



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.

Refile from 88th.

Track Name(s): Actionable Groundwater Bills

Bill History: 11-12-24 H Filed

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 would 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

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 of each county within the district, each district that is adjacent to the district considering the application, and the commissioners courts in those districts. The notice must also be posted in a newspaper of general circulation within the district and the adjacent 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 correcting the section where "Affected Person" is defined.

Cleanup bill.

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 would 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.

Remarks: Would amend sec 15.7031(c), water code, by explicitly allowing groundwater rights to be placed into the Texas Water Trust. Additionally, it would require that any groundwater rights submitted to the Trust undergo review and approval by the appropriate GCD before being accepted.

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.

Companions: **SB 1720** Eckhardt, Sarah (Identical)
2-27-25 S Filed

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

 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


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

Companions: SB 1194 Flores, Pete (Identical)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on
Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

 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

 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.

Remarks: Would amend sec 8849.053, special district local laws code, by changing the process for filling board vacancies. Currently, vacancies are filled through appointment by the board itself. This amendment would shift that authority to the appropriate county judge.

Track Name(s): GCD Local Bills

Bill History: 02-25-25 H Filed

A HB 3433 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to fees assessed by the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.

Companions: SB 1611 Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)
2-25-25 S Filed

Remarks: Would amend sec 8849.151, special district. local laws code, by replacing the term "regulatory pumping" with "production" throughout the section. new language also specifies that the

district may assess production fees under Section 36.205(c) and export fees under Section 36.122.

Track Name(s): GCD Local Bills

Bill History: 02-26-25 H Filed

A HB 3525

Spiller, David(R)

Relating to permit considerations for the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

Remarks: Would amend subchapter C, Ch 8856, special district local laws code, by requiring the NTGCD to consider whether the proposed use of water from a well is wholly or partly to provide water to a pond or lake to enhance the appearance of the landscape, when considering a permit or permit amendment.

Track Name(s): GCD Local Bills

Bill History: 02-28-25 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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

A SB 1611 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to fees assessed by the Lost Pines Groundwater Conservation District.

Companions: HB 3433 Gerdes, Stan (Identical)
2-26-25 H Filed

Remarks: Would amend sec 8849.151, special district. local laws code, by replacing the term "regulatory pumping" with "production" throughout the section. new language also specifies that the district may assess production fees under Section 36.205(c) and export fees under Section 36.122.

Track Name(s): GCD Local Bills

Bill History: 02-25-25 S Filed

A SB 1720 Eckhardt, Sarah(D) Relating to production fees imposed by the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District.

Companions: HB 1529 Goodwin, Vikki (Identical)
12- 5-24 H Filed

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: 02-27-25 S Filed

Total GCD Local Bills Bills: 18

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: 02-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources


 [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: 02-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 [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: 02-28-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 [HB 1238](#) Guillen, Ryan(R) Relating to the inspection of the location of a proposed Class I injection well.

Companions: [HB 4120](#) Guillen, Ryan (Refiled from 88R Session)
[SB 1060](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)
 2-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

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

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 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

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

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

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 Voted favorably from committee on 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

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)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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)
3- 5-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012, 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)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

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

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

Companions: [SB 1289](#) [Perry, Charles](#) (Identical)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

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)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-25-25 H Filed

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

A [HB 3363](#) Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the creation of certain regional conservation and reclamation districts.

Companions: [SB 1226](#) Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-26-25 H Filed

A [HB 3467](#) Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to the disclosure by a seller of certain real property to the purchaser of the property of information regarding the process for obtaining a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-27-25 H Filed

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.

Companions: [HB 2326](#) Hopper, Andy (F) (Enabling)
2- 3-25 H Filed

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-03-25 H Filed

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 perfluoralkyl and polyfluoralkyl 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 Voted favorably from committee on 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)
2-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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: 03-05-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - 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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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

Companions: HB 3363 Canales, Terry (Identical)
2-26-25 H Filed

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remarks: Would amend sec 15.7031(c), water code, by explicitly allowing groundwater rights to be placed into the Texas Water Trust. Additionally, it would require that any groundwater rights submitted to the Trust undergo review and approval by the appropriate GCD before being accepted.

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

Bill History: 02-25-25 S Filed

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

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

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

A SB 1662 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to notice provided to certain public drinking water supply systems before water quality testing.

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-26-25 S Filed

A SB 1663 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-26-25 S Filed

A SB 1762 Blanco, Cesar(D) Relating to geothermal energy conservation wells.

Track Name(s): General Water (N)

Bill History: 02-28-25 S Filed

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: 72

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: 02-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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: 02-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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: 02-28-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

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

 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)
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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

 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

 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

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

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

A 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

A 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

A 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

A 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

A 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

A 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

A 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

A 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.

Companions: [HJR 129](#) [Hopper, Andy \(F\)](#) (Enabling)
2- 3-25 H Filed

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

A 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

A 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)
3- 3-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

Track Name(s): Government Bills

Bill History: 02-24-25 H Filed

A HB 3383 [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) 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.

Companions: [SB 480](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)
3- 3-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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): Government Bills

Bill History: 02-26-25 H Filed

A HB 3512 [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to artificial intelligence training programs for certain employees and officials of state agencies and local governments.

Track Name(s): Government Bills

Bill History: 02-28-25 H Filed

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: 03-03-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

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

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

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.

Companions: HB 3383 Canales, Terry (Identical)
2-26-25 H Filed

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): Government Bills

Bill History: 03-03-25 S Voted favorably from committee on 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)
 2-28-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Trade, Workforce, Economic Development
 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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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: 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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)

Track Name(s): Government Bills**Bill History:** 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce**A** 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:** 02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government**A** 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**A** 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**A** 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**A** 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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