



## Bill Status Report

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### Actionable Groundwater Bills

A HB 1050 Dorazio, Mark(R) Relating to the award of attorney's fees in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.

**Companions:** HB 2119 Dorazio, Mark (F) (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 36.066(g) and (h), water code, to allow for the prevailing party in a lawsuit to recover attorney's fees.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

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A HB 1400 Harris, Cody(R) Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

**Companions:** SB 718 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)  
2- 7-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 15, water code, creating a groundwater science, research, and innovation fund under subchapter F-1. The fund would be in the state treasury and administered by the TWDB. The TWDB will adopt rules necessary to administer. 35% of money must be awarded to districts with populations not more than 100,000 and with annual revenues not more than \$250,000. The TWDB may require matching funds, either by direct expenditures or in-kind services.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 11-19-24 H Filed

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A HB 1633 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.

**Companions:** SB 624 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)  
2- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend 36.113(d), to require a GCD to consider if the proposed use of water unreasonably affects registered exempt wells, before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 12-16-24 H Filed

 HB 1689

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by a groundwater conservation district.

**Remarks:** Would amend 36.207(b) and add 36.207(c), to allow for funds from export fees to mitigate impacts on wells located outside the district only if the district enters into an interlocal contract under Ch 791, government code, with the other district.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 12-20-24 H Filed

 HB 1690

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.

**Remarks:** Would amend 36.122, by adding subsection (d-1) that would require a district to adopt rules that an export permit notice must be sent by certified mail to the commissioners courts in the district, the surrounding districts, and the commissioners courts in the surrounding districts. The notice must also be posted in a newspaper of general circulation in the district and the surrounding districts.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 12-20-24 H Filed

 HB 2034

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to the issuance of groundwater permits to certain aliens or foreign entities.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 36, water code, by adding sec. 36.1141 that would prohibit districts from issuing permits to countries, organizations, or individuals, identified as risks to US national security by the US Director of National Intelligence.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 01-23-25 H Filed

 HB 2077

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to persons eligible to appeal the desired future conditions adopted by a groundwater conservation district.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 36.1083(a)(1), water code, by adding definition of Affected Person.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed

 HB 2078

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 36.1071(e), water code, by adding various provisions to require additional explanation in management plan and explanatory report on DFC monitoring, tracking, and

achievement.

Would amend sec. 36.108, water code, to require districts to adopt DFCs for each five-year period within the 50-year period.

Refile of CSHB 4891 (Rogers) from 88th.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed

 HB 2080

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to the review of the duties of a groundwater conservation district by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Remarks:** Would add 36.3011 (d-1) to provide for reimbursement of actual expenses for those serving on a panel; Would add (d-2) to clarify the advisory role of the panel and is not a governmental body, that records of proceedings are to be turned over to ED subject to public information act, and that ED of TCEQ shall provide notice of public meetings/hearings; would add (e-1) that TCEQ or panel can request technical assistance of TWDB, with an associated extension of the deadline; would add (e-2) that OPIC shall provide legal advice to panel upon request and is not otherwise a party to the inquiry and has no other associated duties.

Refile of engrossed version of HB 5302 (Kacal) from the 88th.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed

 HB 2422

Goodwin, Vikki(D)

Relating to seller's disclosures regarding water services for and water rights in residential real property.

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter A, Ch 5, property code, by requiring the TREC to develop disclosure forms that include whether the property includes any water rights, water wells, and if the property is located in a GCD or SD.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 02-04-25 H Filed

 HB 2805

DeAyala, Emilio(R)

Relating to civil actions related to groundwater conservation districts.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.066, water code, by amending subsections (a), (g), and (h), and add subsection (g-1).

Bill would allow a district to recover reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and costs if it prevails in a groundless suit brought in bad faith, and allow a groundwater rights owner to recover reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and costs if a district is found to have intentionally violated their rights. Court would decide who is awarded the attorney's fees.

Bill also provides that a district board member is immune from personal liability for official votes and actions.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** SB 624 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit of permit amendment.

**Companions:** HB 1633 Gerdes, Stan (Identical)  
12-16-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend 36.113(d), to require a GCD to consider if the proposed use of water unreasonably affects registered exempt wells, before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 718 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

**Companions:** HB 1400 Harris, Cody (Identical)  
11-19-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 15, water code, creating a groundwater science, research, and innovation fund under subchapter F-1. The fund would be in the state treasury and administered by the TWDB. The TWDB will adopt rules necessary to administer. 35% of money must be awarded to districts with populations not more than 100,000 and with annual revenues not more than \$250,000. The TWDB may require matching funds, either by direct expenditures or in-kind services.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 1583 Blanco, Cesar(D) Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.

**Remarks:** Section 1. Amends sec 36.1071, water code, by amending subsection (b) requiring districts to include the most recently approved DFC and MAG (corresponding to the most recent DFC) in a management plan.

Adds subsection (b-1) requiring districts to amend their management plans within two years of adopting a new DFC.

Adds subsection (b-2) outlining that if a petition is filed challenging the reasonableness of a DFC, the management plan is considered administratively complete if the district includes specific elements.

Adds subsection (b-3) defining the duration of applicability for subsection (b-2) until a final order is issued or a new DFC is adopted.

Section 2.

Amends sec 36.1072(b), water code, by specifying that a management plan is considered administratively complete for Executive Administrator approval if it meets the requirements

outlined in the new Section 36.1071(b-2) when a DFC challenge is pending.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1623 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to dedication of certain water rights to the Texas Water Trust.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills, General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed

**Total Actionable Groundwater Bills Bills: 15**

### GCD Local Bills

**A** HB 1523 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to a prohibition on the authorization by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the use of a Class V injection well for certain aquifer storage and recovery projects.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 27, water code, by adding section 27.1535 that would prohibit the city of austin from developing an ASR project in Bastrop Co.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 12-05-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1529 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to production fees imposed by the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 8871.154, special district local laws code, by increasing the production fee cap that the Southwestern Travis County GCD may impose, raising it from 20 cents to 50 cents per thousand gallons.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 12-05-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1618 Harris Davila, Caroline(R) Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** SB 616 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
2-25-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 27.051(i), water code, by adding ASR projects that transects the Edwards in an area of WillCo east of I-35 to the list of authorized applications of injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 12-13-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1643

Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to the authority of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District over the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

**Companions:** HB 3820 Oliverson, Tom (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 8801 and 8888, special districts code, to remove Harris-Galveston Subsidence District's authority over the North Harris County Regional Water Authority or property located in the territory of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 12-17-24 H Filed

**A** HB 2626

Buckley, Brad(R)

Relating to creating the Central Texas Water Alliance.

**Companions:** SB 1194 Flores, Pete (Identical)  
2-10-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend subtitle X, Title 6, special district local laws code, by creating the central texas water alliance.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2774

Virdell, Wes (F)(R)

Relating to the authority of the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District to regulate structures near Medina Lake.

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter C, Ch 8850, special district local laws code, by granting Bandera County RAGD the authority to regulate the construction of structures within the boundaries of the district below the high water line of Medina Lake.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2812

Isaac, Carrie(R)

Relating to the exemption of public water supply wells from regulation, permitting, or metering by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 8843.104(a), special district local laws code, by adding public supply wells to the existing list of well types that the Hays Trinity GCD cannot regulate, require a permit for, or meter.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2817

Isaac, Carrie(R)

Relating to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** SB 863 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 1.34(b), Ch 626, Acts of the 73rd Leg., by adding the certificated area of a retail public utility, as defined by a CCN, to the list of approved uses for water withdrawn from

the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), provided that any part of the CCN was within the boundaries of the EAA as of June 28, 1996.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3115 Troxclair, Ellen(R) Relating to the authority of the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District to regulate certain wells.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 8838.106(b), special district local laws code, by clarify that the Cow Creek GCD can not require the owner of a well used solely for domestic or livestock purposes that is exempt from permitting under Sec 36.117(b)(1), to install a meter or measuring device on the well.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3350 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to vacancies on the board of directors of the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 H Filed

**A** SB 616 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** **HB 1618** Harris Davila, Caroline (Identical)  
12-13-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 27.051(i), water code, by adding ASR projects that transects the Edwards in an area of WillCo east of I-35 to the list of authorized applications of injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**A** SB 863 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** **HB 2817** Isaac, Carrie (Identical)  
2-13-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 1.34(b), Ch 626, Acts of the 73rd Leg., by adding the certificated area of a retail public utility, as defined by a CCN, to the list of approved uses for water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), provided that any part of the CCN was within the boundaries of the EAA as of June 28, 1996.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 1055

Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to permit fees for groundwater wells imposed by the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

**Companions:** SB 2052 Nichols, Robert (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 8868.153(c), special district local laws code, by increasing the rate the SETx GCD can charge from 1 cent to 7 cents per 1000 gallons of water.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 1194

Flores, Pete(R)

Relating to creating the Central Texas Water Alliance; providing authority to issue bonds; granting the power of eminent domain; providing authority to impose fees.

**Companions:** HB 2626 Buckley, Brad (Identical)  
2-10-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend subtitle X, Title 6, special district local laws code, by creating the central texas water alliance.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1611

Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to fees assessed by the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.

**Track Name(s):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed

**Total GCD Local Bills Bills:** 15

### General Water (N)

**A** HB 157

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the production by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of an annual report on public drinking water supply systems.

**Companions:** HB 583 Raymond, Richard (Refiled from 88R Session)  
SB 382 Zaffirini, Judith (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 341.0315, health and safety code, to require TCEQ to produce an annual report on public drinking water systems.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

**A** HB 279

Guillen, Ryan(R)

Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.




**Companions:** [SB 1061](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
2-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 27.0513(d), water code, to classify amendments to a uranium mining production area authorization (PAA) as uncontested matter. Also repeals sec. 27.0513(f) and (g).

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)


**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

 [HB 310](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of money transferred from the Texas water fund.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 15.504(c), water code, to expand the priorities of water infrastructure projects funded by the Texas Water Fund, to include a category for municipalities with populations under 20,000.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)


**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

 [HB 1382](#) [Virdell, Wes \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to a prohibition on weather modification and control.

**Remarks:** Would repeal Ch 301 and 302, agricultural code, and add Ch 303, prohibiting weather modification and control, and would make it a Class A misdemeanor.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 11-18-24 H Filed


 [HB 1424](#) [Goodwin, Vikki\(D\)](#) Relating to the structuring of water rates by retail public utilities to promote water conservation.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 552, local government code, by adding sec. 552.9065 to allow a municipality to structure their rates for water service based on usage, including an excessive use fee for water customers whose water usage is greater than the water usage of a percentage of the municipality's other customers.

Would amend Ch 13, water code, to allow for similar rate structures for utilities and retail public utilities.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-20-24 H Filed

 [HB 1501](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to a study of the feasibility of using seawater desalination processes in Texas.

**Remarks:** Would create a study to evaluate the ways in which Texas can incentivize seawater desalination plants along the coast. The study would be conducted by the Meadows Center at TxSt.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 12-03-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1808 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the regulation and management of produced water from oil and gas operations.

**Remarks:** Amends 91.101(a), natural resource code, by adding subsection (5) that allows the RRC to adopt and enforce rules, and issue permits, related to the recycling and beneficial use of produced water associated with any operation or activity regulated by the RRC.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-09-25 H Filed

**A** HB 1971 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to an exemption for drillers or operators of closed-loop geothermal injection wells from certain requirements applicable to persons involved in activities.

**Companions:** SB 879 Birdwell, Brian (Identical)  
2-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 27.037, water code, by adding (c-1) that exempts closed-loop geothermal well drillers from RRC fees and having to file a company/organizational report.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-22-25 H Filed

**A** HB 1991 Guillen, Ryan(R) Relating to information regarding certain charges for services provided by municipally owned utility systems.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 1502.057, government code, that would require municipally owned utilities to publish charges for services on the municipalities websites and submit them to the SOS.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-22-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2010 Vasut, Cody(R) Relating to the dissolution of certain special districts.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 49.321, water code, to require the TCEQ to dissolve any district that has been inactive for more than 10 years and has no outstanding bond indebtedness.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-22-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2015 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to the consideration of water conservation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality when determining whether to grant or deny a petition for the creation of a municipal utility district.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 54.105, water code, to require municipally owned utilities to submit a water conservation plan to the TCEQ when petitioning to create a district.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-22-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 2091 [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to the provision of financial assistance by the Texas Water Development Board for certain projects.

**Companions:** [HB 4818](#) Martinez, Armando (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 17, water code, by establishing a grant program for political subdivisions, including drainage districts, for the construction, acquisition, or improvement of water supply projects.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 2109 [VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#) Relating to the removal of a proposed reservoir project from the State Water Plan.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 16, water code, by adding sec. 16.0511 that would require the EA at the TWDB to remove a proposed reservoir project from the state water plan if construction has not begun within 50 years of being included in the state water plan.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-27-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 2302 [Gerdes, Stan\(R\)](#) Relating to the definition of a rural political subdivision for purposes of the Texas Water Assistance Program.

**Companions:** [SB 971](#) Sparks, Kevin (F) (Identical)  
3- 3-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 15, water code, by repealing sec 15.001(14), as added by SB 469 (88th). There are currently two conflicting definitions of "Rural Political Subdivision". This bill would repeal the definition that says a municipality can still qualify as rural even if part of its service area is within an urban area of 50,000+ people.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 01-31-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 2349 [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to exempting certain transactions from regulation by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

**Companions:** [SB 1172](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2- 7-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** WOULD amend sec 1101.005, occupations code, by adding an exception to needing license real estate license to sale, lease, or transfer of a real property interest in water.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2500 Spiller, David(R) Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.

**Companions:** SB 740 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-24-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-05-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2568 Harris Davila, Caroline(R) Relating to a compliance agreement for the suspension of an enforcement action against a regional water supply, sewer, wastewater treatment, or solid waste disposal service for certain violations.

**Companions:** SB 565 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-25-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2584 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue permits for the land application of water produced from certain mining and oil and gas extraction operations.

**Companions:** SB 1145 Birdwell, Brian (Identical)  
2-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 26.131, water code, to allow TCEQ to issue permits for the land application of produced water that has been treated for beneficial use. TCEQ shall adopt standards.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2605 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board.

**Companions:** SB 1190 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-10-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend Subchapter B, Ch 16, water code, by requiring municipally owned utilities (MOUs) that serve more than 150,000 service connections and fail a water loss audit to take corrective action through a validation study and a mitigation plan.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2620 VanDeaver, Gary(R) Relating to the inclusion of certain sources of water supply in regional water plans.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 16.053, water code, to place new restrictions on regional water planning groups when considering out-of-region water supply sources that require eminent domain. Specifically, an RWPG would be prohibited from including such a water source in its regional water plan unless it has exhausted all available water supply options within its own planning area and demonstrated that all potentially feasible water management strategies have been implemented.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2626 Buckley, Brad(R) Relating to creating the Central Texas Water Alliance.

**Companions:** SB 1194 Flores, Pete (Identical)  
2-10-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend subtitle X, Title 6, special district local laws code, by creating the central texas water alliance.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2766 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the plugging of certain inactive wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** SB 1150 Middleton, Mayes (Identical)  
2-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2815 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to the financing of water supply projects included in the state water plan.

**Companions:** SB 1261 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-13-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2923 Tepper, Carl(R) Relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission of Texas over certain rates for water or sewer service charged by a municipality.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-18-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3039 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.

**Companions:** [HB 934](#) Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 5.115(a), water code, by expanding the definition of affected person in a contested case to include the state senator or representative who represents the area in which the facility is located.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 3091](#) [Goodwin, Vikki\(D\)](#) Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of injection wells used to dispose of oil and gas waste.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 3106](#) [Goodwin, Vikki\(D\)](#) Relating to the development of certain regional water plans using safe yield water availability analyses.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 16.053, water code, by adding subsection (e-3) that would allow regional water planning groups that rely heavily on surface water from reservoirs to assess water availability based on the reservoir's safe yield.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 3139](#) [Zwiener, Erin\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of a county overlying the Edwards Aquifer to approve the creation of and issuance of bonds by a municipal utility district.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 3141](#) [Zwiener, Erin\(D\)](#) Relating to information relied on by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for purposes of rules involving rainfall estimates.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 3154](#) [Hopper, Andy \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation, powers, duties, and financing of the Wise Regional Water District.

**Companions:** [SB 1359](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)  
2-18-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 3156](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to fluid oil and gas waste and products and byproducts of that waste.

**Companions:** [SB 1399](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-19-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed

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[A](#) [HB 3158](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed

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[A](#) [HB 3315](#) [Harris, Cody\(R\)](#) Relating to the permissible uses of the Texas water fund.

**Companions:** [SB 1289](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-14-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 15.502(b), water code, by adding the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) to the list of funds eligible to receive transfers from the Texas Water Fund under TWDB's discretion.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 H Filed

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[A](#) [HB 3316](#) [Harris, Cody\(R\)](#) Relating to the redesignation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee as the Texas Water Fund Advisory Committee, the abolition of the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund.

**Companions:** [SB 1288](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2-14-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 H Filed

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[A](#) [HB 3322](#) [Harris, Cody\(R\)](#) Relating to the procedure for amending or revoking certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to certain water utilities.

**Companions:** [SB 1413](#) Nichols, Robert (Identical)  
2-19-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 H Filed

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[A](#) [HJR 129](#) [Hopper, Andy \(F\)\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the board members of the Texas Water Development Board to be elected by the qualified voters at a general election instead of appointed by the governor.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed

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A SB 480

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities to participate in water research or planning activities.

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter C, Ch 791, government code, by adding sec. 791.038 that would allow a local government to contract with another local government, the state, or the federal government to jointly participate in research or planning activities related to water resources.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), Government Bills

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

A SB 768

Menendez, Jose(D)

Relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.

**Companions:** HB 1730 Morales Shaw, Penny (Identical)  
1- 3-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would create a study to examine the effects of PFAS on public health including an assessment of the health impacts of PFAS found in groundwater used for public drinking water. The study would be conducted by the U of H in collaboration with the RRC and TCEQ.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

A SB 879

Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to an exemption for drillers or operators of closed-loop geothermal injection wells from certain requirements applicable to persons involved in activities.

**Companions:** HB 1971 Darby, Drew (Identical)  
1-22-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 27.037, water code, by adding (c-1) that exempts closed-loop geothermal well drillers from RRC fees and having to file a company/organizational report.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

A SB 886

Sparks, Kevin (F)(R)

Relating to the production, sale, and use of certain agricultural products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

**Companions:** HB 1674 Kerwin, Helen (F) (Identical)  
12-19-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 63, agriculture code, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and application of commercial fertilizers (including biosolids) that contain PFAs above levels outlined.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)



**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 971 Sparks, Kevin (F)(R) Relating to the definition of a rural political subdivision for purposes of the Texas Water Assistance Program.

**Companions:** HB 2302 Gerdes, Stan (Identical)  
1-31-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 15, water code, by repealing sec 15.001(14), as added by SB 469 (88th). There are currently two conflicting definitions of "Rural Political Subdivision". This bill would repeal the definition that says a municipality can still qualify as rural even if part of its service area is within an urban area of 50,000+ people.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 976 Eckhardt, Sarah(D) Relating to the establishment of an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction.

**Remarks:** Would establish a surface water and groundwater interaction advisory board. Board would consist of 12 members and submit a report on the determinations of the board by 2034, and an annual report on the progress of the study.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 1061 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.

**Companions:** HB 279 Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
11-12-24 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**A** SB 1145 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue permits for the land application of water produced from certain mining and oil and gas extraction operations.

**Companions:** HB 2584 Landgraf, Brooks (Identical)  
2- 7-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 26.131, water code, to allow TCEQ to issue permits for the land application of produced water that has been treated for beneficial use. TCEQ shall adopt standards.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**A** SB 1146 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the plugging or replugging of certain inactive wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**A** SB 1150 Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to the plugging of certain inactive wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** **HB 2766** Geren, Charlie (Identical)  
2-13-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**A** SB 1169 Hinojosa, Adam (F)(R) Relating to public utility agencies.

**Companions:** **HB 1407** Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
11-19-24 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1172 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to exempting certain transactions from regulation by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

**Companions:** **HB 2349** Darby, Drew (Identical)  
2- 3-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 1101.005, occupations code, by adding an exception to needing license real estate license to sale, lease, or transfer of a real property interest in water.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1211 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for certain tangible personal property used in hydraulic fracturing.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1226 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the creation of certain regional conservation and reclamation districts.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-11-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1261 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the financing of water supply projects included in the state water plan.

**Companions:** **HB 2815** Gerdes, Stan (Identical)  
2-13-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1268 Blanco, Cesar(D) Relating to the review and updating by the Texas Water Development Board of guidance principles and rules related to certain plans adopted or approved by the board.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1288 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the redesignation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas Advisory Committee as the Texas Water Fund Advisory Committee, the abolition of the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund.

**Companions:** **HB 3316** Harris, Cody (Identical)  
2-25-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1289 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the permissible uses of the Texas water fund.

**Companions:** **HB 3315** Harris, Cody (Identical)  
2-25-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 15.502(b), water code, by adding the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) to the list of funds eligible to receive transfers from the Texas Water Fund under TWDB's discretion.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1302 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to eligibility for a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1359 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the creation, powers, duties, and financing of the Wise Regional Water District.

**Companions:** **HB 3154** Hopper, Andy (F) (Identical)  
2-21-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-18-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1387 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the membership of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1399 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to fluid oil and gas waste and products and byproducts of that waste.

**Companions:** [HB 3156](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)  
2-21-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1413 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the procedure for amending or revoking certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to certain water utilities.

**Companions:** [HB 3322](#) Harris, Cody (Identical)  
2-25-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1446 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the discontinuation, reduction, or impairment of water service during drought conditions.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1453 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the current debt rate and tax rate of a taxing unit for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1532 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the information required to be posted by the Texas Water Development Board on the board's Internet website regarding the use of the state water implementation fund for Texas.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1623 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to dedication of certain water rights to the Texas Water Trust.

**Track Name(s):** Actionable Groundwater Bills, General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1624 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the purposes for which the Texas Water Bank and the Texas Water Trust may accept and hold water rights.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1625 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the reporting of certain security incidents by public water systems to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Department of Information Resources.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed

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**A** SB 1629 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the administration by the Texas Water Development Board of the Texas Water Bank.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed

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**A** SCR 13 Hinojosa, Adam (F)(R) Urging the U.S. Department of State and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission to take appropriate action to ensure that Mexico complies with the 1944 Treaty regarding shared water resources.

**Companions:** [HCR 77](#) Longoria, Oscar (Identical)  
2-19-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Total General Water (N) Bills: 67**

### Government Bills

**A** HB 165 Vasut, Cody(R) Relating to the elimination of ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the elimination of those taxes.

**Remarks:** Would eliminate ad valorem taxes and create a interim committee to study alternate methods of taxation to replace local tax revenue.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

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**A** HB 217 Harrison, Brian(R) Relating to the vote required in an election to approve an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds a taxing unit's voter-approval tax rate.

**Companions:** [HB 2221](#) Harrison, Brian (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend multiple sections of the tax code to increase the approval threshold for tax increases from 50% to 60%

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

**A** HB 309 Leo-Wilson, Terri(R) Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

**Companions:** **HB 1189** Troxclair, Ellen (Identical)  
11-12-24 H Filed  
**HB 1294** Patterson, Jared (Identical)  
11-13-24 H Filed  
**SB 239** Middleton, Mayes (Identical)  
2- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 556, government code, by adding sec. 556.0056 that would prohibit political subdivisions from spending public funds to hire a lobbyist or pay a nonprofit state association or organization that primarily represents political subdivisions and hires or contracts with a lobbyist.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

**A** HB 571 Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

**Companions:** **HB 671** Shaheen, Matt (Identical)  
11-12-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 556, government code, by adding sec. 556.0056 that would prohibit political subdivisions from spending public funds to hire a lobbyist or pay a nonprofit state association or organization that primarily represents political subdivisions and hires or contracts with a lobbyist.

Would not include a full-time employee of a nonprofit state association or organization from providing legislative services, communication directly with members of the legislature to provide information, or testifying before a legislative committee.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

**A** HB 638 Tepper, Carl(R) Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.

**Companions:** **SB 1339** Hancock, Kelly (Identical)  
2-18-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 551.128(b-1), government code, to include districts governed by Ch 36, 49, or 60 of the water code to the list of entities required to record board meetings in both video and audio formats and make those recordings accessible online.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

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**A** HB 671      Shaheen, Matt(R)      Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

**Companions:** HB 571      Cain, Briscoe      (Identical)  
11-12-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 556, government code, by adding sec. 556.0056 that would prohibit political subdivisions from spending public funds to hire a lobbyist or pay a nonprofit state association or organization that primarily represents political subdivisions and hires or contracts with a lobbyist.

Would not include a full-time employee of a nonprofit state association or organization from providing legislative services, communication directly with members of the legislature to provide information, or testifying before a legislative committee.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

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**A** HB 948      Harrison, Brian(R)      Relating to the required posting by governmental entities of employee contracts and compensation on entity Internet websites.

**Companions:** HB 3017      Harrison, Brian      (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would add Ch 621 to the government code, requiring all political subdivisions and state agencies to publish employee contracts and compensation on their websites, with penalties for noncompliance.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

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**A** HB 1028      Shaheen, Matt(R)      Relating to certain political subdivisions publishing required notices by alternative media.

**Companions:** SB 1508      Hagenbuch, Brent (F)      (Identical)  
2-20-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

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**A** HB 1080      Curry, Pat (F)(R)      Relating to the publication of required notice by a political subdivision by alternative media.

**Companions:** HB 622      Shaheen, Matt      (Refiled from 88R Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 2051, government code, to allow political subdivisions to use other types of media to meet publication requirements

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1424 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to the structuring of water rates by retail public utilities to promote water conservation.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 552, local government code, by adding sec. 552.9065 to allow a municipality to structure their rates for water service based on usage, including an excessive use fee for water customers whose water usage is greater than the water usage of a percentage of the municipality's other customers.

Would amend Ch 13, water code, to allow for similar rate structures for utilities and retail public utilities.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), Government Bills

**Bill History:** 11-20-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1514 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to issue debt to purchase or lease tangible personal property.

**Companions:** SB 393 Sparks, Kevin (F) (Identical)  
2- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 1253, government code, to prohibit a political subdivision from issuing a public security to purchase or lease tangible personal property if the expected useful life of the property ends before the maturity date of the public security. Would also prohibit a political subdivision from issuing general obligations bonds to purchase personal property.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 12-04-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1521 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to the implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives by certain governmental entities.

**Companions:** SB 689 Hughes, Bryan (Identical)  
2- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend Subtitle A, Title 6, of the government code by adding Ch 621, that would prohibit government entities from implementing DEI initiatives.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 12-04-24 H Filed

**A** HB 1522 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to notice of a meeting held under the open meetings law.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 551.043, government code, by requiring that notice of a meeting be posted at least 3 business days before the meeting date, replacing the current requirement of 72 hrs. Would also require that any notice of a meeting at which a government body will discuss or adopt a budget, must include a physical copy of the budget.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 12-04-24 H Filed



 HB 1674

Kerwin, Helen (F)(R)

Relating to the production, sale, and use of certain agricultural products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

**Companions:** SB 886 Sparks, Kevin (F) (Identical)  
2-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 63, agriculture code, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, and application of commercial fertilizers (including biosolids) that contain PFAs above levels outlined.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 12-19-24 H Filed

 HB 2005

Toth, Steve(R)

Relating to a limitation on the salary paid to officers and employees of this state and political subdivisions of this state.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 659 of the government code and Ch 180 of the local government code, by adding provisions that limit government employee salaries to no more than 150 percent of the Governor's salary.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 01-22-25 H Filed

 HB 2024

Turner, Chris(D)

Relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 42.101, local government code, by prohibiting areas from petitioning to remove themselves from a municipality's ETJ if the municipality has invested at least \$1 million in their development or if removing the area would render the remaining ETJ non-contiguous.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 01-22-25 H Filed

 HB 2028

Hickland, Hillary (F)(R)

Relating to the governmental bodies required to post on the Internet notices and agendas for meetings under the open meetings law.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 551.056, government code, by clarifying which government bodies or entities must post meeting notices and agendas and clarifies that the notices must be posted on the home page or landing page.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 01-23-25 H Filed

 HB 2059

Toth, Steve(R)

Relating to references to "taxpayer money" in state documents, publications, and notices.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch. 2051, government code, by adding subchapter G, requiring state agencies and officials to explicitly use the term "taxpayer money" in official documents when referring to fund derived from taxes.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed

 HB 2062

Holt, Janis (F)(R)

Relating to regulations and policies for entering or using certain private spaces.

**Remarks:** Would amend Subtitle Z, government code, by adding Ch 3001, requiring all private spaces owned and operated by political subdivisions and state agencies be designated for and used only by persons based on the person's biological sex.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed

 HB 2269

Isaac, Carrie(R)

Relating to a property owners' association's authority to require installation or maintenance of grass or turf landscaping.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 202.007(a), property code, to prohibit a property owners association from enforce a provision requiring a property owner to plant or maintain living grass or turf.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 01-30-25 H Filed

 HB 2326

Hopper, Andy (F)(R)

Relating to requiring the board members of the Texas Water Development Board to be elected by the qualified voters at a general election instead of appointed by the governor.

**Remarks:** This bill proposes expanding the TWDB from three to sixteen members. Under the proposed structure, each member would be elected from one of the sixteen regional water planning areas.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed

 HB 2330

Hopper, Andy (F)(R)

Relating to creating a civil cause of action against a governmental entity for a violation of the public information law.

**Remarks:** Would amend Subchapter H, Ch 552, government code, by adding Section 552.328, which establishes a civil cause of action for requestors whose public information requests are unlawfully denied by a governmental body. Requestors that prevail are entitled to exemplary damages (not to exceed \$200K per violation) and attorney's fees and court costs.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed

 HB 2346

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by a county.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 562, local government code, by adding subchapter C, granting counties the authority to adopt water conservation programs. The bill includes a carveout for agricultural operations.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed**A** HB 2347

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by certain counties.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 562, local government code, by adding subchapter C, granting counties that contain, wholly or partly, a PGMA, the authority to adopt water conservation standards for any development. The bill includes a carveout for agricultural operations.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed**A** HB 2384

Guillen, Ryan(R)

Relating to county regulation of subdivisions and approval of subdivision plans or plats.

**Companions:** SB 325 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
2- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 232.0015, local government code, to clarify that to qualify for an exemption from county platting requirements in certain circumstances, the owner cannot lay out one or more streets, alleys, squares, parks, or other parts of the tract intended for the use of purchasers or owners of lots fronting on or adjacent to the streets, alleys, squares, parks, or other parts.

Would also amend sec. 35.019(a), water code, to clarify a potential contradiction in law authorizing a county in a priority groundwater management area to adopt a water availability requirements.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills**Bill History:** 02-04-25 H Filed**A** HB 2388

Kerwin, Helen (F)(R)

Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.

**Companions:** SB 933 Middleton, Mayes (F) (Refiled from 88R Session)  
SB 758 Middleton, Mayes (Identical)  
2- 7-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** Would add "a nonprofit state association or organization primarily composed of similarly situated political subdivisions" to definition of "governmental body" for purposes of public information law

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills**Bill History:** 02-04-25 H Filed**A** HB 2520

Johnson, Ann(D)

Relating to the open meetings law.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 551.041, government code, to require the any meeting notice to include a detailed agenda. notice must also describe any subject to be considered in the closed portion of the meeting

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-06-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2736

Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to an election authorizing the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political subdivision.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 2 and Ch 41, election code, to require a supermajority (2/3) approval by voters to authorize the issuance of a bond or increase in taxes.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-12-25 H Filed

**A** HB 2827

Paul, Dennis(R)

Relating to the renewal of an engineering license or registration.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 1001.351(a), occupations code, to require the texas board of professional engineers to adopt rules that provide for a minimum two year license

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3055

Virdell, Wes (F)(R)

Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to acquire real property.

**Remarks:** Would amend Subchapter Z, Ch 271, local government code, to prohibit a political subdivision from acquiring real property outside the boundaries of the political subdivision.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3097

Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to change the date of their general elections.

**Companions:** [SB 1494](#) Johnson, Nathan (Identical)  
2-20-25 S Filed

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3146

Bumgarner, Ben(R)

Relating to certain hearings conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed

**A** HB 3257

Olcott, Mike (F)(R)

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

**Companions:** **SB 19** Middleton, Mayes (Identical)  
2-27-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE  
CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 H Filed

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**A** SB 19

Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

**Companions:** **HB 3257** Olcott, Mike (F) (Identical)  
2-24-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-27-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER -  
Senate State Affairs

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**A** SB 100

Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the issuance of a license by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to certain out-of-state applicants.

**Companions:** **SB 1200** Hall, Bob (Refiled from 88R  
Session)

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 15, occupations code, by adding sec. 51.4043,  
that would require TDLR to issue licenses to out-of-state  
applicants if the applicant meets the requirements listed.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate  
Business and Commerce

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**A** SB 325

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to county regulation of subdivisions and approval of subdivision plans or plats.

**Companions:** **HB 2384** Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
2- 4-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 232.0015, local government code, to clarify  
that to qualify for an exemption from county platting  
requirements in certain circumstances, the owner cannot lay out  
one or more streets, alleys, squares, parks, or other parts of the  
tract intended for the use of purchasers or owners of lots  
fronting on or adjacent to the streets, alleys, squares, parks, or  
other parts.

Would also amend sec. 35.019(a), water code, to clarify a  
potential contradiction in law authorizing a county in a priority  
groundwater management area to adopt a water availability  
requirements.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate  
Local Government

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A SB 480

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities to participate in water research or planning activities.

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter C, Ch 791, government code, by adding sec. 791.038 that would allow a local government to contract with another local government, the state, or the federal government to jointly participate in research or planning activities related to water resources.

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), Government Bills

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

A SB 533

Sparks, Kevin (F)(R)

Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds or a tax increase.

**Companions:**

SB 946	Sparks, Kevin (F)	(Refiled from 88R Session)
HB 1519	Schofield, Mike	(Identical)
	12- 4-24 H Filed	

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 41, election code, to require any election to issue bonds or increase taxes to occur on the November uniform election date.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

A SB 542

Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to assess a fine for discolored vegetation or turf during a period of residential watering restriction.

**Companions:**

HB 359	Goodwin, Vikki	(Identical)
	11-12-24 H Filed	
HB 517	Harris Davila, Caroline	(Identical)
	11-12-24 H Filed	

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 202, property code, by adding sec 202.008 that would prohibit a HOA from assessing a fine against a property owner for not watering their lawn during a period when the property is subject to a residential watering restriction.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

A SB 565

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to a compliance agreement for the suspension of an enforcement action against a regional water supply, sewer, wastewater treatment, or solid waste disposal service for certain violations.

**Companions:**

HB 2568	Harris Davila, Caroline	(Identical)
	2- 7-25 H Filed	

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 7.0026(b) and (c), water code, by clarifying that the municipal or county-operated services can be integrated

into a regional service administered by "another entity, including a retail public utility."

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**A** SB 716 Sparks, Kevin (F)(R) Relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain out-of-state applicants.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 758 Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.

**Companions:**

SB 933	Middleton, Mayes (F)	(Refiled from 88R Session)
HB 2388	Kerwin, Helen (F)	(Identical)
	2- 4-25 H Filed	

**Remarks:** Would amend section 552.003(1), government code, by adding "a nonprofit state association or organization primarily composed of similarly situated political subdivisions" to the definition of "governmental body" for purposes of public information law

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 919 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 552.221, government code, to establish clear procedures a government body must follow in response to a request for public information, including notifying the requestor in writing within 10 days if no information is available or if the information is being withheld and reasons why. Also established procedures for filing complaints with the AG if a government body fails to respond to a requestor.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 1062 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of public notices.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**A** SB 1130 Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to an alternative dispute resolution procedure regarding certain matters under the public information law.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 1154 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to a prohibition on weather and climate modification activities by a governmental entity.

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter A, Chapter 301, agriculture code, by prohibiting a government entity from engaging in weather modification and control.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-06-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1253 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to provide credits against impact fees to builders and developers for certain water conservation and reuse projects.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-12-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1261 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the financing of water supply projects included in the state water plan.

**Companions:** **HB 2815** Gerdes, Stan (Identical)  
2-13-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** General Water (N), Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1291 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the authority of certain persons to bring an action for declaratory judgment under the open meetings law or public information law regarding compliance or action by a governmental body.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1295 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to open meetings and public information training for certain public officials and attorneys regarding the open meetings and public information laws.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 551.005, government code, by requiring attorneys aiding public officials or governmental bodies to complete specific training related to their responsibilities under this chapter.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed

**A** SB 1299 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the prohibited release by a public agency of personal affiliation information regarding the members, supporters, or volunteers of or donors to certain nonprofit organizations.




**Companions:** [HB 2892](#) Hernandez, Ana (Identical)  
2-14-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed

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 [SB 1339](#) [Hancock, Kelly\(R\)](#) Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.


**Companions:** [HB 638](#) Tepper, Carl (Identical)  
11-12-24 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 551.128(b-1), government code, to include districts governed by Ch 36, 49, or 60 of the water code to the list of entities required to record board meetings in both video and audio formats and make those recordings accessible online.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-18-25 S Filed

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 [SB 1494](#) [Johnson, Nathan\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to change the date of their general elections.

**Companions:** [HB 3097](#) Anchia, Rafael (Identical)  
2-20-25 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 S Filed

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 [SB 1508](#) [Hagenbuch, Brent \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to certain political subdivisions publishing required notices by alternative media.

**Companions:** [HB 1028](#) Shaheen, Matt (Identical)  
11-12-24 H Filed

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 S Filed


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 [SB 1509](#) [Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate within its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 S Filed

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 [SB 1585](#) [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to a prohibition on governmental contracts with companies of foreign adversaries for certain information and communications technology.

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Filed

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