



## Bill Status Report

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### Actionable Groundwater Bills

**A** HB 16

Harris, Cody(R)

Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.

**Remarks:** Key Provisions: Expanded Use of Funds: Financial assistance can now be directed toward potable water reuse projects, reservoir development, and infrastructure for transporting or integrating water into supply systems broadening the scope of eligible projects.

Water Access Assessment: Establishes a recurring water access assessment, to be conducted at least once every 10 years. This system will identify utilities at risk of failure based on key indicators such as availability, quality, affordability, and system capacity.

Reporting Requirements: The TWDB will be required to submit a report to each Legislature, detailing how funds are allocated and highlighting progress on water projects, especially those targeting at-risk or failing utilities.

Public Information Tool: Requires the creation of a public-facing tool to provide real-time updates on the status of water supply projects and the condition of distressed utilities.

Transfers: Authorizes transfers from Texas Water Fund to Agricultural Water Conservation, Economically Distressed Areas Program, and water access assessment funds.

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

**Bill History:** 03-07-25 H Filed  
03-07-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

**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)  
2-28-25 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, 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):** Actionable Groundwater Bills (Neutral)

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed  
03-04-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-12-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-12-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-12-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

 **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 Ch. 36.066(g) and (h) to provide that any prevailing party shall be awarded attorney's fees; would apply only to suits filed after effective date of bill

Refile HB 2119 (88th).

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

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed  
03-07-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 **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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 11-19-24 H Filed  
03-11-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-19-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-19-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
03-19-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources  
03-25-25 H Reported favorably from committee on House Natural Resources  
04-09-25 H Set on the House Calendar

**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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 12-16-24 H Filed  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

**A** 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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 12-20-24 H Filed  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

**A** 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 (Neutral)

**Bill History:** 12-20-24 H Filed  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources

03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources

03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

04-02-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

**A** 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 (Neutral)

**Bill History:** 01-23-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans

**A** HB 2078 Gerdes, Stan(R) Relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas.

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec. 36.1071(e), water code, by adding a requirement that districts include in their management plans an explanation in plain language of how the district is monitoring and tracking the DFCs AND how the district has performed in achieving the DFC over the preceding 5-year planning period.

Section 2. Would amend sec. 36.108, water code, by adding language that requires district representatives to review management plans of each district at least once every five years including how each district is achieving its DFC.

Also requires an explanation in plain language of why a DFC adopted for an aquifer was changed from the one adopted for the aquifer of the preceding 5-year planning period.

Also requires interim values for the adopted DFCs for time periods not to exceed 10 years solely to assist the district in monitoring interim progress.

Refile of CSHB 4891 (Rogers) from 88th.

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

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** 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 clarify the advisory role of the panel and is not a governmental body; Would add (d-2) to provide for reimbursement of actual expenses for those serving on a panel; Would add (d-3) that records of proceedings are to be turned over to ED subject to public information act; Would add (e-1) that ED of TCEQ shall provide notice of public meetings/hearings; Would add (e-2) that TCEQ or panel can request technical assistance of TWDB, with an associated

extension of the deadline; Would add (e-3) 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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 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 (Oppose)

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 HB 3609

Barry, Jeffrey (F)(R)

Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec. 36.1071, water code, by amending subsection (b) clarifying that a district must develop its management plan using the most recently approved DFC and MAG, corresponding to the most recently approved DFC.

Adds (b-1), that requires a district to amend its management plan within 2 years of adopting a DFC.

Adds (b-2), that clarifies that if a DFC is challenged or found to be unreasonable, the EA will consider a management plan to be administratively complete if the district includes the most recently approved DFC, the MAG corresponding to that DFC, and a statement of the status of the petition.

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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

**A** **HB 4111** **Guillen, Ryan(R)** Relating to representatives on groundwater management areas.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.108, water code, by adding "where a county does not have a district, any person appointed by the county commissioners" to the definition of "District Representative".

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

**Bill History:** 03-07-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** **HB 4138** **Bell, Cecil(R)** Relating to the expiration date of certain permits issued by groundwater conservation districts.

**Companions:** **SB 2832** Hancock, Kelly (Identical)  
3-14-25 S Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter D, Ch 36, by adding section 36.1141, requiring a district delay the expiration of any permit if the permit holder is a party to litigation concerning the permit. Also specifies how long the district delay the permit.

The section does not apply to permit holders who initiate the litigation, are delinquent in paying a required fee, is subject to a pending enforcement action, or has not paid a civil penalty or has otherwise failed to comply with an order.

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** **HB 4526** **Martinez, Armando(D)** Relating to the establishment of a grant program by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to plug abandoned and deteriorating water wells.

**Companions:** **SB 2506** Hinojosa, Adam (F) (Identical)  
4- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 28, water code, by establishing an ABW Plugging Fund and grant program within TDLR. The program would allow both GCDs and landowners outside of a GCD to apply for reimbursement of up to 50% of the costs associated with plugging an abandoned well. TDLR would have the authority to adopt rules necessary for administering the program.

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

**Bill History:** 03-12-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** **HB 4530** **Romero, Ramon(D)** Relating to the dedication and management of water rights placed in the Texas Water Trust.

**Remarks:** Section 2 only. Would require the TWDB to provide notice to the GCD if any groundwater, within that district, was dedicated to

the Texas Water Trust.

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

**Bill History:** 03-12-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 4630

Kitzman, Stan(R)

Relating to the regulation of artesian water wells by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Remarks:** Section 2. Would clarify that section F, Ch 11, water code, only applies to artesian wells outside the boundaries of a GCD.

Section 3. Repeals several outdated sections pertaining to the reporting and logging of artesian wells.

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

**Bill History:** 03-12-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 4772

Olcott, Mike (F)(R)

Relating to exemptions from the requirement to obtain a permit from a groundwater conservation district for certain groundwater wells.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.117(b), water code, by increasing the acreage requirement for exempting a domestic or livestock well from 10 acres to 100 acres. Additionally, it would establish a new exemption for any well located on parcels smaller than 100 acres, provided they do not produce more than 10,000 gallons per day.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 4896

Garcia, Josey(D)

Relating to rules and reports related to brackish groundwater production zones.

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec. 16.060(b), water code, by removing the current provision that excludes an area of a geologic statrum that is used for wastewater injection from being designated as a brackish groundwater production zone.

Section 2. Would amend sec. 36.1015(e), water code, by changing the reporting requirements for permit holders from monthly to annual. Would also amend sec 36.1015(i), water code, to allow for districts to schedule a hearing on an application before the district receives a report from the board described in sec 36.1015(h)

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources



 HB 5188

Lopez, Janie(R)

Relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from a groundwater conservation district for certain brackish groundwater wells.

**Companions:** SB 2658 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
4- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.117(b), by establishing a new exemption for wells producing water from a designated Brackish Groundwater Production Zone. To qualify for the exemption, the operator must provide documentation from a licensed WWD or qualified third party demonstrating that the water has an "average" TDS concentration exceeding 3,000 mg/L.

Would amend sec 36.117(d), by adding a provision allowing a district to cancel the exemption and require a permit if the well is no longer withdrawing water from a BGPZ or the TDS concentration falls below 3,000 mg/L TDS.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

 HB 5213

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to groundwater requirements for municipal and county approval of subdivision plats and the powers and duties of groundwater conservation districts.

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend section 212.0101, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e). subsection (a) is amended by requiring GACs to include estimates of drawdown associated with the subdivision relative to the MAG and "modeled sustainable groundwater". GAC must also include cumulative impacts of any existing or planned wells and projected future pumping from area wells. New subsection (d) requires the GAC be sent to the GCD. New subsection (e) allows a GCD to contest the plat application if they provide information to the municipality challenging the findings of the GAC.



Section 2. Would amend section 232.0032, Local Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d) and (e). subsection (a) is amended by requiring GACs to include estimates of drawdown associated with the subdivision relative to the MAG and "modeled sustainable groundwater". GAC must also include cumulative impacts of any existing or planned wells and projected future pumping from area wells. New subsection (d) requires the GAC be sent to the GCD. New subsection (e) allows a GCD to contest the plat application if they provide information to the county challenging the findings of the GAC.

Section 3. Would amend section 36.001, water code, by adding definitions of "modeled sustained groundwater" and "TERS"

Section 4. Would amend section 36.108(d), water code, by adding "modeled sustainable groundwater" to the hydrological conditions of the nine factors. would also add an analysis "of any indirect economic value reasonably expected to be derived from the preservation of GW resources through sustainable management practices" to socioeconomic impacts cons

Section 5. Would amend section 36.109, water code, by allowing GCDs to coordinate with any entity to collect information on groundwater/surface water interactions for the purposes of planning.

Section 6. Would amend section 36.1132(b), water code, by requiring districts to consider modeled sustainable groundwater when considering a permit

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

 HB 5325

Isaac, Carrie(R)

Relating to requirements that certain plats for the subdivision of land include evidence of groundwater supply.

**Companions:** [SB 1855](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs


**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec 212.0101, local government code, by requiring TCEQ to define credible evidence for the purposes of the waiver. Would also require municipalities to disapprove a plat application if 1) the application fails to comply with the requirements of the certification, or 2) if the municipality determines that the application fails to demonstrate adequate groundwater is available for the subdivision.

Section 2. Would amend sec 232.0032, local government code, by requiring TCEQ to define credible evidence for the purposes of the waiver. Would also require counties to disapprove a plat application if 1) the application fails to comply with the requirements of the application, or 2) if the county determines that the application fails to demonstrate adequate groundwater is available for the subdivision.

Section 3. Would amend sec 35.019, local government code, by requiring counties in a PGMA to disapprove a plat application, if 1) the application fails to comply with the water availability requirements adopted by the county, or 2) the county determines that the applicant failed to show that adequate water exists for the area proposed to be platted.

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


**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

 **HB 5365**      **Munoz, Sergio(D)**      Relating to groundwater production restrictions imposed by certain conservation and reclamation districts for wells used wholly or partly for cemetery irrigation.

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 714, health and safety code, by adding sec 714.005 that would prohibit a district from restricting groundwater production from a well used wholly or partly to irrigate a cemetery, 1) during drought conditions to an amount less than 80% of the amount allowed during non-drought conditions, and 2) based on the availability of surface water or another source of water. Would also prohibit a district from assessing a fee or other charge instead of limiting groundwater production for cemetery irrigation.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

 **HB 5559**      **Harris, Cody(R)**      Relating to the enforcement of drought contingency plans by water and sewer utilities and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** **SB 2662** Perry, Charles (Identical)  
4- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec. 13.041(a), water code, to expand the PUC's regulatory authority by explicitly including water and sewer utility tariffs in the list of items the PUC can regulate and supervise.

Section 2. Would amend sec. 13.042(a), water code, by adding tariffs to the list of elements over which the governing body of each municipality has exclusive original jurisdiction concerning water and sewer utilities.

Section 3. Would amend sec. 13.136(a), water code, by requiring utilities to include their drought contingency plans (DCPs) in the tariffs filed with regulatory authorities.

Section 4. Would amend sec. 13.250(b) and (d), water code, by allowing utilities to discontinue, reduce, or impair service for noncompliance with a DCP.

Section 5. Would amend sec. 11.1272, water code, amending subsections (c), (d), and (e) and adding subsection (c-1). Subsection 11.1272(c) is amended by requiring DCPs to include procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions, including fines, water rate surcharges, restriction of service, discontinuation of service, or any other penalty. Subsection 11.1272(c-1) is added requiring the entities preparing DCPs to establish the targets and enforcement procedures describes in 11.1272(c). Subsection 11.1272(d) is amended by adding the PUC to the list of agencies who must identify quantified target goals for DCPs. Subsection 11.1272(e) is amended by adding the PUC to the list of agencies who must develop model DCPs. also specifies that the model DCPs must be updated at least once every 5 years.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** **HB 5560**      **Harris, Cody(R)**      Relating to penalties in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.

**Companions:** **SB 2661** Perry, Charles      (Identical)  
4- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.102, water code, by raising the civil penalty a district can recover from 10k/day to 25k/day per violation. Would also allow the court to assess a penalty greater than 25k/day if the court determines that the person gained an economic benefit as a result of the violation.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** **HJR 7**      **Harris, Cody(R)**      Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund.

**Remarks:** Creates a dedicated revenue stream for the Texas Water Fund, capped at \$1 billion per year.

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-07-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-19-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-19-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
03-19-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Reported favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

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**A** **SB 7**      **Perry, Charles(R)**      Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.

**Remarks:** Key Provisions: Creation of the New Water Supply for Texas Fund: Establishes a dedicated fund to provide financial assistance for various water supply projects, including reservoir development that meets specific federal permitting requirements.

Restrictions on Groundwater Transport: Introduces limitations on the construction of water transport infrastructure intended to move groundwater with TDS <3,000 mg/l.

Advisory Committee Enhancements: Expands the Texas Water Fund Advisory Committee from seven to eight members, adding a nonvoting representative from the Texas Division of Emergency Management to improve coordination during droughts and other emergencies.

Biennial Reporting Requirements: Requires the TTWDB to submit a report to every Legislature, detailing fund distributions, infrastructure commitments, and progress toward addressing water supply challenges.

Administrative Funding Cap: Allows for up to 2% of fund resources to be used for administrative and operational expenses, including costs associated with the newly established office.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
 03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-27-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-31-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 04-01-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-02-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-02-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 2:06pm  
 04-02-25 S Committee substitute adopted  
 04-02-25 S 5 Floor amendment(s) adopted  
 04-02-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)  
 04-03-25 H Received in the House

**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)  
 4- 2-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

**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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 12-16-24 S Filed  
 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)  
4- 9-25 H Set on the House Calendar

**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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 01-06-25 S Filed  
02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 [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)  
3-12-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 551.128(b-1), government code, to include districts governed by Ch 36, 49, or 60, 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):** Actionable Groundwater Bills (Neutral)

**Bill History:** 02-18-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

 [SB 1583](#) [Blanco, Cesar\(D\)](#) Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec 36.1071, 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), 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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 S Filed  
03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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 (Support)

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 S Filed  
03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-03-25 S Removed from hearing 04/07/25 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 1855

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to requirements that certain plats for the subdivision of land include evidence of groundwater supply.

**Companions:** **HB 5325** Isaac, Carrie (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec 212.0101, local government code, by requiring TCEQ to define credible evidence for the purposes of the waiver. Would also require municipalities to disapprove a plat application if 1) the application fails to comply with the requirements of the certification, or 2) if the municipality determines that the application fails to demonstrate adequate groundwater is available for the subdivision.

Section 2. Would amend sec 232.0032, local government code, by requiring TCEQ to define credible evidence for the purposes of the waiver. Would also require counties to disapprove a plat application if 1) the application fails to comply with the requirements of the application, or 2) if the county determines that the application fails to demonstrate adequate groundwater is available for the subdivision.

Section 3. Would amend sec 35.019, local government code, by requiring counties in a PGMA to disapprove a plat application, if 1) the application fails to comply with the water availability requirements adopted by the county, or 2) the county determines that the applicant failed to show that adequate water exists for the area proposed to be platted.

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

**Bill History:** 03-04-25 S Filed  
03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2498

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the participation of certain counties in joint planning in groundwater management areas.

**Remarks:** Would amend Subchapter D, Ch 36, by adding section 36.1087, that would allow a county in a GMA without a GCD to appoint a representative to participate in the joint planning process. The representative would be entitle to participate in the same manner as a district representative. TCEQ and TWDB would be required to provide technical assistance to the county representative as necessary.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2500

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to a requirement to report to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation an abandoned or deteriorated water well identified during an inspection of an on-site sewage disposal system.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec. 366.055, health and safety code, by requiring septic inspectors to report ABWs to TDLR if one was identified during a septic inspection.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2506

Hinojosa, Adam (F)(R)

Relating to the establishment of a grant program by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to plug abandoned and deteriorating water wells.

**Companions:** **HB 4526** Martinez, Armando (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 28, water code, by establishing an ABW Plugging Fund and grant program within TDLR. The program would allow both GCDs and landowners outside of a GCD to apply for reimbursement of up to 50% of the costs associated with plugging an abandoned well. TDLR would have the authority to adopt rules necessary for administering the program.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 2658

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from a groundwater conservation district for certain brackish groundwater wells.

**Companions:** **HB 5188** Lopez, Janie (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.117(b), by establishing a new exemption for wells producing water from a designated Brackish



Groundwater Production Zone. To qualify for the exemption, the operator must provide documentation from a licensed WWD or qualified third party demonstrating that the water has an "average" TDS concentration exceeding 3,000 mg/L.

Would amend sec 36.117(d), by adding a provision allowing a district to cancel the exemption and require a permit if the well is no longer withdrawing water from a BGPZ or the TDS concentration falls below 3,000 mg/L TDS.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 SB 2661

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to penalties in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.

**Companions:** [HB 5560](#) Harris, Cody (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 36.102, water code, by raising the civil penalty a district can recover from 10k/day to 25k/day per violation. Would also allow the court to assess a penalty greater than 25k/day if the court determines that the person gained an economic benefit as a result of the violation.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 SB 2662

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to the enforcement of drought contingency plans by water and sewer utilities and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** [HB 5559](#) Harris, Cody (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

**Remarks:** Section 1. Would amend sec. 13.041(a), water code, to expand the PUC's regulatory authority by explicitly including water and sewer utility tariffs in the list of items the PUC can regulate and supervise.

Section 2. Would amend sec. 13.042(a), water code, by adding tariffs to the list of elements over which the governing body of each municipality has exclusive original jurisdiction concerning water and sewer utilities.

Section 3. Would amend sec. 13.136(a), water code, by requiring utilities to include their drought contingency plans (DCPs) in the tariffs filed with regulatory authorities.

Section 4. Would amend sec. 13.250(b) and (d), water code, by allowing utilities to discontinue, reduce, or impair service for noncompliance with a DCP.

Section 5. Would amend sec. 11.1272, water code, amending subsections (c), (d), and (e) and adding subsection (c-1). Subsection 11.1272(c) is amended by requiring DCPs to include procedures for the enforcement of mandatory water use

restrictions, including fines, water rate surcharges, restriction of service, discontinuation of service, or any other penalty. Subsection 11.1272(c-1) is added requiring the entities preparing DCPs to establish the targets and enforcement procedures describes in 11.1272(c). Subsection 11.1272(d) is amended by adding the PUC to the list of agencies who must identify quantified target goals for DCPs. Subsection 11.1272(e) is amended by adding the PUC to the list of agencies who must develop model DCPs. also specifies that the model DCPs must be updated at least once every 5 years.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 SB 2832

Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the expiration date of certain permits issued by groundwater conservation districts.

**Companions:** [HB 4138](#) Bell, Cecil (Identical)  
3-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend subchapter D, Ch 36, by adding section 36.1141, requiring a district delay the expiration of any permit if the permit holder is a party to litigation concerning the permit. Also specifies how long the district delay the permit.

The section does not apply to permit holders who initiate the litigation, are delinquent in paying a required fee, is subject to a pending enforcement action, or has not paid a civil penalty or has otherwise failed to comply with an order.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 S Filed

 SJR 66

Perry, Charles(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes and insurance premium taxes to the Texas water fund.

**Remarks:** Would dedicate up to \$1 billion annually for water infrastructure projects.

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 S Filed  
03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Total Actionable Groundwater Bills Bills: 41**

#### GCD Local Bills

 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  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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)  
3-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Companions:** **HB 5385** Wilson, Terry (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed  
**SB 616** Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
3-13-25 H Received in the House

**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  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources


**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  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 **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):** GCD Local Bills

**Bill History:** 01-24-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources


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

**Companions:** **SB 1194** Flores, Pete (Identical)  
3-31-25 H Received in the House

**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  
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

 **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  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 **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  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** [HB 2817](#) [Isaac, Carrie\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** [SB 863](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, 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  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Companions:** [SB 1611](#) Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)

3-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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  
03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

**A** HB 3525

Spiller, David(R)

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

**Companions:** **SB 1959** Hagenbuch, Brent (F) (Identical)  
3-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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  
03-24-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

**A** HB 3818

Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to the extension of groundwater reduction target years established by the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 H Filed  
03-26-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

**A** HB 4158

Louderback, AJ (F)(R)

Relating to the compensation of the directors of the Texana Groundwater Conservation District.

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 H Filed  
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

**A** HB 4460

Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the projects eligible for financial assistance from the flood infrastructure fund.

**Companions:** **HB 3915** Martinez, Armando (Identical)  
3-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Natural Resources  
**SB 1967** Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate  
Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 03-11-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** [HB 4637](#) [Troclair, Ellen\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate subdivision platting in regard to the use of groundwater.

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

**Bill History:** 03-12-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**A** [HB 4931](#) [Virdell, Wes \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** [SB 2159](#) Flores, Pete (Identical)  
3-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** [HB 5320](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the combination of the Starr County Drainage and Groundwater conservation districts.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

**A** [HB 5385](#) [Wilson, Terry\(R\)](#) Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** [HB 1618](#) Harris Davila, Caroline (Identical)  
4- 2-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
[SB 616](#) Schwertner, Charles (Identical)  
3-13-25 H Received in the House

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 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)  
4- 2-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
[HB 5385](#) Wilson, Terry (Identical)  
3-14-25 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:** 12-13-24 S Filed  
 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 02-24-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 02-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 02-24-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 02-25-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 02-25-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 03-11-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-12-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-12-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 11:45am  
  
 03-12-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)  
 03-13-25 H Received in the House

 SB 863

Perry, Charles(R)

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

**Companions:** [HB 2817](#) Isaac, Carrie (Identical)  
 3-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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:** 01-22-25 S Filed  
 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 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:** 02-03-25 S Filed  
 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 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)  
4- 2-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

**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  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
03-20-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-24-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-26-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-27-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 12:19pm  
  
03-27-25 S Committee substitute adopted  
03-27-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 27/N: 3)  
03-31-25 H Received in the House


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

**Companions:** [HB 3433](#) Gerdes, Stan (Identical)  
3-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Companions:** [HB 1529](#) Goodwin, Vikki (Identical)  
3-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 1959 Hagenbuch, Brent (F)(R) Relating to permit considerations for the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District.

**Companions:** HB 3525 Spiller, David (Identical)  
3-24-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 S Filed  
03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2159 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** HB 4931 Virdell, Wes (F) (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 S Filed  
03-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2660 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Total GCD Local Bills Bills: 29**

### General Water (N)

**A** HB 49 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to fluid oil and gas waste and products and byproducts of that waste.

**Companions:** HB 3156 Darby, Drew (Identical)  
3-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources  
SB 1399 Perry, Charles (Identical)  
3- 6-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed  
 03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources  
 03-24-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 A.M., E2.026 - House Energy Resources  
 03-24-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Energy Resources  
 03-24-25 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources

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

**A** **HB 279** **Guillen, Ryan(R)** Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.

**Companions:** **SB 1061** Parker, Tan (Identical)  
 3-25-25 H Received in the House

**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  
 02-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources  
 03-25-25 H Reported favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

**A** **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  
 02-28-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 H Committee action pending 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  
 03-10-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
 03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
 03-26-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

 **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  
 03-11-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

 **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  
 03-11-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

**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)  
4- 3-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources  
03-24-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 A.M., E2.026 - House Energy Resources  
03-24-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Energy Resources  
03-24-25 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources  
03-31-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Energy Resources  
04-03-25 H Reported favorably from committee on House Energy Resources

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental Affairs  
04-01-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.026 - House Intergovernmental Affairs  
04-01-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Intergovernmental Affairs  
04-01-25 H Committee action pending House Intergovernmental Affairs

 **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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

 **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.

**Companions:** [SB 2887](#) Cook, Molly (F) (Identical)  
3-14-25 S Filed

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management  
03-27-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.026 - House Land and Resource Management  
03-27-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Land and Resource Management  
03-27-25 H Committee action pending House Land and Resource Management

 **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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 **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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 **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)  
3-18-25 H Received in the House

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 **HB 2346**

Zwiener, Erin(D)

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

**Companions:** [SB 2897](#) Cook, Molly (F) (Identical)  
3-14-25 S Filed

**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):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 HB 2349

Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to exempting certain transactions from regulation by the Texas Real Estate Commission.

**Companions:** [SB 1172](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
3-19-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**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), TAGD

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
04-01-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M., E2.016 - Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
04-01-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
04-01-25 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures

 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):** General Water (N)

**Bill History:** 02-04-25 H Filed  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Trade, Workforce, Economic Development

 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)  
3-25-25 H Received in the House

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

**Bill History:** 02-05-25 H Filed  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

 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)  
4- 1-25 H Received in the House

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

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 H Filed  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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)  
3-13-25 H Received in the House

**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  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources  
03-24-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 A.M., E2.026 - House Energy Resources  
03-24-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Energy Resources  
03-24-25 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources  
04-03-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Energy Resources

**A** HB 2605

Gerdes, Stan(R)

Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board.

**Companions:** **HB 29** Gerdes, Stan (Identical)  
4- 2-25 H Voted favorably from committee on House Natural Resources  
**SB 1190** Perry, Charles (Identical)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, 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  
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Companions:** SB 1194 Flores, Pete (Identical)  
3-31-25 H Received in the House

**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  
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Natural Resources  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

**A** HB 2762 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the ownership of the pore space underlying the surface of land.

**Companions:** SB 1258 Nichols, Robert (Identical)  
2-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 5, property code, by adding a statutory definition of "pore space" and clarifying that pore space is owned by the surface estate owner.

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

**Bill History:** 02-12-25 H Filed  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

**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)  
4- 2-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources  
04-07-25 H Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., E2.026 - House Energy Resources

**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)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate  
Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 H Filed  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

**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  
03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

**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  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Environmental Regulation

**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  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Energy Resources

**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  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**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  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**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)  
3- 6-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Companions:** [HB 49](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)  
3-24-25 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources  
[SB 1399](#) Perry, Charles (Identical)  
3- 6-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed  
03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

**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.

**Companions:** [SB 2122](#) Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
4- 2-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 H Filed  
 03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources  
 03-31-25 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House Energy Resources  
 03-31-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Energy Resources  
 03-31-25 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources

**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  
 03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
 03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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)  
 4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-25-25 H Filed  
 03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 [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  
03-24-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

 [HB 3619](#)

[Dean, Jay\(R\)](#)

Relating to the rights and liabilities of the owner of the surface estate of the tract of land on which a well to be plugged or replugged by the Railroad Commission of Texas is located.

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

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

 [HB 3628](#)

[Villalobos, Denise \(F\)\(R\)](#)

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:** 03-03-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 - House Natural Resources  
04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

 [HB 3637](#)

[Troxclair, Ellen\(R\)](#)

Relating to the authority of a county commissioners court to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation by each taxing unit that taxes the property of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property.

**Companions:** [HB 1256](#) Zwiener, Erin (Identical)  
3-24-25 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means  
[HJR 88](#) Zwiener, Erin (Enabling)  
3-24-25 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means  
[SB 1633](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)  
3-11-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**A** HB 3663

Martinez, Armando(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.

**Companions:** SB 1532 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
3-27-25 H Received in the House

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

**Bill History:** 03-04-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 3781

McLaughlin, Don (F)(R)

Relating to the provision of financial assistance by the Texas Water Development Board for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas.

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 H Filed  
03-26-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 3898

Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to certain counties for brackish water desalination.

**Companions:** SB 2123 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
3-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 3901

Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to an exemption of the transfer of certain rights in water from certain disclosure requirements applicable to the transfer of certain interests in real property.

**Companions:** SB 2550 West, Royce (Identical)  
4- 3-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 3911

Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the plugging or replugging of certain inactive wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** SB 1146 Birdwell, Brian (Identical)  
3-31-25 H Received in the House


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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House



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


**Bill History:** 03-11-25 H Filed  
04-02-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

 **HB 4485** [Bell, Cecil\(R\)](#) Relating to eligibility for a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.

**Companions:** [SB 1302](#) Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)  
3-18-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested  
Calendar


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

**Bill History:** 03-12-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Natural Resources

 **HB 4820** [Lopez, Janie\(R\)](#) Relating to the issuance of obligations by certain water districts bordering the Gulf of America and an international border during a disaster declaration.

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


**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

 **HB 5003** [Reynolds, Ron\(D\)](#) Relating to notice and hearing requirements for applications for permits for certain commercial oil and gas waste disposal facilities.

**Remarks:** Would amend sec 91.116, natural resources code, by requiring a person who files an application for a permit for a commercial surface disposal facility shall provide notice of the application to a GCD.

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


**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Energy Resources

 **HB 5207** [Guillen, Ryan\(R\)](#) Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.

**Companions:** [SB 1663](#) Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate  
Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

 **HB 5219** [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to an interim study on water resources development in certain counties.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5341 Morales Shaw, Penny(D) Relating to the issuance by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of permits to authorize the diversion of state water from the Gulf of Mexico or a bay or arm of the Gulf of Mexico for desalination and use.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5348 Kitzman, Stan(R) Relating to acquiring real property interests for environmental mitigation required for water projects.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5375 Lopez, Janie(R) Relating to creating the NORTHERN CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5410 Dean, Jay(R) Relating to responsibility in tort for the treatment of fluid oil and gas waste for beneficial use.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5493 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to the diversion and discharge of water for desalination.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5518 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the procedure for action on certain applications for an amendment to a water right.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5552 Plesa, Mihaela(D) Relating to lead in drinking water at public schools.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

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**A** HB 5575 Barry, Jeffrey (F)(R) Relating to publication of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's annual report.

**Companions:** SB 2124 Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
4- 7-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012, Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed

**A** HJR 126

Howard, Donna(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain general revenue that would otherwise be transferred to the economic stabilization fund to the Texas water fund.

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

**Bill History:** 01-28-25 H Filed  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

**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)  
3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HJR 188

Barry, Jeffrey (F)(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Local Government Water Redevelopment Fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.

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

**Bill History:** 03-12-25 H Filed  
04-02-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** SB 740


Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to certain proceedings by the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding water or sewer service.

**Companions:** **HB 2500** Spiller, David (Identical)  
3-26-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 01-08-25 S Filed  
02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-24-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-24-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-10-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-10-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

03-10-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-18-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-19-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-20-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-24-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 2:47pm  
  
 03-24-25 S Committee substitute adopted  
 03-24-25 S 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted  
 03-24-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 0)  
 03-25-25 H Received in the House

**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)  
 3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**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:** 01-13-25 S Filed  
 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)  
 4- 3-25 H Reported favorably from committee on House Energy 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 S Filed  
 02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources  
 03-26-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-27-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-27-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 04-02-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 04-03-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 1:29pm  
  
 04-03-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

**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)  
3-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**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:** 01-23-25 S Filed  
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)  
3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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:** 01-29-25 S Filed  
02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-04-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-04-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
03-12-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-13-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-13-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 10:28am  
 03-13-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 0)  
03-18-25 H Received in the House

**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:** 01-29-25 S Filed  
02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs


 SB 1061

Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.

**Companions:** [HB 279](#) Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
3-25-25 H Reported favorably from committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Filed  
02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-12-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
03-12-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Natural Resources  
03-12-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources  
03-12-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-17-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-17-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
03-19-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-20-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-20-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 11:51am  
 03-20-25 S 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted  
03-20-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 29/N: 0)  
03-25-25 H Received in the House

 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)  
4- 3-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Energy 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:** 02-06-25 S Filed  
02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources

03-05-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-05-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 03-11-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-12-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-12-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 1:28pm  
  
 03-12-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)  
 03-13-25 H Received in the House


**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.

**Companions:** **HB 3911** Darby, Drew (Identical)  
 4- 7-25 H Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., E2.026, House Energy Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-06-25 S Filed  
 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Natural Resources  
 03-24-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Natural Resources  
 03-24-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 03-25-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-26-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-27-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 12:16pm  
  
 03-27-25 S Committee substitute adopted  
 03-27-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 0)  
 03-31-25 H Received in the House

**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)  
 4- 7-25 H Meeting set for 12:00 P.M., E2.026, House Energy Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-06-25 S Filed  
 02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Natural Resources  
 03-12-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources  
 04-02-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Natural Resources  
 04-02-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources

**A** SB 1169

Hinojosa, Adam (F)(R)

Relating to public utility agencies.

**Companions:** [HB 1407](#) Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
3-19-25 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government  
03-18-25 S Rereferred to Committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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)  
4- 1-25 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures

**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), TAGD

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce  
03-11-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business and Commerce  
03-11-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Business and Commerce  
03-11-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce  
03-18-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce  
03-19-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce  
03-19-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**A** SB 1211

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for certain tangible personal property used in hydraulic fracturing.

**Companions:** [HB 4382](#) Darby, Drew (Identical)  
4- 1-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Bill History:** 02-10-25 S Filed  
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)  
3-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-11-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**SB 1258** Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the ownership of the pore space underlying the surface of land.

**Companions:** **HB 2762** Geren, Charlie (Identical)  
3-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

**Remarks:** Would amend Ch 5, property code, by adding a statutory definition of "pore space" and clarifying that pore space is owned by the surface estate owner.

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

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**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)  
3-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
03-19-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-20-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-20-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 11:02am  
 03-20-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 29/N: 0)  
03-25-25 H Received in the House

**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)  
3-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed  
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)  
3-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
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.

**Companions:** HB 4485 Bell, Cecil (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-18-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-18-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**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)  
3-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-18-25 S Filed  
03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Companions:** HB 5574 Barry, Jeffrey (F) (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

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

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed  
03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Companions:** HB 49 Darby, Drew (Identical)  
3-24-25 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources  
HB 3156 Darby, Drew (Identical)  
3-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed  
03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

**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)  
3-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-19-25 S Filed  
03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs


**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  
03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**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  
 03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government  
 03-24-25 S Meeting set for 12:30 P.M., E1.028 - Senate Local Government  
 03-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Local Government  
 03-24-25 S Committee action pending Senate Local Government  
 03-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Local Government  
 03-27-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Local Government  
 03-31-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Local Government  
 04-01-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 04-02-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-03-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 12:49pm  
  
 04-03-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 25/N: 6)


 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.

**Companions:** [HB 3663](#) Martinez, Armando (Identical)  
 3-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-21-25 S Filed  
 03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 03-24-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-25-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-26-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-26-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 2:14pm  
  
 03-26-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)  
 03-27-25 H Received in the House

 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  
 03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate



Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water,  
 Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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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  
 03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce  
 04-03-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business and Commerce  
 04-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Business and Commerce  
 04-03-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

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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  
 03-11-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Companions:** **HB 5206** Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
 3-14-25 H Filed

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

**Bill History:** 02-26-25 S Filed  
 03-11-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Companions:** **HB 5207** Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
 3-14-25 H Filed

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

**Bill History:** 02-26-25 S Filed  
 03-11-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

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

**Companions:** **HB 5568** Darby, Drew (Identical)



3-14-25 H Filed


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

**Bill History:** 02-28-25 S Filed  
 03-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce  
 03-25-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business and Commerce  
 03-25-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Business and Commerce  
 03-25-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce  
 04-03-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce

 [SB 1763](#) [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the production and ownership of brine.


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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
 03-19-25 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources

 [SB 1911](#) [Eckhardt, Sarah\(D\)](#) Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain segments, stream assessments units, and drainage areas.


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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 S Filed  
 03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 [SB 2114](#) [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the removal of certain proposed reservoir sites from the state water plan.

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 S Filed  
 03-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 [SB 2123](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to certain counties for brackish water desalination.

**Companions:** [HB 3898](#) [Raymond, Richard](#) (Identical)  
 3-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 S Filed  
 03-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2124

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to publication of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's annual report.

**Companions:** **HB 5575** Barry, Jeffrey (F) (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 S Filed  
03-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

**A** SB 2266

Cook, Molly (F)(D)

Relating to a seller's disclosure regarding real property located within a certain distance of a state or federal superfund site.

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

**Bill History:** 03-11-25 S Filed  
03-25-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 2885

Flores, Pete(R)

Relating to the use of reclaimed water that has been treated to meet certain standards as part of an aquifer storage and recovery project.

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 S Filed

**A** SB 2897

Cook, Molly (F)(D)

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

**Companions:** **HB 2346** Zwiener, Erin (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 03-14-25 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)  
3-27-25 H Subcommittee action pending House Subcommittee on State-Federal Relations


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

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Filed  
02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-10-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-10-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-10-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

03-10-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-10-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
 03-12-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-13-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-18-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-19-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-18-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 3:35pm  
  
 03-18-25 S Failed to suspend. Freshman hazing  
 03-20-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-19-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 6:56pm  
  
 03-19-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 1)  
 03-20-25 H Received in the House

### Total General Water (N) Bills: 113

#### Government Bills


 **HB 34** Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to prohibiting the investment of state money in certain countries and in certain private business entities in those countries.

**Companions:** **HB 4900** Curry, Pat (F) (Identical)  
 4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
 03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans  
 04-02-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans  
 04-02-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans  
 04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans

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 **HB 41** Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the acquisition or use of certain foreign equipment or services by a governmental entity.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
 03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans  
 04-02-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans  
 04-02-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans  
 04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Homeland, Public Safety, Veterans

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 **HB 111** Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the public information law.

**Companions:** **HB 5027** Capriglione, Giovanni (Identical)

## 4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**Track Name(s):** Government Bills, TAGD**Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency**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  
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:** 11-12-24 H Filed  
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)  
3- 7-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs  
HB 1294 Patterson, Jared (Identical)  
3-10-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs  
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  
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)  
3- 4-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House 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.

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  
03-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**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)  
3- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House 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.

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  
03-04-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**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  
03-06-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House

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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)  
3- 6-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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

**Bill History:** 11-12-24 H Filed  
03-07-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental Affairs

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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  
03-07-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental Affairs  
03-25-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.026 - House Intergovernmental Affairs  
03-25-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Intergovernmental Affairs  
03-25-25 H Committee action pending House Intergovernmental Affairs

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**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  
03-11-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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**A** **HB 1442**      **Howard, Donna(D)**      Relating to the Internet broadcast or recording of certain open meetings.

**Companions:** **SB 1027**    Zaffirini, Judith      (Identical)  
2-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

**Bill History:** 11-21-24 H Filed  
 03-11-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-26-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.010 - House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-27-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 04-01-25 H Reported from committee as substituted House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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)  
 4- 7-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

**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  
 03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

**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)  
 4- 3-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 20/N: 11)

**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  
 03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**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  
 03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-19-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.010 - House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-19-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-19-25 H Committee action pending House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-20-25 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 03-25-25 H Reported from committee as substituted House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
 04-08-25 H Set on the House Calendar


 **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  
 03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

 **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  
 03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

 **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  
 03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management



 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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
03-26-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.010 - House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
03-26-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
03-26-25 H Committee action pending House Delivery of Government Efficiency

 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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

 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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

 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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Trade, Workforce, Economic Development

**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)  
3-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

 **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)  
3-27-25 S Committee action pending 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, TAGD

**Bill History:** 02-04-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

 **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  
03-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

 **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  
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

 **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  
 03-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
 04-01-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M., E2.016 - Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
 04-01-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
 04-01-25 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures

**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  
 03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**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)  
 4- 7-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 H Filed  
 03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**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  
 03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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:** [HB 4860](#) Patterson, Jared (Identical)  
 4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs  
[SB 19](#) Middleton, Mayes (Identical)  
 3-25-25 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-24-25 H Filed  
 03-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House

## State Affairs

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**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)  
3-11-25 H Received in the House

**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  
03-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental Affairs

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**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  
03-24-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
04-02-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.010 - House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
04-02-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee House Delivery of Government Efficiency  
04-02-25 H Committee action pending House Delivery of Government Efficiency

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**A** HB 3601 Lowe, David (F)(R) Relating to the calculation of certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit and the manner in which a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate is approved.

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

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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**A** HB 3615 Schatzline, Nate(R) Relating to the use by certain public entities of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

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

**Bill History:** 03-03-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs


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**A** HB 3677 Tepper, Carl(R) Relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain out-of-state applicants.

**Companions:** [SB 716](#) Sparks, Kevin (F) (Identical)  
2- 7-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Business and Commerce


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

**Bill History:** 03-04-25 H Filed  
03-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing  
and Administrative Procedures

 [HB 3740](#) [Shofner, Joanne \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to chemicals and techniques used in weather modification and control.

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


**Bill History:** 03-04-25 H Filed  
03-26-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing  
and Administrative Procedures

 [HB 3782](#) [Smithee, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the type of newspaper required for publication of public notices.

**Companions:** [SB 1062](#) Kolkhorst, Lois (Identical)  
3-24-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested  
Calendar

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


**Bill History:** 03-05-25 H Filed  
03-26-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
State Affairs

 [HB 3900](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(R\)](#) Relating to investment of local governments' money in banks located in this state.

**Companions:** [SB 2329](#) Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)  
3-25-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Local Government

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

 [HB 3935](#) [Hopper, Andy \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain land that is located in a priority groundwater management area and is not irrigated.

**Companions:** [HJR 168](#) Hopper, Andy (F) (Enabling)  
3-26-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Ways and Means

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Ways and Means

**A** HB 3995

Troclair, Ellen(R)

Relating to regulation of certain landscaping and water conservation practices by certain property owners' associations.

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

**Bill History:** 03-06-25 H Filed  
03-27-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Trade, Workforce, Economic Development

**A** HB 4212

Curry, Pat (F)(R)

Relating to the establishment, administration, and use of the Texas land, water, and wildlife conservation account.

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 H Filed  
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**A** HB 4219

Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.

**Companions:** **SB 919** Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
2-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

**Bill History:** 03-10-25 H Filed  
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**A** HB 4754

Lopez, Ray(D)

Relating to access to universal changing facilities in places of public accommodation and public buildings.

**Companions:** **SB 2326** Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
3-25-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**A** HB 4769

Phelan, Dade(R)

Relating to electronic delivery of documents sent or received by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

**Companions:** **SB 2443** Zaffirini, Judith (Identical)  
3-25-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

**A** HB 4860

Patterson, Jared(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)

3-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House State Affairs  
**SB 19** Middleton, Mayes (Identical)  
3-25-25 H Referred to House Committee on House  
State Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
State Affairs


 **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)  
3-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House State Affairs  
**HB 4860** Patterson, Jared (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House State Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 S Filed  
02-20-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate  
State Affairs  
02-27-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER -  
Senate State Affairs  
02-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State  
Affairs  
02-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State  
Affairs  
02-27-25 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs  
03-03-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted  
Senate State Affairs  
03-05-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate  
State Affairs  
03-06-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-11-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-12-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-13-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-19-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-19-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 6:59pm  
  
03-19-25 S Committee substitute adopted  
03-19-25 S 3 Floor amendment(s) adopted  
03-19-25 S Passed to third reading (Vote: Y: 20/N: 11)  
03-19-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 9:21pm  
03-19-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 20/N: 11)  
03-20-25 H Received in the House  
03-25-25 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

 **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:** 11-12-24 S Filed  
02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 SB 325

Perry, Charles(R)

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

**Companions:** [HB 2384](#) Guillen, Ryan (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**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:** 11-13-24 S Filed  
02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

 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)  
3-21-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental 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:** 11-22-24 S Filed  
02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-03-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-04-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

03-04-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 03-06-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-11-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 03-11-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 11:48am  
  
 03-11-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)  
 03-11-25 H Received in the House

 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)  
 3-12-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

**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:** 12-05-24 S Filed  
 02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-13-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs  
 03-13-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State Affairs  
 03-13-25 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs  
 03-20-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State Affairs  
 03-20-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-27-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 03-31-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-01-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-01-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 1:48pm  
  
 04-01-25 S Passed to third reading (Vote: Y: 22/N: 9)  
 04-01-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 3:50pm  
  
 04-01-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 22/N: 9)  
 04-02-25 H Received in the House

 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)  
 4- 1-25 H Reported from committee as substituted House Trade, Workforce, Economic Development  
 HB 5387 Wilson, Terry (Identical)  
 3-14-25 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:** 12-06-24 S Filed  
02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce  
03-18-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business and Commerce  
03-18-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Business and Commerce  
03-18-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

 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)  
3-17-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**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:** 12-11-24 S Filed  
02-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-24-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-24-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-25-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
02-25-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
03-25-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-26-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-27-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-31-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-31-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 3:46pm  
  
03-31-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 0)  
04-01-25 H Received in the House

 SB 716

Sparks, Kevin (F)(R)

Relating to the issuance of an occupational license to certain out-of-state applicants.

**Companions:** [HB 3677](#) Tepper, Carl (Identical)  
3-25-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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

**Bill History:** 01-06-25 S Filed  
02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 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)  
3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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, TAGD


**Bill History:** 01-10-25 S Filed  
02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce  
03-27-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business and Commerce  
03-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Business and Commerce  
03-27-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

 SB 766

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the correction of references to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

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

**Bill History:** 01-13-25 S Filed  
02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Natural Resources  
03-05-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
03-12-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-13-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-13-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 10:40am  
 03-13-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 0)  
03-18-25 H Received in the House

 SB 919

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.

**Companions:** HB 4219 Capriglione, Giovanni (Identical)  
3-31-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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:** 01-24-25 S Filed  
02-13-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**A** SB 1027 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the Internet broadcast or recording of certain open meetings.

**Companions:** **HB 1442** Howard, Donna (Identical)  
4- 1-25 H Reported from committee as substituted House Delivery of Government Efficiency

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

**Bill History:** 01-31-25 S Filed  
02-24-25 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.

**Companions:** **HB 3782** Smithee, John (Identical)  
3-26-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-03-25 S Filed  
02-24-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government  
03-17-25 S Meeting set for 3:15 P.M., E1.028 - Senate Local Government  
03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Local Government  
03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate Local Government  
03-20-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Local Government  
03-24-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government  
03-24-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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

**Companions:** **HB 4987** Canales, Terry (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

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

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

**Companions:** HB 3875 Bell, Cecil (Identical)  
4- 8-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.026, House Intergovernmental Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-12-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-17-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
03-20-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
03-24-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-25-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-26-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-27-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
03-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in the Senate at 12:31pm  
 03-27-25 S Committee substitute adopted  
03-27-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 0)  
03-31-25 H Received in the House

**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)  
3-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

**Bill History:** 02-13-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - 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.

**Companions:** **HB 5585** Bryant, John (Identical)  
3-14-25 H Filed

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

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

**Companions:** **HB 4991** Canales, Terry (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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  
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)  
3-19-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-14-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce  
04-01-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business and Commerce  
04-01-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate Business and Commerce  
04-01-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

**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)  
3-20-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

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



**Bill History:** 02-20-25 S Filed  
 03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs  
 03-27-25 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-31-25 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-31-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar  
 04-02-25 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for  
 04-03-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for  
 04-07-25 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

**A** SB 1508 Hagenbuch, Brent (F)(R) Relating to certain political subdivisions publishing required notices by alternative media.

**Companions:** **HB 1028** Shaheen, Matt (Identical)  
 3- 7-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental Affairs

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

**Bill History:** 02-20-25 S Filed  
 03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**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  
 03-06-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**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  
 03-10-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate State Affairs  
 03-17-25 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs  
 03-24-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs  
 03-26-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs  
 03-26-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar



 SB 1914

Eckhardt, Sarah(D)

Relating to consent by a county commissioners court for the creation of certain conservation and reclamation districts in the unincorporated area of the county.

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 S Filed  
03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 SB 1954

Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land use in certain areas in and around hydrologically sensitive areas.

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 S Filed  
03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

 SB 1965

King, Phil(R)

Relating to the addition of territory to certain special districts.

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

**Bill History:** 03-05-25 S Filed  
03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

 SB 2485

Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the entities covered by the open meetings law and the live broadcast and archived recording of an open meeting of a governmental body.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 SB 2680

Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the public information law.

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 SB 2711

Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to the public information law.

**Companions:** [HB 4214](#) Curry, Pat (F) (Identical)  
3-31-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency

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

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 S Filed  
04-03-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Total Government Bills Bills: 80**

**TAGD**

- A** [HB 111](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the public information law.
- Companions:** [HB 5027](#) Capriglione, Giovanni (Identical)  
4- 3-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency
- Track Name(s):** Government Bills, TAGD
- Bill History:** 03-14-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency
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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)  
3-19-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
- 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), TAGD
- Bill History:** 02-03-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
04-01-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M., E2.016 - Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
04-01-25 H Laid out for consideration in committee Licensing and Administrative Procedures  
04-01-25 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures
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- 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)  
3-27-25 S Committee action pending 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, TAGD
- Bill History:** 02-04-25 H Filed  
03-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency
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- A** [HB 5027](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the public information law.
- Companions:** [HB 111](#) Capriglione, Giovanni (Identical)

3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**Track Name(s):** TAGD

**Bill History:** 03-13-25 H Filed  
04-03-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on House  
Delivery of Government Efficiency

 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)  
3-14-25 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Delivery of Government Efficiency

**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, TAGD

**Bill History:** 01-10-25 S Filed  
02-07-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate  
Business and Commerce  
03-27-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business  
and Commerce  
03-27-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate  
Business and Commerce  
03-27-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and  
Commerce

 SB 1172

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to exempting certain transactions from regulation by the  
Texas Real Estate Commission.

**Companions:** HB 2349 Darby, Drew (Identical)  
4- 1-25 H Committee action pending Licensing and  
Administrative Procedures

**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), TAGD

**Bill History:** 02-07-25 S Filed  
02-28-25 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate  
Business and Commerce  
03-11-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012 - Senate Business  
and Commerce  
03-11-25 S Laid out for consideration in committee Senate  
Business and Commerce  
03-11-25 S Committee action pending Senate Business and  
Commerce  
03-18-25 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted  
Senate Business and Commerce  
03-19-25 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate  
Business and Commerce  
03-19-25 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Total TAGD Bills: 6**

**Total Bills: 269**

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