

## Major Issues Update April 17, 2023

### BUDGET:

#### Appropriations:

- **HB 1** (Bonnen/Huffman) is the general appropriations bill - *Passed the House and Senate*
- **HB 3461** (Bonnen) and **SB 1508** (Huffman) dedicate and rededicate revenue for certifying the budget – *HB 3561 is set for a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on April 17<sup>th</sup>; SB 1508 is in the Senate Finance Committee*
- **HB 4041** (Bonnen) and **SB 1507** (Huffman) is the miscellaneous claims and judgments against the state bill – *HB 4041 is set for a hearing in the House Appropriations Committee on April 17<sup>th</sup>; SB 1507 is in the Senate Finance Committee*
- **SB 30** (Huffman/Bonnen) is the supplemental appropriations bill - *Passed the Senate and House*

#### Infrastructure:

- **SB 1332** (Huffman) and **HB 3051** (Bonnen) establishing the Historic Infrastructure Sustainability Trust Fund to preserve historic sites – *SB 13323 passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee; HB 3051 has been reported favorably from the House Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee*
- **SB 1333** (Huffman/Bonnen) establishing the Texas State Buildings Preservation Endowment Fund to maintain state buildings – *Passed the Senate and referred to House Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee*
- **SJR 56** (Schwertner) increasing the cap on the Economic Stabilization Fund – *reported favorably as substituted from the Senate Finance Committee*

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- **HB 5** (Hunter), providing a temporary school property tax reduction for large capital investments - *Heard and left pending in the House Ways & Means Committee.*
- **HB 1392/HJR 27** (Craddick) Grow Texas Fund - *Heard and left pending in the House Appropriations Committee*
- **HB 2207/HJR 111** (Landgraf) Texas Severance Tax Revenue and Oil & Natural Gas (STRONG) Defense Fund - *Heard and left pending in the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **HB 3447** (Bonnen) Texas Space Commission – *Reported favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*

- **HB 5174** (Bonnen) and **SB 2288** (Huffman) Semiconductor Innovation Consortium – *Set for hearing in the House State Affairs Committee April 19<sup>th</sup>*
- **HJR 155** (Geren) Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing sports wagering and casino gaming – *Voted out favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1926** (Springer) Texas Economic Vitality Act, providing a temporary school property tax reduction for large capital investments – *Referred to Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee*

#### **ENERGY:**

- **HB 4831** (Hunter) performance credit mechanism (PCM) guardrails – *Left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 4834/HJR 180** (Hunter) Texas Energy Reliability Fund – *Both were heard and left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 4836** (Hunter) and **SB 2015** (King) dispatchable credits – *HB 4836 has been left pending in the House State Affairs Committee; SB 2015 has passed the Senate and been referred to House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 6/SJR 1** (Schwertner) direct generation procurement and low-cost financing, Texas Energy Insurance Program – *They have both passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 7** (Schwertner) and **HB 4832** (Hunter) dispatchable reliability reserve service – *SB 7 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 4832 has been left pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1287** (King) interconnection allowance – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 2010** (Schwertner) and **HB 4862** (Slawson) preventing market abuse – *SB 2010 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 4862 is pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 2011** (Schwertner) and **HB 4821** (Slawson) power mitigation – *SB 2011 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 4821 is pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 2012** (Schwertner) performance credit mechanism (PCM) guardrails and market power protections – *Has passed the Senate and is set for a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee on April 19<sup>th</sup>*
- **SB 2014** (King) renewable portfolio standard and Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

- **SB 28/SJR 75 and HB 10/HJR 130** establishing the New Water Supply for Texas Fund – *SB 28 and SJR 75 have passed the Senate and are scheduled for a hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>; HB 10 and HJR 130 have been referred to the House Natural Resources Committee*
- **HB 3165/HJR 138** (Holland) establishing the Land & Water Conservation Fund – *They have been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Natural Resources Committee*

- **SB 224** (Alvarado) and **HB 4598** (Leach) possession of catalytic converters presumption of unlawful acquisition – *SB 224 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee; HB 4598 has been heard and left pending in the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee.*
- **SB 784** (Birdwell) and **HB 2211** (Landgraf) giving the state exclusive jurisdiction over regulation of greenhouse gas emissions – *SB 784 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Environmental Regulation Committee; HB 2211 has been reported favorably from the House Environmental Regulation Committee*

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **HB 1826** (Turner) Organized Retail Theft Task Force – *Reported favorably as substituted from the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 2453** (Guillen) digital occupational licenses – *Reported favorably as substituted from the House Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee*
- **HB 2509** (Bernal) Texas Grocery Access Investment Fund – *Voted out favorably as substituted from the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee*
- **SB 1483** (Creighton) Retail Theft Investigation Unit at Department of Public Safety – *Referred to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee*

#### **HEALTH:**

- **HB 12** (Rose) expanding Postpartum Medicaid Coverage - *Reported favorably from the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform*
- **HB 15/HJR 135** (S. Thompson, Craddick) establishing the Mental Health and Brain Health Research Institute of Texas (S. Thompson) – *They have passed the House but have not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 25** (Talarico) wholesale prescription drug importation program – *Passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 54** (S. Thompson) increasing the personal needs allowance for Medicaid residents of long-term care facilities – *Passed to Third Reading in the House on April 17<sup>th</sup>*
- **HB 178** (Murr) requiring crime labs to test evidence for fentanyl – *Passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 362** (Oliverson) legalizing fentanyl testing equipment – *Passed the House and been referred to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee*
- **HB 700** (Oliverson) establishing the Texas Health Insurance Exchange - *Has been heard and left pending in the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform*
- **HB 1805** (Klick) expanding the use of medical cannabis to treatment for chronic pain – *Has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **SB 26** (Kolkhorst) expanding mental health capacity – *Has passed the Senate but has not been referred to committee in the House*
- **SB 240** (Campbell/Howard) health care workplace violence prevention plans – *Has passed the Senate and passed to Third Reading in the House on April 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **SB 645** (Huffman) and **HB 6** (Goldman) increased criminal penalties for manufacturing or delivery of fentanyl – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; HB 6 has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 989** (Huffman) and **HB 3188** (Bonnen) requiring health plan coverage of biomarker testing – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Insurance Committee; HB 3188 is set for a hearing in the House Insurance Committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>*
- **SB 1249** (Hancock) Living Organ Donor Education Program – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Public Health Committee*
- **SB 1319** (Huffman) requiring health authorities and law enforcement agencies to map overdose locations – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee*

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION:**

- **HB 8** (VanDeaver) and **SB 2539** (Creighton) Community College Finance Reform (VanDeaver) - *Has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate; the companion SB 2539 (Creighton) has been heard and left pending in the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education*
- **HB 400** (Klick) higher education Incentives for mental health professionals - *Has been reported favorably from the House Higher Education Committee*
- **HB 584** (Capriglione) and **SB 635** (Eckhardt) and **SB 1201** (Zaffirini) state information technology credentials – *HB 584 has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education; SB 635 and SB 1201 have been referred to the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education*
- **HB 875** (Harrison) and **SB 601** (Birdwell) new TSTC campus in Ellis County – *HB 875 has been reported favorably from the House Higher Education Committee; SB 601 is pending in the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education*
- **HB 1590** (Burns) and **SB 902** (West) Texas Leadership Scholars Program – *HB 1590 has passed the House but not yet received in the Senate; SB 902 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Higher Education Committee*
- **HB 2132** (Caroline Harris) and **SB 865** (Schwertner) new TSTC campus in Williamson County – *HB 2132 is set on the House Calendar for April 20<sup>th</sup>; SB 865 is pending in the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education*
- **HB 3211** (Stucky) and **SB 1442** (Springer) new TSTC campus in Denton County – *HB 3211 is set on the House calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>; SB 1442 is pending in the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education*
- **HB 4005** (Raney) and **SB 462** (Parker) establishing the Texas Competency-Based Education Grant Program – *HB 4005 has been reported favorably from the House Higher Education Committee; SB 462 has been reported favorably from the Senate Education Committee*
- **HB 4997** (Kuempel) new TSTC campus in Comal and/or Guadalupe Counties – *Set on the House Calendar on April 20<sup>th</sup>*
- **SB 19/SJR 5** (Huffman) and **HB 1595/HJR 3** (Bonnen) Creating A New Higher Education Endowment Fund (Huffman) – *SB 19 and SJR 5 have passed the*

*Senate and been referred to the House Higher Education Committee; HB 1595 and HJR 3 passed the House and HB 1595 passed to Third Reading on April 17<sup>th</sup>*

- **SB 25** (Kolkhorst) Nurse Faculty Loan Repayment Program and Nursing Innovation Grant Program – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Higher Education Committee*
- **SB 532** (West) and **HB 1551** (Anchia) student loan repayment for health professionals – *SB 532 is on the Senate Intent Calendar for April 18<sup>th</sup> (first placement); HB 1551 has been referred to the House Higher Education Committee*
- **SB 1055** (Nichols) and **HB 1629** (Clardy) establish Stephen F. Austin State University as a component of the University of Texas System – *SB 1055 passed the Senate on April 17<sup>th</sup>; HB 1629 has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Higher Education Committee*
- **SJR 81** (Birdwell) and **HJR 201** (Wilson) establishing the Technical Institution Infrastructure Fund to provide capital investments for TSTC – *SJR 81 is on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>; HJR 201 has been heard and left pending in the House Higher Education Committee*

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES/EMPLOYMENT:**

- **SB 130** (Campbell) prohibiting local regulation requiring an employer to provide employment benefits – *Passed the Senate and referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 222** (Nichols) paid parental leave for state employees – *Passed the Senate and has been voted favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*

#### **PRIVACY:**

- **HB 4** (Capriglione) the Texas Data Privacy and Security Act - *Passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate.*
- **HB 18** (Slawson) Data Privacy and Protection for Minors - *has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety – Voted favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **SB 271** (Nathan Johnson) and **HB 712** (Shaheen) requiring local governmental entities to report security breach incidents – *SB 271 has passed the Senate and been voted out favorably from the House State Affairs Committee; HB 712 has been reported favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 417** (Paxton) and **HB 1936** (Lozano) electronic device filters for explicit material – *SB 417 was reported favorably as substituted from the Senate State Affairs Committee and recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar; HB 1936 has been referred to the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **SB 621** (Parker) and **HB 2156** (Capriglione) requiring Department of Information Resources to employ a Chief Information Security Officer to verse cybersecurity matters – *SB 621 passed the Senate and been referred to the House State*

*Affairs Committee; HB 2156 has been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

- **SB 821** (Nichols) and HB 3180 (K. Bell) requiring the Sunset Advisory Commission to review state agency sale of personal information – *SB 821 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 3180 has been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1204** (Paxton) allowing Department of Information Resources to establish an interstate information sharing analysis organization to share cybersecurity threats – *Passed the Senate on April 17<sup>th</sup>*
- **SB 1602** (Hughes) and **HB 3751** (Cain) censorship by social media platforms – *SB 1602 passed the Senate and reported to the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee; HB 3751 has been left pending in the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 2105** (Nathan Johnson) and **HB 4917** (Holland) data brokers/third party data collection entities – *SB 2105 is set for a hearing in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>; HB 4917 was referred to the House Business & Industry Committee*

#### **PROPERTY:**

- **HB 14** (Cody Harris) streamlining approval process for property development projects – *Has passed the House but not referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 1058** (Goldman) tax credit for low-income housing developments – *Has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Finance Committee*

#### **PUBLIC EDUCATION:**

##### **School Choice:**

- **HB 4340** (Frank) education savings accounts – *Pending in the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 8** (Creighton) education savings accounts - *Passed the Senate and referred to the House Public Education Committee*

##### **School Safety:**

- **HB 3** (Burrows) School Safety and Security - *Voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety – Voted favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **HB 13** (K. King) school active shooter plans; mental health resources - *Voted out favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **SB 11** (Nichols) keeping schools safe and secure - *On the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup> (first placement)*
- **SB 838** (Creighton) and **HB 669** (Thierry) panic alert devices in classrooms – *SB 838 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety; HB 669 has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety*
- **SB 1852** (Flores) active shooter training for peace officers – *Passed the Senate on April 17<sup>th</sup>*

##### **Teacher Pay and Teacher Bill of Rights:**

- **HB 11** (Dutton) Teacher Incentive Allotment, retire-rehire grant, Teacher Residency Partnership Program, Mentor Program Allotment - has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Public Education Committee – *Reported favorably as substituted from the House Public Education Committee*
- **HB 100** (K. King) increased basic allotment, 50 percent must go for teacher compensation; adjusts minimum salary schedule - *Voted out favorably as substituted from the House Public Education Committee*
- **SB 9** (Creighton) Teacher incentive allotment, Teacher retention allotment, teacher mentoring program - *Passed the Senate and referred to the House Public Education Committee*

#### **Retired Teachers:**

- **HB 600/HJR 2** (Bonnen) annual cost-of-living adjustment for retired teachers – *Both have been reported favorably as substituted from the House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee*
- **SB 10** (Creighton) adding 13<sup>th</sup> checks for retired teachers - *Has passed the Senate and been reported favorably as substituted from the House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee*

**REDISTRICTING** – The Census Bureau did not provide information necessary for redistricting bills until after the 2021 legislative session. The Texas Legislature is required to adopt redistricting plans in the first regular legislative session after the census information is delivered. Therefore, the legislature plans to re-pass their redistricting plans.

- **SB 375** (Huffman) redistricting bill for Texas Senate districts – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Redistricting Committee*
- **HB 1000** (Darby) redistricting bill for Texas House districts – *Has been voted out favorably from the House Redistricting Committee*

#### **STATEWIDE:**

##### **Bail Reform:**

- **SJR 44** (Huffman) and **HJR 181** (Smith) bail reform – *SJR 44 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; HJR 181 has been referred to the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee*

##### **Border Security:**

- **HB 7** (Guillen) Legislative Border Safety Oversight Committee - *Pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 20** (Schaefer) creating a border protection unit – *Pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1403** (Parker) border security compact - *Passed the Senate on April 17<sup>th</sup>*
- **SB 1427** (Flores) criminal organizations that threaten the security of the state - *Has passed the Senate but not been referred to committee in the House*
- **SB 1484** (Creighton) and **HB 1675** (Holland) border operations training program for peace officers – *SB 1484 passed the Senate on April 17<sup>th</sup>; HB 1675 has been reported favorably from the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee*

- **SB 2424** (Birdwell) making it a state crime to illegally enter the state - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

#### **COVID Restrictions:**

- **SB 29** (Birdwell) prohibiting vaccine mandates, mask mandates, and school and private business closures – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 1104/SJR 58** (Birdwell) and **HB 2654/HJR 121** (Slawson) requiring a special session to renew a disaster declaration – *SB 1104 and SJR 58 have passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 2654 and HJR 121 have been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

#### **Daylight Savings Time:**

- **HB 1422** (Metcalf) year-round Daylight Savings Time – *Passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*

#### **Human Trafficking:**

- **HB 279** (Jetton) and **SB 466** (Bettencourt) increased penalties for trafficking a disabled individual – *HB 279 has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate; SB 466 has been referred to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee*
- **HB 800** (Guillen) increased penalties for human traffickers - *Pending in the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 415** (Paxton) and **HB 454** (Smith) training for physicians to help identify trafficked persons – *SB 415 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Public Health Committee; HB 454 is pending in the House Public Health Committee*
- **SB 600** (Birdwell) and **HB 1611** (Lozano) increasing the penalties for human smuggling – *SB 600 has passed the Senate and referred to the House State Affairs Committee; HB 1611 has been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*

#### **Local Pre-emption:**

- **HB 2127** (Burrows) and **SB 814** (Creighton) the Texas Regulatory Consistency Act prohibiting local ordinances related to agriculture, finance, insurance, labor, environment, occupations and property – *HB 2127 is set on the House Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>; SB 814 is pending in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee*

#### **SUNSET BILLS:**

##### **General Sunset:**

- **HB 1570** (Holland) and **SB 1659** (Schwertner) is the sunset safety net bill – *HB 1570 has been reported favorably from the House State Affairs Committee; SB 1659 is on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>*
- **HB 1620** (Holland) setting sunset dates – *Reported favorably from the House State Affairs Committee*

##### **Sunset Agencies**

- **State of Texas Anatomical Board** – **SB 2040** (Springer) and **HB 1510** (Clardy) – *SB 2040 is pending in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee; HB 1510 is pending in the House Public Health Committee*



- **Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism – SB 1940** (Springer) and **HB 1515** (Clardy) – *SB 1940 is pending in the Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee; HB 1515 has passed the House but has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality – SB 1397** (Schwertner) and **HB 1505** (K. Bell) – *SB 1397 passed the Senate on April 17<sup>th</sup>; HB 1505 is pending in the House Environmental Regulation Committee*
- **Texas Juvenile Justice Department and Office of Independent Ombudsman – SB 1727** (Schwertner) and **HB 1520** (Canales) – *SB 1727 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Juvenile Justice & Family Issues Committee; HB 1520 is set for a hearing in the House Juvenile Justice & Family Issues Committee on April 19<sup>th</sup>*
- **Lavaca-Navidad River Authority – SB 2592** (Paxton) and **HB 1525** (Clardy) – *SB 2592 has been voted favorably as substituted from the Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee; HB 1525 has been voted favorably as substituted from the House Natural Resources Committee*
- **Texas Commission on Law Enforcement – SB 1445** (Paxton) and **HB 1530** (Goldman) – *SB 1445 is on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup> (first placement); HB 1530 has been referred to the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee*
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas; Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT); and Office of Public Utility Counsel – SB 1368** (Schwertner) and **HB 1500** (Holland) - *SB 1368 was referred to the Senate Business & Commerce Committee; HB 1350 is set on the House calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>*
- **San Antonio River Authority – SB 2582** (Johnson) and **HB 1535** (Clardy) – *SB 2582 has been referred to the Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee; HB 1535 has been voted out favorably from the House Natural Resources Committee*
- **San Jacinto River Authority – SB 2586** (Paxton) and **HB 1540** (Holland) – *SB 2586 was reported favorably from the Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee; HB 1540 is pending in the House Natural Resources Committee*
- **Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board; Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Council – SB 1424** (Perry) and **HB 1545** (Clardy) – *SB 1424 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee; HB 1545 has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee*
- **Office of State-Federal Relations – SB 1400** (Springer) and **HB 1550** (Goldman) – *SB 1400 has been referred to the Senate Business & Commerce Committee; HB 1550 has passed the House but not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **Upper Guadalupe River Authority – SB 2578** (Johnson) and **HB 1556** (Clardy) – *SB 2578 has been referred to the Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee; HB 1555 has been reported favorably from the House Natural Resources Committee*
- **State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners – SB 1414** (Johnson) and **HB 1560** (Holland) – *SB 1414 has passed the Senate and been voted out favorably*

*as substituted from the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee; HB 1560 is pending in the House Agriculture & Livestock Committee*

- **Texas Water Development Board; State Water implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee – SB 1351** (Perry and **HB 1565** (Canales) – *SB 1351 has been referred to the Senate Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee; HB 1565 is set on the House Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>*

## **TAX:**

### **Property Tax:**

- **HB 2/HJR 1** (Meyer) five percent appraisal cap, school property tax rate compression of 15 cents - *They have passed the House but have not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **SB 3/SJR 3** (Bettencourt) increasing the homestead exemption to \$70,000 - *SB 3 and SJR 3 have both passed the Senate and been referred to House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 4** (Bettencourt) school tax rate compression - *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee*
- **SB 5/SJR 2** (Parker) increasing the business personal property tax exemption - *SB 5 has passed the House and been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee; SJR 2 has been heard and left pending in the Senate Finance Committee*

### **Sales Tax:**

- **HB 300** (Howard) sales tax exemption for family products - *Has passed the House and been referred to the Senate Finance Committee*
- **SB 1000** (West) started out reducing the sales tax by one-half a percent but as reported out of committee instituted a one-time sales tax holiday for clothing and footwear under \$200 – *Has been reported favorably as substituted from the Senate Finance Committee*
- **SB 1022** (Nichols) and **HB 3003** (Bailes) expansion of the sales tax exemption on aircraft repair and maintenance to all aircraft MRO – *SB 1022 is pending in the Senate Finance Committee; HB 3003 has been referred to the House Ways & Means Committee*

## **TECHNOLOGY:**

- **HB 2444** (Thimesch) and **SB 1639** (Zaffirini) on-line sale of event tickets – *HB 2444 was voted out favorably as substituted from the House Business & Industry Committee; SB 1639 is pending in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee*
- **SB 1361** (Huffman) unlawful production of sexually explicit videos using deep fake technology – *Reported favorably from the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and recommended for the Local & Uncontested Calendar*

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS:**

- **HB 9/HJR 125** (Ashby) rural broadband infrastructure - *Have been voted out favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*

- **HB 3290** (Guillen) and **SB 1858** (Hancock) next generation 9-1-1 service fund – HB 3290 is set on the House Calendar on April 20<sup>th</sup>; SB 1858 is set for a hearing in the Senate Business & Commerce Committee on April 18<sup>th</sup>
- **SB 1238** (Nichols) updating broadband development statutes – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House State Affairs Committee*
- **SB 2119** (Schwertner) mapping of state broadband services – *Is on the Senate Intent Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup> (first placement)*

#### **TORT:**

- **HB 19** (Murr) and **SB 27** (Hughes) creating a new business specialty court – *HB 19 has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee; SB 27 is pending in the Senate Jurisprudence Committee*
- **HB 1372** (Cody Harris) and **SB 1034** (Middleton) revising the tort of “public nuisance” claims – *HB 1372 has been reported favorably as substituted from the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee; SB 1034 is pending in the Senate State Affairs Committee*
- **HB 3474** (Leach) and **SB 1462** (Hughes) is the omnibus courts bill establishing additional courts – *HB 3474 has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee; SB 1462 was referred to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 21** (Huffman) shortening the time frame for investigating claims filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct – *Has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*
- **SB 1045** (Huffman) and **HB 3166** (Murr) establishing 15<sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals to hear matters brought against the state or a state agency – *SB 1045 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee; HB 3166 is pending in the House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee*

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

- **HB 71** (Canales) digital ID – *Reported favorably as substituted from the House Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee*
- **HB 560** (Raymond) DPS analysis of future threats to transportation security – *Has passed the House but not been referred to a Senate Committee*
- **SB 505** (Nichols) and **HB 2199** (Canales) additional registration and renewal fee for electric vehicles – *SB 505 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Transportation Committee; HB 2199 has been reported favorably from the House Transportation Committee*
- **SB 1001** (Schwertner) and **HB 3343** (K. King) regulation of electric vehicle supply equipment – *SB 1001 has passed the Senate and been referred to the House Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee; HB 3343 has been voted out favorably from the House Licensing & Administrative Procedures Committee*
- **SB 1002** (Schwertner) and **HB 3508** (Ana Hernandez) operation of electric vehicle charging stations – *SB 1002 has passed the Senate and been referred to*

*the House State Affairs Committee; HB 3508 has been voted out favorably as substituted from the House State Affairs Committee*

**WORKFORCE:**

- **HB 1615** (Button) Pre-Kindergarten Partnership Program – *Passed the House on April 13<sup>th</sup> and has not been referred to committee in the Senate*
- **HB 1704** (Walle) and **SB 2528** (West) Workforce Housing Capital Investment Fund – *HB 1704 is set on the House Calendar on April 18<sup>th</sup>; SB 2528 has been referred to the Senate Local Government Committee*
- **HB 1755** (Button) and **SB 592** (Alvarado) Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund – *HB 1755 was reported favorably as substituted from the House International Relations & Economic Development Committee; SB 592 is set for a hearing on April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee*
- **HB 2575** (Button) and **SB 1595** (Hancock) workforce diploma pilot program – *HB 2575 is set on the House Local & Consent Calendar on April 20<sup>th</sup>; SB 1595 is set for a hearing in the Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee on April 19<sup>th</sup>*