

Legislative Update

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UAS Safety and Integration Task Force Meeting

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87th Legislative Session

HB 1758 (Krause) - Relating to the operation and use of an unmanned aircraft.

- Reported from the House Homeland Security and Public Security Committee 4/22
- Contains definition of “drone”

HB 2161 (Raymond) - Relating to analyzing and mitigating transportation security threats in this state.

- Referred to House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee on 3/25

HB 2957 (Geren) / SB 1583 (Hughes) - Relating to inspections and examinations by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain sites and facilities conducted using unmanned aircraft.

- HB 2957 received in Senate 4/21

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HB 3251 (Thompson) - Relating to the use of unmanned aircraft.

- Voted Favorably from House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee 4/23

HB 3403 (Cyrrier) - Relating to the operation of an unmanned aircraft that is outside the direct line of sight of the operator of the aircraft.

- Referred to House Transportation Committee

SB 149 (Powell) - Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.

- Voted Favorably as Substituted from Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development Committee 4/23
- Also adds airports to the list of critical infrastructure

Questions and Comments

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