo - Defense against bill (continued)

Step 3:

- Prepared a memo (“white paper”) explaining the concerns and impacts

Step 4:

- City staff went to Austin used the document to discuss the issues and impacts and why the City was AGAINST bill

Step 5:

- Met with proponents of the bill separately to discuss options

Ultimately, the bill stalled in committee...

the fight is likely to resume next legislative session

Questions?

Thank you!