

## Bills GEAA Supports in the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

HOUSE BILLS			
<a href="#">HB 16 Harris</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.	Enabling legislation for HJR 7. One of the “big water bills” for the 89 <sup>th</sup> . Adds potable reuse projects to NWSFT and FIF and EDAP accounts to Texas Water Fund programs and allows wastewater infrastructure projects to be funded.
<a href="#">HB 29 Gerdes</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing administrative penalties.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 1190 and HB 2605. Applies to municipally owned utilities with >150k connections. If water loss audit shows water loss meets or exceeds threshold, utility must complete audit validation and develop a water loss mitigation plan.
<a href="#">HB 156 Raymond</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the protection of certain water facilities from catastrophes.	TCEQ to conduct study for protecting public drinking water supply systems from catastrophic weather, climate change, electrical outages, and other disruptions.
<a href="#">HB 157 Raymond</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the production by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of an annual report on public drinking water supply systems.	TCEQ to conduct annual report on state’s public drinking water supply systems, to include summary of challenges, effects of pop growth, recommendations for challenges.
<a href="#">HB 287 Harris Davila</a>	Referred to Licensing & Administrative Procedures	Relating to an annual study by the Texas A&M University Texas Real Estate Research Center of the purchase and sale of single-family homes by certain institutional buyers.	Study to compile information re: institutional buyers’ purchases and sales of single-family homes in Texas and how many single-family homes were used as rental properties.
<a href="#">HB 310 Guillen</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the use of money transferred from the Texas water fund.	A portion of money transferred from Texas Water Fund is to be spent on small and mid-sized cities.
<a href="#">HB 359 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Trade, Workforce & Economic Development	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.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 542 and HB 517. Property owners’ association may not assess a fine for a violation of rules that require maintenance of green vegetation/turf during watering restriction periods and for a time after.
<a href="#">HB 363 Bell, Keith</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to the filing with the county clerk of certain counties of a draft of a petition requesting the creation of a municipal utility district.	Identical bill: SB 102. At least 30 days before filing a petition for the creation of a MUD, the applicant must file a draft of the petition with the county clerk of each county where the district would be.
<a href="#">HB 365 González, Mary</a>	Received from the House	Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance from the economically distressed areas account that is not required to be repaid.	Increases the amount of financial assistance from the economically distressed areas account that is not required to be repaid from 70 to 90 percent.
<a href="#">HB 422 González, Mary</a>	Received from the House	Relating to limitations on the issuance of bonds by the Texas Water Development Board for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas.	Increases the amount of bonds that may be issued by TWDB for projects in economically distressed areas from \$25 million to \$100 million for financial assistance for water supply and sewer projects.
<a href="#">HB 464 González, Mary</a>	Received from the House	Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires.	Identical bill: SB 910. TCEQ may develop a scrap tire remediation grant program to reduce the number of scrap tires disposed of in water, public rights-of-way, and other public land.
<a href="#">HB 482 Lopez, Ray</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the provision by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the pertinent state representative and state senator of notice of certain administrative actions of the commission.	Identical bills: SB 2386. TCEQ must notify state reps and senators representing area where violation for which a penalty is being assessed occurred of that violation and of the public notice for the proposed order or agreement.
<a href="#">HB 516 Swanson</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to notice of a water service interruption provided by public water	Public water systems must provide notice to each fire department in the area of water service

		systems in unincorporated areas of certain counties.	interruption that renders a hydrant unavailable for use in fire emergencies.
<a href="#">HB 517 Harris Davila</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	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.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 542 and HB 359. Property owners' association may not assess a fine for a violation of rules that require maintenance of green vegetation/turf during watering restriction periods and for a time after.
<a href="#">HB 638 Tepper</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.	Identical bill: SB 1339. GCDs must make a video and audio recording of regularly scheduled open meetings and certain work session or special called meetings available to the public.
<a href="#">HB 785 Gervin-Hawkins</a>	Referred to Public Education	Relating to the adoption of a healthy and safe school water plan by public schools.	TCEQ will adopt guidance rules for school districts on the adoption of a healthy and safe school water plan.
<a href="#">HB 844 Thompson</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to request a hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	Identical bill: SB 373. Allows municipality or county in which a proposed plant is to be located and persons residing within 440 yards of the proposed plant to request a hearing from TCEQ.
<a href="#">HB 853 Reynolds</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for certain facilities located in a nonattainment area.	Identical bill: SB 429. TCEQ would need to consider the cumulative impacts arising from the issuance of the permit and demonstrate the benefits significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed by the facility.
<a href="#">HB 859 Reynolds</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council.	Establishes the advisory council and review board, council to review state agencies and programs that serve the environment.
<a href="#">HB 866 Reynolds</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the creation of the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council.	Establishes the council to conduct a study to assess current and potential effects of climate change trends on the residents, natural resources, public health, and economy of the state, and provide recommendations.
<a href="#">HB 871 Reynolds</a>	Received from the House	Relating to the residential and commercial building codes of municipalities.	Updates the municipal residential building code of the state to the 2021 Int'l Residential Code from the 2012.
<a href="#">HB 873 Wilson</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.	TCEQ must notify TxDOT and each GCD with jurisdiction (or TWDB if no GCD) and each municipality and county of a hearing or meeting and establishes additional requirements for issuance of a permit, including using a metered water source or permitted GCD source or implement water recirculation.
<a href="#">HB 882 Reynolds</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to building codes applicable in the unincorporated areas of a county; authorizing a fee.	Allows counties to adopt Int'l Building Code as it existed on January 1, 2025 for residential buildings new construction
<a href="#">HB 937 Goodwin</a>	No action taken in committee	Relating to the procedure by which certain special districts are required to provide notice of certain matters.	District under Water code must post meeting notice on its website or at a public place within the district if it doesn't have a website, and the public place must be approved by the board.
<a href="#">HB 1028 Shaheen</a>	Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs	Relating to certain political subdivisions publishing required notices by alternative media.	Provides a method for public notices in areas where there is no newspaper of general circulation.
<a href="#">HB 1145 Morales Shaw</a>	Referred to Energy Resources	Relating to a study regarding the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals in hydraulic fracturing.	Requires study on the extent of the use of PFAS/PFOS chemicals in fracking processes, the extent of public exposure, and effects on health and the environment, plus alternatives and recommendations
<a href="#">HB 1168 Raymond</a>	Referred to Homeland	Relating to a study by the Texas Division of Emergency Management of the	TDEM will study the effects of drought and wildfires on water bodies, state parks, public lands, demand

	Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs	potential effects of droughts and wildfires in this state.	for energy and water, economic effects, and recommendations.
<a href="#">HB 1245 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to a prohibition on the use of water on nonresidential property to irrigate nonfunctional turf during a drought.	Drought contingency plans would be required to prohibit the use of water to irrigate nonfunctional turf during periods of shortage and drought, and ensure compliance.
<a href="#">HB 1256 Zwiener</a>	Reported favorably w/o amendment(s)	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 that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of certain water conservation systems.	Enabling legislation for HRJ 88. Identical and duplicate bills: SB 1633 and HB 3637. Counties can adopt a tax exemption for amount attributable to a rainwater harvesting or graywater system. Must be approved by county's voters.
<a href="#">HB 1360 Hernandez</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 783 and HB 5109. Allows governmental entities to adopt updated energy code, energy/water conservation design standard, and high-performance building standard.
<a href="#">HB 1370 Raymond</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the appraised value of real property that arises from the use of xeriscape on the property.	Enabling legislation for HJR 97. Allows a person to receive exemption from taxation of the amount of the appraised value of the property due to xeriscaping on the property.
<a href="#">HB 1400 Harris</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.	Identical bill: SB 718. Fund to improve understanding of groundwater conditions, develop or improve models, improve use efficiency and water conservation efforts, increase recharge, and protect quality.
<a href="#">HB 1412 Allen</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the location of certain public meetings for certain permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Public meeting requested must be held in the house district in which the facility/proposed facility is located or proposed to be located.
<a href="#">HB 1424 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the structuring of water rates by retail public utilities to promote water conservation; authorizing a fee.	City may structure water rates to promote water conservation by all customer classes, higher users would pay higher rates, can establish an excessive use fee.
<a href="#">HB 1432 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Trade, Workforce & Economic Development	Relating to restrictive covenants regulating certain landscaping and water conservation practices.	HOAs can't prohibit using drought-tolerant landscaping in place of natural turf, can't require a detailed plan or plan prepared by an architect, etc.
<a href="#">HB 1437 González, Mary</a>	S Co-sponsor authorized	Relating to the task force on pollinator health.	Identical bill: SB 2850. Establishes task force on pollinator health.
<a href="#">HB 1438 Zwiener</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to climate change planning and reporting.	TCEQ must prepare a climate change impact report every four years, including impact on human health, economy, infrastructure, water supplies, recreation and tourism, etc.
<a href="#">HB 1501 Tinderholt</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to a study of the feasibility of using seawater desalination processes in Texas.	Meadows Center will conduct a study on gulf desalination, including findings on the most environmentally sensitive and cost-effective methods for disposing brine.
<a href="#">HB 1522 Gerdes</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to notice of a meeting held under the open meetings law.	Meeting notice must have a copy of the budget attached.
<a href="#">HB 1526 González, Mary</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to a study by Texas State University on the expected effects of future climate change in this state and the preparedness of this state to address those effects.	Texas State will conduct a study on the effects and ramifications of climate change in Texas, including from drought, natural disasters, and other environmental conditions, will study the state's preparedness.

<a href="#">HB 1529 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to production fees imposed by the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing an increase in the rate of the fee.	Raises SWTCGCD production fee to 50 cents per thousand gallons, up from 20 cents per thousand gallons.
<a href="#">HB 1576 Oliverson</a>	Referred to Business & Commerce	Relating to a grant program for hurricane and windstorm loss mitigation for single-family residential property.	Identical bill: SB 2924. Sets up a grant program to residential property owners to retrofit properties to resist hurricane and windstorm losses.
<a href="#">HB 1633 Gerdes</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.	Identical bill: SB 624. Before granting or denying a permit, a GCD must consider whether the proposed use of the water unreasonably affects registered exempt wells within the district.
<a href="#">HB 1674 Kerwin</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the production, sale, and use of certain agricultural products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); creating a criminal offense.	Identical bill: SB 886. No production, sale, distribution, or application of materials described by the relevant section of code if they have PFAS concentration levels above the levels outlined in the bill.
<a href="#">HB 1689 Gerdes</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by a groundwater conservation district.	GCDs may use funds to help maintain operability of wells significantly affected by its groundwater development, including wells outside its district if it enters an interlocal agreement
<a href="#">HB 1690 Gerdes</a>	Vetoed by the Governor	Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.	For groundwater transfers, the GCD must adopt public notice rules to ensure the public and relevant GCDs and counties receive proper notice of the proposed transfer.
<a href="#">HB 1726 Collier</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	Similar bill: SB 885 and HB 3043. Representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or person within 880yds of the plant may request a hearing as an affected party.
<a href="#">HB 1730 Morales Shaw</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.	Identical bill: SB 768. Study must assess health impact of PFAS/PFOS on groundwater, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and other water sources used for drinking water.
<a href="#">HB 1901 Cook</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.	Exempts land within certain parts of ETJs from being able to disannex and land identified in a long-range master plan for land use, water/wastewater infrastructure, or roadways.
<a href="#">HB 2015 Zwiener</a>	Received from the House	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.	Identical bill: SB 2887. A petition for the creation of a MUD must include a water conservation plan.
<a href="#">HB 2024 Turner</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.	Exempts land within certain parts of ETJs from being able to disanex as well as land that the city has spent more than \$1million to develop.
<a href="#">HB 2078 Gerdes</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the joint planning of desired future conditions in groundwater management areas.	In its management, a GCD must include an explanation for how it is monitoring and tracking the achievement of desired future conditions and how it has performed in achieving the DFCs over the preceding 5 years.
<a href="#">HB 2091 Martinez</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the provision of financial assistance by the Texas Water Development Board for certain projects.	TWDB can provide grants for the construction, acquisition, or improvement of water supply projects, including projects that contain a flood control component.
<a href="#">HB 2109 VanDeaver</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to the removal of a proposed reservoir from the State Water Plan.	A reservoir project can be removed from the state water plan if it has not begun construction within 50 years of its inclusion in the plan.
<a href="#">HB 2114 VanDeaver</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the engineering feasibility and construction of a reservoir.	Engineering firms that assisted in the preparation of the state water plan, regional water plan, or

			feasibility plan for a reservoir project cannot participate in its construction.
<a href="#">HB 2128 Spiller</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to a study of rural firefighting and technical rescue service capabilities.	Texas A&M Engineering Service to conduct a study of rural firefighting/technical rescue service capabilities and compare them with urban cities and consider disparities.
<a href="#">HB 2265 Isaac</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to county land use regulatory authority in certain counties; providing a criminal penalty.	Provides Comal County with certain zoning regulatory authority to respond to strain on natural resources.
<a href="#">HB 2268 Isaac</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to create certain special districts.	Removes the TCEQ's authority to create MUDs outside the legislative session/procedures.
<a href="#">HB 2269 Isaac</a>	No action taken in committee	Relating to a property owners' association's authority to require installation or maintenance of grass or turf landscaping.	HOA cannot require a property owner to plant or install grass or turf or to maintain living grass or turf.
<a href="#">HB 2346 Zwiener</a>	Received from the House	Relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by a county.	Identical bill: SB 2897. Counties can adopt a water conservation program for the unincorporated area of a county including the ETJ of a city, including water use restrictions, water conservation standards for development/redevelopment or subdivision of land, and water use reduction/water loss reduction/water conservation strategies.
<a href="#">HB 2347 Zwiener</a>	Received from the House	Relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by certain counties.	Allows counties in Hill Country PGMA to adopt a water conservation program applicable to development, redevelopment, or subdivision of a tract of land.
<a href="#">HB 2422 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Trade, Workforce & Economic Development	Relating to seller's disclosures regarding water services for and water rights in residential real property.	Seller's disclosures must provide information related to the water supplier, utility responsible for billing, and water use fees or pricing tiers applicable to the property.
<a href="#">HB 2512 Geren</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to release of an area from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.	Exempts land within certain parts of ETJs from being able to disannex, including land in a development agreement or within the city's CCN. .
<a href="#">HB 2605 Gerdes</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing administrative penalties.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 1190 and HB 29. Applies to municipally owned utilities with >150k connections. If water loss audit shows water loss meets or exceeds threshold, utility must complete audit validation and develop a water loss mitigation plan.
<a href="#">HB 2608 Zwiener</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the consideration by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of alternative waste collection, treatment, and disposal options before issuing permits to discharge certain waste.	TCEQ can't issue a permit to discharge wastewater unless applicant demonstrates its not economically feasible for another permit holder to do so and that it will treat and discharge to a higher standard.
<a href="#">HB 2692 Guillen</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the codification and clarification of local laws concerning the San Antonio River Authority.	Bill following the SARA sunset review, is supported by SARA.
<a href="#">HB 2719 Anchia</a>	Referred to Energy Resources	Relating to the name and governance of the Railroad Commission of Texas.	Changes the name of the RRC to the Texas Oil, Gas, and Minerals Commission.
<a href="#">HB 2751 Goodwin</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the recusal of a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas in certain matters.	RRC commissioner may not act on a matter involving a business interest the commissioner has an interest in or receives income from or has done business with.
<a href="#">HB 2817 Isaac</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer.	Identical bill: SB 863. Water from the Edwards may only be used within the EAA boundary or within the CCN of a retail utility located within its boundary.



<a href="#">HB 3010 Ashby</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the establishment of the Rural Infrastructure Disaster Recovery Program.	Establishes a program to provide financial grant assistance to rural communities in disaster areas for rebuilding and repairing critical infrastructure.
<a href="#">HB 3039 Dutton</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	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.	The state senator and representative who represent the area in which the facility is located or proposed are considered affected persons for the purpose of an administrative hearing involving a contested case.
<a href="#">HB 3043 Walle</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	Similar bill: SB 885. Representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or person within 880yds of the plant may request a hearing as an affected party.
<a href="#">HB 3091 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Energy Resources	Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of injection wells used to dispose of oil and gas waste; authorizing a fee.	Requires the RRC to require permit holders to report on the amount of produced water injected into disposal wells and imposes a fee for injection wells that will be deposited in the cleanup fund.
<a href="#">HB 3106 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the development of certain regional water plans using safe yield water availability analyses.	Regional water planning group for area dependent on surface water may evaluate availability using safe yield analysis, using the volume of water that would continue to be available for a period longer than the drought of record. If they choose not to use this analysis, they must explain why.
<a href="#">HB 3115 Troxclair</a>	Received from the House	Relating to the authority of the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District to regulate certain wells.	Supported by CCGCD. Clarifies the district cannot meter exempt wells used solely for domestic or livestock purposes. Adds the exempt well portion to the code.
<a href="#">HB 3139 Zwiener</a>	H Left pending in committee	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.	Once TCEQ receives a petition to create a MUD, they must notify the commissioners court of any county any part of which contains the Edwards Aquifer. The district cannot be created unless the commissioners court adopts a measure to say the county does not object.
<a href="#">HB 3141 Zwiener</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to information relied on by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for purposes of rules involving rainfall estimates.	TCEQ will update rainfall estimate rules to incorporate the latest available data from NOAA or a comparable source at least once every 5 years.
<a href="#">HB 3158 Darby</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	Relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.	Identical bill: SB 2122. Establishes permit application fees for permits to store, treat, or dispose of certain oil and gas wastes.
<a href="#">HB 3217 Dutton</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to public comments on matters subject to a hearing under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	TCEQ clerk required to transmit the public comments made during public comment period when transmitting other materials/info and TCEQ shall consider all public comments submitted during the decision making process.
<a href="#">HB 3252 Harris Davila</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the issuance by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of permits for certain wastewater treatment facilities.	Identical bill: SB 1586. TCEQ may not issue a permit for a proposed package wastewater plant located within 1000ft of a municipal wastewater line and may only issue the permit if the applicant can show they will implement measures to ensure security and weatherization and have adequate financial means to maintain the plant.
<a href="#">HB 3275 Richardson</a>	Failed to receive affirmative vote in comm.	Relating to the authority of a municipality to require a minimum amount of parking spaces for certain commercial buildings.	A city may not adopt or enforce ordinance requiring minimum parking spaces for a commercial building. Can increase urban density, help reduce sprawl and impervious cover.
<a href="#">HB 3315 Harris</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the permissible uses of the Texas water fund.	Identical bill: SB 1289. Adds the flood infrastructure fund to permissible uses of the Texas Water Fund.

<a href="#">HB 3333 Morales, Eddie</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.	Pristine streams bill for the Devil's River, TCEQ may not issue a new permit authorizing the direct discharge from a domestic wastewater treatment facility into the specified areas of the Devil's River or its drainage area.
<a href="#">HB 3338 Ward Johnson</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the permitting of certain concrete plants located in an area of a municipality not subject to zoning regulations.	TCEQ may not issue or authorize a permit for the operation of a concrete plant located in an area of a city not subject to zoning regulations and within 5 miles of a school, licensed day-care center, or hospital.
<a href="#">HB 3383 Canales</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	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.	Identical bill: SB 480. Allows local governments to contract with other local, state, or federal government to jointly participate in research/planning activities related to water resources.
<a href="#">HB 3482 Troxclair</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the authority of the Lower Colorado River Authority to issue permits for certain quarries and mines.	TCEQ may not issue a permit for a quarry or mine proposed to be within 4 miles of a lake owned or operated by the LCRA, 4 miles of 2 or more parks operated by TPWD, and 2 miles of a licensed youth camp unless TCEQ has performed a study confirming the operation will not harm any lake or state park.
<a href="#">HB 3535 Harris Davila</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to requiring backup generation at certain wastewater treatment facilities.	Identical bill: SB 1290. Package plant operators will adopt and submit an emergency preparedness plan, including emergency wastewater treatment service capacity rules.
<a href="#">HB 3544 Martinez</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to flood control measures for Texas Department of Transportation highway projects.	TxDOT must add stormwater outfalls and other flood control measures to any highway project.
<a href="#">HB 3561 Barry</a>	Referred to s/c on County & Regional Government by Speaker	Relating to emergency services requirements for certain plots or tracts of land in the unincorporated area of certain counties.	In counties under 400k, county may require certain plots/tracts to contain sufficient numbers of fire hydrants, have at least 2 means of ingress and egress for emergency services and evacuations, and be within 10 miles of an emergency services district.
<a href="#">HB 3609 Barry</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.	Similar bill: SB 1583. GCD management plan must include most recently approved DFCs, and amount of modeled available groundwater under the most recently approved DFCs.
<a href="#">HB 3637 Troxclair</a>	Received from the House	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 that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of certain water conservation systems.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 1633 and HB 1256. Counties can adopt a tax exemption for amount attributable to a rainwater harvesting or graywater system. Must be approved by county's voters.
<a href="#">HB 3875 Bell, Cecil</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	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.	Identical bill: SB 1253. City must provide a credit against water/wastewater impact fees to a developer for the construction/dedication/contribution of a system or product that results in water reuse, conservation, or savings. Intent is for developers to go beyond code requirements.
<a href="#">HB 3915 Martinez</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	Relating to the projects eligible for financial assistance from the flood infrastructure fund.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 1967 and HB 4460. A flood project eligible for funding can mean one that has a water supply creation component.
<a href="#">HB 3919 Gates</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to size and density requirements for residential lots in certain municipalities; authorizing a fee.	Identical bill: SB 15. GEAA supports the committee sub only, which would apply small lot size zoning requirements on cities >150k, within a county of >300k, and not over an aquifer recharge zone.

			Would allow cities to continue to implement aquifer protection ordinances.
<a href="#">HB 4007 Money</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the authority of a county to adopt subdivision requirements that include reasonable specifications for lot size, setback lines, and side lot lines.	Would allow commissioners courts to adopt reasonable specifications for lot size, setback lines, and side lot lines, which counties are currently prohibited from doing.
<a href="#">HB 4025 Zwiener</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to require water pollution abatement plans for certain pipelines; providing for the imposition of a civil penalty.	Would require owners/operators of oil and gas pipelines subject to RRC jurisdiction and constructed or expanded in the EARZ to submit and abide by a water pollution abatement plan for the pipeline and its construction. RRC will adopt BMPs for the protection of the EARZ.
<a href="#">HB 4026 Harris Davila</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to a requirement that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality consider flood data when considering the issuance of certain wastewater treatment or discharge permits.	TCEQ must consider information related to flood planning and mitigation in the area served by a wastewater treatment facility or system when considering the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit.
<a href="#">HB 4028 Zwiener</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the regulation of preproduction plastic by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Identical bill: SB 2441. TCEQ must designate preproduction plastics as a Class II nonhazardous industrial waste and must include preproduction plastics in its water quality assessments.
<a href="#">HB 4135 Zwiener</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the regulation of stormwater management by certain counties.	Identical bill: SB 1669. To protect groundwater supplies, expands county stormwater management authority to all counties in the Hill Country PGMA or over the Edwards Aquifer.
<a href="#">HB 4214 Curry</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the public information law.	Identical bill: SB 2711. Governmental body must notify AG of its mailing and email address designated for receiving open records requests. AG will make available this information on its website.
<a href="#">HB 4329 Lopez, Janie</a>	Received from the House	Relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of factors that affect the costs of developing drainage infrastructure in this state.	TWDB must identify, study, and produce a report on factors affecting the costs of developing drainage infrastructure in the state.
<a href="#">HB 4404 Pierson</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the consideration of the provision of law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services by a commissioners court or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality when determining whether to grant or deny a petition for the creation of certain conservation and reclamation districts.	Identical bill: SB 1994. If the district is located outside city boundaries, its petition for creation must include a plan for the provision of law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services, and whether roads will be constructed to allow a fire truck to turn around.
<a href="#">HB 4433 Dean</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the requirements for obtaining an interbasin water transfer permit.	Applicant for an interbasin water transfer permit must include an enforceable affirmation that the receiving basin will implement water conservation and drought contingency measures to avoid waste.
<a href="#">HB 4460 Canales</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the projects eligible for financial assistance from the flood infrastructure fund.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 1967 and HB 3915. A flood project eligible for funding can mean one that has a water supply creation component.
<a href="#">HB 4485 Bell, Cecil</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to eligibility for a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.	Identical bill: SB 1302. TCEQ cannot authorize a discharger to discharge under a general permit within 5 years of a denial or suspension of their permit.
<a href="#">HB 4494 Bell, Cecil</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to county regulation of residential development.	Allows counties to regulate residential development in the same manner as a subdivision.
<a href="#">HB 4526 Martinez</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the establishment of a grant program by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to plug abandoned and deteriorating water wells.	Identical bill: SB 2506. Establishes a grant program to offset the costs of plugging abandoned and deteriorating water wells for districts or landowners.



<a href="#">HB 4530 Romero</a>	<b>Vetoed by the Governor</b>	Relating to the dedication and management of water rights placed in the Texas Water Trust.	Creates a method for placing groundwater rights into the Texas Water Trust.
<a href="#">HB 4572 Morales Shaw</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain pits used for the storage and disposal of oil and gas waste.	Identical bill: SB 3017. Establishes rules, including groundwater monitoring standards, for reserve and mud circulation pits used in oil and gas operations.
<a href="#">HB 4588 Orr</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the regulation of aquatic vegetation management by the Parks and Wildlife Department; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.	Establishes regulatory framework for aquatic vegetation management, requires adherence with state aquatic vegetation management plan.
<a href="#">HB 4657 Barry</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to establishing the Local Government Water Redevelopment Fund.	Enabling legislation for HJR 188. Establishes special fund under the treasury which will fund the repair and redevelopment of existing water infrastructure.
<a href="#">HB 4637 Troxclair</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate subdivision platting in regard to the use of groundwater.	Bracketed to Kendall County, applies to tracts of land >50 acres that are to be subdivided and developed. Owner may not subdivide the land into lots <3 acres if primary water source is groundwater. Applicant must provide a water availability report.
<a href="#">HB 4722 Troxclair</a>	Referred to Trade, Workforce & Economic Development	Relating to the definition of conservation easement.	Identical bill: SB 2874. A conservation easement can also mean an easement meant to protect living things from excessive artificial light.
<a href="#">HB 4896 Garcia, Josey</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to rules and reports related to brackish groundwater production zones.	Requires permit holder to submit annual reports that include the annual water quality of brackish groundwater withdrawn and in monitoring wells and aquifer levels measured by monitoring wells required by the permit.
<a href="#">HB 4978 Hickland</a>	Withdrawn from schedule	Relating to the creation of municipal utility districts in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality.	Removes MUDs from automatic consent rules and procedures and requires MOUs for water and road service. Neutral on Section 4 of this bill.
<a href="#">HB 4981 Luther</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to a scoring system for all permit applications within the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Creates a scoring system for TCEQ permit applications that prioritizes input from community participation, local government resolutions, neighborhood organization input, and state senator and rep input.
<a href="#">HB 5044 Reynolds</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to study and report about water rights that may be subject to cancellation for nonuse.	Every 5 years, TCEQ will determine water that has not been put to beneficial use within the preceding 10yrs and submit a report to TWDB, TPWD, and LBB with its findings and recommendations.
<a href="#">HB 5109 Darby</a>	H Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 783 and HB 1360. Allows governmental entities to adopt updated energy code, energy/water conservation design standard, and high-performance building standard.
<a href="#">HB 5187 Patterson</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to certain municipal and county regulation of conversion of certain office buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential occupancy.	Identical bill: SB 2477. Eases the conversion of commercial buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential buildings in large cities in large counties. Can help prevent sprawl.
<a href="#">HB 5206 Guillen</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to notice provided to certain public drinking water supply systems before water quality testing.	Identical bill: SB 1662. TCEQ can provide notice within 24 hours to a public drinking water system of water quality testing to investigate a complaint.
<a href="#">HB 5207 Guillen</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.	Identical bill: SB 1663. Updates rules regarding notifying the public and GCDs of potential groundwater contamination concerns.
<a href="#">HB 5208 Guillen</a>	H Left Pending in Committee	Relating to the installation of a filtration system by certain public drinking water supply systems.	Identical bill: SB 2497. TCEQ can require a public water system that relies on groundwater to install a well filtration system.
<a href="#">HB 5209 Guillen</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the consideration of compliance with rules of the Texas	Identical bill: SB 2499. In considering reasonable rates for a water or sewer utility, the regulatory

		Commission on Environmental Quality in approving rates for water or sewer utility services.	authority must consider whether the utility is in compliance with TCEQ rules and whether, in the test year, the utility was in compliance with TCEQ rules.
<a href="#">HB 5213 Zwiener</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to groundwater requirements for municipal and county approval of subdivision plats and the powers and duties of groundwater conservation districts.	Plat application must include estimate of drawdown of groundwater associated with the subdivision, relative to modeled available groundwater and modeled sustainable groundwater, the cumulative impact of existing or planned wells on availability and drawdown, and projected future pumping.
<a href="#">HB 5325 Isaac</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to requirements that certain plats for the subdivision of land include evidence of groundwater supply.	Identical bill: SB 1855. TCEQ will establish what constitutes credible evidence of groundwater availability and subdivision plats will comply with these new rules.
<a href="#">HB 5348 Kitzman</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to acquiring real property interests for environmental mitigation required for water projects.	Broadens the projects required to mitigate future adverse environmental effects arising from the construction or operation of the project.
<a href="#">HB 5380 Walle</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to park land dedication requirements for subdivisions by counties; authorizing a fee.	Commissioners courts may adopt specifications for parkland dedication or impose a single fee equivalent to parkland dedication the county can use for park projects.
<a href="#">HB 5454 Money</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the authority of a county to regulate certain land uses.	GEAA supports the permit requirements laid out in this bill regarding offensive land uses, though is generally unsupportive of the alternative energy facility portion of the bill. Would not allow the construction or operation of offensive land use in the unincorporated area of a county unless a permit is obtained from the commissioners court.
<a href="#">HB 5493 Romero</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the diversion and discharge of water for desalination.	TCEQ, TPWD, and GLO will conduct a study on gulf desalination including acceptable concentrate salinity, toxicity, ambient temperatures, potential detrimental impacts or impairment on or to marine organisms.
<a href="#">HB 5552 Plesa</a>	Referred to Public Education	Relating to lead in drinking water at public schools.	Agency and TCEQ will adopt guidelines for school districts to implement a safe drinking water for schools plan, which each state school district will adopt.
<a href="#">HB 5555 Zwiener</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to municipal utility districts; limiting the rate of a tax.	MUD applicant must send notice to the relevant GCD of its application and the GCD may submit written opinion on the creation of the proposed district.
<a href="#">HB 5559 Harris</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the enforcement of drought contingency plans by water and sewer utilities and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.	Identical bill: SB 2662. Retail public utility, utility, or water supply corporation may discontinue, reduce, or impair retail water or sewer service for compliance with a drought contingency plan. The DCP must outline procedures for enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions.
<a href="#">HB 5560 Harris</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to penalties in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district; increasing a penalty.	Identical bill: SB 2661. Raises the civil penalties a GCD may recover for breach of rules from \$10k/day to \$25k/day.
<a href="#">HB 5569 Troxclair</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to fire safety standards and emergency operations plans for the operation of battery energy storage.	Identical bill: SB 1825. State fire marshal to adopt and update fire safety standards and testing requirements for battery energy storage facilities and equipment. Facilities and operators must meet these standards and reqs.
<a href="#">HB 5574 Barry</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the membership of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee.	Identical bill: SB 1387. Adds the Executive Director of TPWD to the committee.
SENATE BILLS			

<a href="#">SB 7 Perry</a>	This Act takes effect September 1, 2025, except Sections 1.04, 1.06, and 1.09 take effect September 1, 2027, but only if HJR 7 is approved by the voters.	Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.	Enabling legislation for SJR 66. One of the “big water bills” for the 89 <sup>th</sup> . Adds potable reuse projects to NWSFT and FIF account to Texas Water Fund programs and allows wastewater infrastructure projects to be funded.
<a href="#">SB 15 Bettencourt</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to size and density requirements for residential lots in certain municipalities; authorizing a fee.	Identical bill: HB 3919. GEAA supports the amended version only, which would apply small lot size zoning requirements on cities >150k, within a county of >300k, and not over an aquifer recharge zone. Would allow cities to continue to implement aquifer protection ordinances.
<a href="#">SB 102 Hall</a>	Co-author authorized	Relating to the notice and petition for the creation of a municipal utility district in certain counties.	Identical bill: HB 363. At least 30 days before filing a petition for the creation of a MUD, the applicant must file a draft of the petition with the county clerk of each county where the district would be.
<a href="#">SB 212 West</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to certain public meetings and public hearings concerning permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Public meeting or hearing must be held in person, at a public location, not more than 1 mile from the proposed location, or not more than 5 miles if a public location doesn't exist within 1 mile. Applicant will pay the cost of the public meeting.
<a href="#">SB 273 Miles</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.	Similar bill: HB 3926. TCEQ must consider cumulative effects on public's health and physical property of expected air contaminant emissions from the facility and other facilities within 3 miles in determining whether emissions violate the code.
<a href="#">SB 277 Miles</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the consideration of certain local government actions before the renewal of air permits for certain concrete plants.	Similar bill: HB 3927. TCEQ must consider civil suit and other enforcement actions taken by a local government against the applicant when considering the permit's renewal.
<a href="#">SB 291 Schwertner</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to the failure to disclose certain appraisal reports by an entity with eminent domain authority in connection with an offer to acquire real property.	An entity with eminent domain authority that does not provide the owner of a property the appraisal reports relating to that property is liable to the owner for reasonable attorney's fees incurred in order to obtain the disclosure.
<a href="#">SB 325 Perry</a>	Co-author authorized	Relating to county regulation of subdivisions and approval of subdivision plans or plats.	Identical bill: HB 2384. A fix to unintended issues caused by HB 3697 (88 <sup>th</sup> ), which let developers circumvent platting process by declaring roads private.
<a href="#">SB 373 Miles</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to request a hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	Identical bill: HB 844. Allows municipality or county in which a proposed plant is to be located and persons residing within 440 yards of the proposed plant to request a hearing from TCEQ.
<a href="#">SB 429 Miles</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for certain facilities located in a nonattainment area.	Identical bill: HB 853. TCEQ would need to consider the cumulative impacts arising from the issuance of the permit and demonstrate the benefits significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed by the facility.
<a href="#">SB 444 Hinojosa, Juan</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to a requirement that certain special purpose districts cause certain information to be posted on an Internet website.	If a special purpose district – except GCDs or river authorities – has elections, they must pose the date and location of the next election for each office and requirements and deadlines to file to run on their website at least 1 yr in advance of the election.
<a href="#">SB 480 Perry</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities	Identical bill: HB 3383. Allows local governments to contract with other local, state, or federal government to jointly participate in

		to participate in water research or planning activities.	research/planning activities related to water resources.
<a href="#">SB 526 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Business & Commerce	Relating to the use of green stormwater infrastructure in new state buildings.	New state buildings will be required to use green stormwater infrastructure, including buildings otherwise exempt under Chapter 2166.
<a href="#">SB 542 Schwertner</a>	S Left pending in committee	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.	Identical and similar bills: HB 359, HB 517, and HB 5387. Property owners' association may not assess a fine for a violation of rules that require maintenance of green vegetation/turf during watering restriction periods and for a time after.
<a href="#">SB 561 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the creation of the Office of Environmental Justice within the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Creates the Office of Environmental Justice within the TCEQ to protect the public health, general welfare, and physical property of environmental justice communities.
<a href="#">SB 583 West</a>	Not again placed on intent calendar	Relating to lists of public real property suitable for use or to be developed for use as affordable housing by certain municipalities and counties.	Cities and counties must prepare an inventory list of all real property owned by the relevant government and determine its suitability to be developed as affordable housing.
<a href="#">SB 624 Kolkhorst</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.	Identical bill: HB 1633. Before granting or denying a permit, a GCD must consider whether the proposed use of the water unreasonably affects registered exempt wells within the district.
<a href="#">SB 718 Kolkhorst</a>	Co-author authorized	Relating to creation of the groundwater science, research, and innovation fund to be administered by the Texas Water Development Board.	Identical bill: HB 1400. Fund to improve understanding of groundwater conditions, develop or improve models, improve use efficiency and water conservation efforts, increase recharge, and protect quality.
<a href="#">SB 766 Zaffirini</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the correction of references to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.	Updates state codes to refer to the TCEQ rather than the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.
<a href="#">SB 768 Menéndez</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to a study regarding the effects of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals on public health.	Identical bill: HB 1730. Study must assess health impact of PFAS/PFOS on groundwater, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and other water sources used for drinking water.
<a href="#">SB 783 Menéndez</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.	Identical bills: HB 1360 and HB 5109. Allows governmental entities to adopt updated energy code, energy/water conservation design standard, and high-performance building standard.
<a href="#">SB 789 Alvarado</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	Similar bills: HB 1726 and HB 3043. Representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or person within 880yds of the plant may request a hearing as an affected party.
<a href="#">SB 863 Perry</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the use of water withdrawn from the Edwards Aquifer.	Identical bill: HB 2817. Water from the Edwards may only be used within the EAA boundary or within the CCN of a retail utility located within its boundary.
<a href="#">SB 885 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	Similar bills: HB 1726 and HB 3043. Representative of a school, place of worship, licensed day-care center, hospital, medical facility, or person within 880yds of the plant may request a hearing as an affected party.
<a href="#">SB 886 Sparks</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the production, sale, and use of certain agricultural products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); creating a criminal offense.	Identical bill: HB 1674. No production, sale, distribution, or application of materials described by the relevant section of code if they have PFAS concentration levels above the levels outlined in the bill.

<a href="#">SB 910 Blanco</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires.	Identical bill: HB 464. TCEQ may develop a scrap tire remediation grant program to reduce the number of scrap tires disposed of in water, public rights-of-way, and other public land.
<a href="#">SB 975 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Health & Human Services	Relating to a study on the prevalence and tracking of heat-related deaths in this state.	DSHS will study the prevalence of heat related deaths and ability of counties to track those deaths and provide recommendations.
<a href="#">SB 976 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Health & Human Services	Relating to the establishment of an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction.	Establishes the Surface Water and Groundwater Interaction Advisory Board to study extent of interaction, challenges to the state, and recommendations to mitigate the challenges.
<a href="#">SB 1034 Sparks</a>	Co-author authorized	Relating to cybersecurity for retail public utilities that provide water or sewer service.	Identical bill: HB 4231. Allows retail public utilities to be eligible for cybersecurity services.
<a href="#">SB 1055 Nichols</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to permit fees for groundwater wells imposed by the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District.	Increases the permit fee to 7 cents from 1 cent per thousand gallons for the STGCD.
<a href="#">SB 1150 Middleton</a>	This Act takes effect September 1, 2025, except Section 1 takes effect September 1, 2027.	Relating to the plugging of and reporting on inactive wells subject to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas; authorizing an administrative penalty.	Identical bill: HB 2766. RRC will produce a report on the number of inactive wells, the age and length of inactivity, the number of wells that have been granted an extension, number of wells plugged, returned to production, summary of operators of inactive wells, and the annual cost calculation of plugging wells. RRC will adopt rules for regulate and monitor inactive wells.
<a href="#">SB 1190 Perry</a>	S Left pending in committee	Relating to water losses reported by certain municipally owned utilities to the Texas Water Development Board; authorizing administrative penalties.	Identical bills: HB 29 and HB 2605. Applies to municipally owned utilities with >150k connections. If water loss audit shows water loss meets or exceeds threshold, utility must complete audit validation and develop a water loss mitigation plan.
<a href="#">SB 1253 Perry</a>	Vetoed by the Governor	Relating to the provision by a political subdivision of credits against impact fees to builders and developers for certain water conservation and reuse projects.	Identical bill: HB 3875. City must provide a credit against water/wastewater impact fees to a developer for the construction/dedication/contribution of a system or product that results in water reuse, conservation, or savings. Intent is for developers to go beyond code requirements.
<a href="#">SB 1268 Blanco</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	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.	Similar bill: HB 3628. Requires TWDB to review and update guidance principles and any rules related to the state water plan at least every five years to coincide with the 5-year cycle for the adoption of the water plan.
<a href="#">SB 1285 Eckhardt</a>	H Committee report distributed	Relating to the protection of bats.	Extends the amount of protections granted to bats in their removal from buildings or structures.
<a href="#">SB 1289 Perry</a>	Referred to Business & Commerce	Relating to the permissible uses of the Texas water fund.	Identical bill: HB 3315. Adds the flood infrastructure fund to permissible uses of the Texas Water Fund.
<a href="#">SB 1290 Schwertner</a>	Co-author authorized	Relating to requiring backup generation at certain wastewater treatment facilities.	Identical bill: HB 3535. Package plant operators will adopt and submit an emergency preparedness plan, including emergency wastewater treatment service capacity rules.
<a href="#">SB 1302 Kolkhorst</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to eligibility to use a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.	Identical bill: HB 4485. TCEQ cannot authorize a discharger to discharge under a general permit within 5 years of a denial or suspension of their permit.
<a href="#">SB 1339 Hancock</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.	Identical bill: HB 638. GCDs must make a video and audio recording of regularly scheduled open meetings and certain work session or special called meetings available to the public.



<a href="#">SB 1387 Zaffirini</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the membership of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee.	Identical bill: HB 5574. Adds the Executive Director of TPWD to the committee.
<a href="#">SB 1446 Menéndez</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the discontinuation, reduction, or impairment of water service during drought conditions.	A holder of a CCN or facilities owner or operator shall not discontinue, reduce, or impair service except as necessary to maintain adequate water supplies during drought.
<a href="#">SB 1519 Campbell</a>	Co-author authorized	Relating to the issuance by the Public Utility Commission of Texas of a permit for the installation of certain electric energy storage equipment or facilities; authorizing a fee.	Identical bill: HB 1343. Sets up permitting requirements for electric energy storage equipment/facilities, including ensuring adequate fire and emergency response.
<a href="#">SB 1583 Blanco</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.	Similar bill: HB 3609. GCD management plan must include most recently approved DFCs, and amount of modeled available groundwater under the most recently approved DFCs.
<a href="#">SB 1586 Schwertner</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the issuance by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of permits for certain wastewater treatment facilities.	Identical bill: HB 3252. TCEQ may not issue a permit for a proposed package wastewater plant located within 1000ft of a municipal wastewater line and may only issue the permit if the applicant can show they will implement measures to ensure security and weatherization and have adequate financial means to maintain the plant.
<a href="#">SB 1624 Johnson</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the purposes for which the Texas Water Bank and the Texas Water Trust may accept and hold water rights.	Texas Water Bank/Trust can accept and hold water rights to meet conservation or environmental needs, including instream flow needs.
<a href="#">SB 1625 Johnson</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	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.	Public water/wastewater supply systems must have an internal procedure to notify the TCEQ of a cybersecurity incidents.
<a href="#">SB 1633 Campbell</a>	Referred to Ways & Means	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 that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of certain water conservation systems.	Enabling legislation for SJR 60. Identical bills: HB 1256 and HB 3637. Counties can adopt a tax exemption for amount attributable to a rainwater harvesting or graywater system. Must be approved by county's voters.
<a href="#">SB 1662 Zaffirini</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to notice provided to certain public drinking water supply systems before water quality testing.	Identical bill: HB 5206. TCEQ can provide notice within 24 hours to a public drinking water system of water quality testing to investigate a complaint.
<a href="#">SB 1663 Zaffirini</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to notification procedures concerning groundwater contamination.	Identical bill: HB 5207. Updates rules regarding notifying the public and GCDs of potential groundwater contamination concerns.
<a href="#">SB 1669 Zaffirini</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the regulation of stormwater management by certain counties.	Identical bill: HB 4135. To protect groundwater supplies, expands county stormwater management authority to all counties in the Hill Country PGMA or over the Edwards Aquifer.
<a href="#">SB 1720 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to production fees imposed by the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing an increase in the rate of the fee.	Identical bill: HB 1529. Raises SWTCGCD production fee to 50 cents per thousand gallons, up from 20 cents per thousand gallons.
<a href="#">SB 1855 Perry</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to requirements that certain plats for the subdivision of land include evidence of groundwater supply.	Identical bill: HB 5325. TCEQ will establish what constitutes credible evidence of groundwater availability and subdivision plats will comply with these new rules.

<a href="#">SB 1911 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessments units, and drainage areas.	Pristine streams bill for statewide designated pristine streams. TCEQ may not issue a new permit authorizing the direct discharge from a domestic wastewater treatment facility into the specified areas or their drainage area.
<a href="#">SB 1914 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to consent by a county commissioners court for the creation of certain conservation and reclamation districts in the unincorporated area of the county.	TCEQ must notify each county in which a proposed district is to be located of the petition, the county may review the permit and submit written notice of the county's consent or objection to the creation of the proposed district.
<a href="#">SB 1954 Campbell</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land use in certain areas in and around hydrologically sensitive areas.	Grants counties zoning authority over designated protected areas in order to protect public health/safety by regulating land use and development in hydrologically sensitive areas, including aquifer recharge zones and karst topographic areas.
<a href="#">SB 1967 Hinojosa, Juan</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the projects eligible for financial assistance from the flood infrastructure fund.	Identical bills: HB 3915 and HB 4460. A flood project eligible for funding can mean one that has a water supply creation component.
<a href="#">SB 1994 Hall</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the consideration of the provision of law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services by a commissioners court or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality when determining whether to grant or deny a petition for the creation of certain conservation and reclamation districts.	Identical bill: HB 4404. If the district is located outside city boundaries, its petition for creation must include a plan for the provision of law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency services, and whether roads will be constructed to allow a fire truck to turn around.
<a href="#">SB 2114 Hughes</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the removal of certain proposed reservoir sites from the state water plan.	A reservoir project can be removed from the state water plan if it has not begun construction within 50 years of its inclusion in the plan.
<a href="#">SB 2115 Hughes</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the eligibility of certain engineering firms to participate in the construction of a reservoir.	Engineering firms that assisted in the preparation of the state water plan, regional water plan, or feasibility plan for a reservoir project cannot participate in its construction.
<a href="#">SB 2122 Zaffirini</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.	Identical bill: HB 3158. Establishes permit application fees for permits to store, treat, or dispose of certain oil and gas wastes.
<a href="#">SB 2272 Miles</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to air quality permits for concrete crushing facilities and concrete plants located in certain areas.	Applicant in recently developing areas has to submit an application that assesses, at minimum, the anticipated social and economic impact of the proposed facility on future local communities.
<a href="#">SB 2275 Miles</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the submission of public comments regarding air, waste, or water permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	TCEQ must establish procedures allowing the public to submit comments by email during any public comment period.
<a href="#">SB 2295 Miles</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to the authority of a municipality to authorize the creation or expansion of a political subdivision in the corporate boundaries or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the municipality.	Does not allow for the expansion or creation of a political subdivision or ESD within the corporate boundaries or ETJ, respectively, of a municipality without authorized by the municipality.
<a href="#">SB 2386 Miles</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to the provision by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the pertinent state representative and state senator of notice of certain administrative actions of the commission.	Identical bill: HB 482. TCEQ must notify state reps and senators representing area where violation for which a penalty is being assessed occurred of that violation and of the public notice for the proposed order or agreement.

<a href="#">SB 2389 Eckhardt</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to entities authorized to provide water or sewer service.	Considers a public utility agency definition to include retail public utility for the purposes of Ch. 13 of the Water Code and sets up rules related to receivership and temporary management.
<a href="#">SB 2441 Zaffirini</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the regulation of preproduction plastic by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Identical bill: HB 4028. TCEQ must designate preproduction plastics as a Class II nonhazardous industrial waste and must include preproduction plastics in its water quality assessments.
<a href="#">SB 2477 Bettencourt</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to certain municipal and county regulation of conversion of certain office buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential occupancy.	Identical bill: HB 5187. Eases the conversion of commercial buildings to mixed-use and multifamily residential buildings in large cities in large counties. Can help prevent sprawl.
<a href="#">SB 2497 Zaffirini</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to the installation of a filtration system by certain public drinking water supply systems.	Identical bill: HB 5208. TCEQ can require a public water system that relies on groundwater to install a well filtration system.
<a href="#">SB 2498 Zaffirini</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the participation of certain counties in joint planning in groundwater management areas.	A county can participate in the joint planning process of a management area even if it doesn't have a GCD within its boundaries if it designates a representative to participate to represent the county's interests in regional planning.
<a href="#">SB 2499 Zaffirini</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the consideration of compliance with rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in approving rates for water or sewer utility services.	Identical bill: HB 5209. In considering reasonable rates for a water or sewer utility, the regulatory authority must consider whether the utility is in compliance with TCEQ rules and whether, in the test year, the utility was in compliance with TCEQ rules.
<a href="#">SB 2591 Zaffirini</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the purposes for which the Texas Water Development Board may use money in the economically distressed areas account.	TWDB can use the economically distressed areas account for costs associated with platting or replatting an area in preparation for connecting it to a public water supply or sewer system in certain circumstances.
<a href="#">SB 2635 Johnson</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the name and governance of the Railroad Commission of Texas.	Identical bill: HB 2719. Changes RRC to Texas Oil, Gas, and Minerals Commission.
<a href="#">SB 2660 Perry</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing a fee.	Allows HTGCD to assess a production fee of either 38 cents per 1,000 gallons of groundwater withdrawn or the raw surface water cost of other wholesale water suppliers providing water to customers in the district.
<a href="#">SB 2661 Perry</a>	S Left pending in committee	Relating to penalties in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district; increasing a penalty.	Identical bill: HB 5560. Raises the civil penalties a GCD may recover for breach of rules from \$10k/day to \$25k/day.
<a href="#">SB 2662 Perry</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the enforcement of drought contingency plans by water and sewer utilities and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.	Identical bill: HB 5559. Retail public utility, utility, or water supply corporation may discontinue, reduce, or impair retail water or sewer service for compliance with a drought contingency plan. The DCP must outline procedures for enforcement of mandatory water use restrictions.
<a href="#">SB 2850 Menéndez</a>	Referred to Agriculture & Livestock	Relating to the task force on pollinator health.	Identical bill: HB 1437. Establishes task force on pollinator health.
<a href="#">SB 2874 Gutierrez</a>	Referred to Economic Development	Relating to the definition of conservation easement.	Identical bill: HB 4722. A conservation easement can also mean an easement meant to protect living things from excessive artificial light.
<a href="#">SB 2885 Flores</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the use of reclaimed water that has been treated to meet certain standards as part of an aquifer storage and recovery project.	Allows reclaimed and treated wastewater to be used as a supply for aquifer storage and recovery projects.

<a href="#">SB 2887 Cook</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	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.	Identical bill: HB 2015. A petition for the creation of a MUD must include a water conservation plan.
<a href="#">SB 2897 Cook</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to the adoption of a water conservation program by a county.	Identical bill: HB 2346. Counties can adopt a water conservation program for the unincorporated area of a county including the ETJ of a city, including water use restrictions, water conservation standards for development/redevelopment or subdivision of land, and water use reduction/water loss reduction/water conservation strategies.
<a href="#">SB 2924 Parker</a>	Referred to Business & Commerce	Relating to a grant program for hurricane and windstorm loss mitigation for single-family residential property.	Identical bill: HB 1576. Sets up a grant program to residential property owners to retrofit properties to resist hurricane and windstorm losses.
<a href="#">SB 3017 Menéndez</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain pits used for the storage and disposal of oil and gas waste.	Identical bill: HB 4572. Establishes rules, including groundwater monitoring standards, for reserve and mud circulation pits used in oil and gas operations.
<a href="#">SB 3022 Menéndez</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the denial by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of a renewal permit.	TCEQ can deny a renewal permit if the permit holder has a history of enforcement actions for the violation of environmental or health and safety regulations.
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>			
<a href="#">HJR 7 Harris</a>	Filed with the Secretary of State	Proposing a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund.	Enabling legislation is HB 16. Establishes a recurring up-to-\$1b installment to the Texas Water Fund. Does not restrict the use of the fund and allows for 10 years of funding before needing to be extended. Would allow TWDB to spend the fund as see fits within parameters of HB 16 and prior legislation.
<a href="#">HJR 27 Goodwin</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Proposing a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to a clean and healthy environment.	Guarantees the public the right to a clean and healthy environment, including clean water and air, healthy soil, and diverse and abundant flora and fauna, and preservation of the environment. Requires state to protect this right and not infringe upon it.
<a href="#">HJR 88 Zwiener</a>	Received from the House	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the commissioners court of a county to exempt from ad valorem taxation by each political subdivision that taxes the property the portion of the assessed value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system.	Enabling legislation is HB 1256. Identical to SJR 60. Allows a county to exempt the portion of the value of the property arising from the installation of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system from ad valorem taxation.
<a href="#">HJR 97 Raymond</a>	H Left pending in committee	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property that arises from the use of xeriscape on the property.	Enabling legislation is HB 1370. Allows a county to exempt the portion of the value of the property arising from the installation of xeriscaping from ad valorem taxation.
<a href="#">HCR 121 Dorazio</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Urging the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to take immediate and decisive action to protect the Edwards Aquifer.	Emphasizes the importance and irreplaceability of the Edwards Aquifer and directs the TCEQ to take immediate and decisive action to protect the aquifer and its recharge and contributing zones from irreversible contamination from treated effluents or toxic substances.
<a href="#">HJR 126 Howard</a>	Referred to Appropriations	Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain general revenue that	Allows a certain amount of general revenue funds to be transferred to the Texas Water Fund, potentially

		would otherwise be transferred to the economic stabilization fund to the Texas water fund.	up to \$1 billion, adjusted annually to inflation or by 2%, whichever is lesser.
<a href="#">HJR 188 Barry</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Local Government Water Redevelopment Fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.	Enabling legislation is HB 4657. Creates the Local Government Water Redevelopment Fund to be administered by the TWDB.
<a href="#">SJR 60 Campbell</a>	Referred to Ways & Means	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the commissioners court of a county to exempt from ad valorem taxation by each political subdivision that taxes the property the portion of the assessed value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system.	Enabling legislation is SB 1633. Identical to HRJ 88. Allows a county to exempt the portion of the value of the property arising from the installation of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system from ad valorem taxation.
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## Bills GEAA Opposes in the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

HOUSE BILLS			
<a href="#">HB 10 Capriglione</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	Relating to reforming the procedure by which state agencies adopt rules and impose regulatory requirements and the deference given to the interpretation of laws and rules by state agencies in certain judicial proceedings.	Similar bill: SB 14. An effort to roll-back regulations and to codify the roll-back of the Chevron Doctrine at the state level.
<a href="#">HB 23 Harris</a>	S Left pending in committee	Relating to the authority of certain persons to obtain third-party review of plats and property development plans, permits, and similar documents, and the inspection of an improvement related to such a document.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 2354 and HB 2977. Allows applicants to use third party review for any development document or inspection and does not grant the regulatory authority waiver or additional approval authority.
<a href="#">HB 309 Leo Wilson</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 239, HB 1189, and 1294. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 369 Tepper</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate the number of dwellings allowed on certain property.	Prohibits a city from allowing more than one dwelling on a lot that was previously zoned for single-family dwellings, does not allow cities to change zoning classification without written affidavit from each landowner within 200 feet of each property being rezoned giving consent.
<a href="#">HB 524 Tepper</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to the review and approval of certain proposed municipal initiatives and referendums.	A city may not order an election on adopting, amending, or repealing an ordinance, regulation, or other measure without first submitting the measure to the attorney general for their approval. If the AG determines any portion conflicts with state law, the city may not put the provision on the ballot.
<a href="#">HB 571 Cain</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Similar and duplicate bills: SB 239 and HB 671. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 587 Harrison</a>	Referred to Delivery of Government Efficiency	Relating to a requirement that certain rules proposed by state agencies in the executive branch of state government be approved by certain elected state officials.	Duplicate bill: HB 3836. A rule proposed by a state agency in the executive branch must have been certified to have been reviewed, approved, and signed by the governor or elected state officer of that agency.
<a href="#">HB 671 Shaheen</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Similar and duplicate bills: SB 239 and HB 571. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 736 Flores</a>	Referred to Environmental Regulation	Relating to certain procedures for civil suits brought by local governments or certain other persons for violations of certain laws under the jurisdiction of, or rules adopted or orders or permits issued by, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Removes a section of the Water Code that provides a mechanism for a local government, person affected, or authorized agent to institute a claim related to a violation during the suit limitations period.

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<a href="#">HB 926 Harrison</a>	Referred to Delivery of Government Efficiency	Relating to the adoption and voidability of certain rules proposed by a state agency.	Repeals the sections of the Government Code that allows an agency to make a rule even if it imposes a cost if the rule is necessary to comply with federal law, to protect water resources, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents, is adopted by PUC, TPWD, or TCEQ, or is necessary to implement legislation.
<a href="#">HB 987 Toth</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the time for issuance of a municipal building permit.	Requires cities to grant or deny a permit within 30 days of submission, down from 45 days, and without the means to provide written notice why the city is taking the action it is.
<a href="#">HB 1050 Dorazio</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the award of attorney's fees in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.	Allows the prevailing party to receive attorney's fees and costs in suits against a groundwater conservation district.
<a href="#">HB 1189 Troxclair</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 239, HB 309, and HB 1294. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 1294 Patterson</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 239, HB 309, and HB 1189. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 2149 Tepper</a>	S Left pending in committee	Relating to nonconforming land uses after the adoption of or change to a zoning regulation or boundary.	A city cannot stop a nonconforming property use unless it enters an agreement with the person to stop the nonconforming use. Until the agreement is entered, the person can continue this use, and does not provide a requirement that an agreement ever be reached.
<a href="#">HB 2225 Buckley</a>	Laid on the table subject to call	Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.	Similar bill: SB 1883. Requires an impact fee to approved by a ¾ majority vote of the governing body of a political subdivision and may not increase that fee for the next five years.
<a href="#">HB 2506 Dorazio</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to rates for water or sewer utility service provided by certain municipally owned utilities.	Limits large municipally owned water utilities from implementing rate increases while implementing any provision of their drought contingency plan.
<a href="#">HB 2559 Patterson</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the imposition by a municipality of a moratorium on property development in certain circumstances.	Similar bill: SB 1882. Places extensive restrictions on a city's ability to implement a development moratorium and does not take into effect water shortages or drought conditions.
<a href="#">HB 2770 Schatzline</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to municipal diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.	Prohibits a city from spending public money or providing compensation in any manner directly or indirectly on "DEI" initiatives, which are very broadly defined. If found in violation, would not be able to adopt an ad valorem tax above a certain level for three years or be eligible for grant funds for two years.
<a href="#">HB 2805 DeAyala</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to civil actions related to groundwater conservation districts.	Puts GCDs at risk of being liable for plaintiffs' attorney fees, increases hesitancy of GCDs to take action and places undue burden on GCDs.
<a href="#">HB 2812 Isaac</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the exemption of public water supply wells from regulation, permitting, or metering by the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District.	Would exempt public water supply wells from regulation, permitting, or metering by the HTGCD, opening up significant amounts of water not subject to regulation and circumventing drought restrictions. Opposed by HTGCD.

<a href="#">HB 2821 Schatzline</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to county diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.	Prohibits a county from spending public money or providing compensation in any manner directly or indirectly on "DEI" initiatives, which are very broadly defined. If found in violation, would not be able to adopt an ad valorem tax above a certain level for three years or be eligible for grant funds for two years.
<a href="#">HB 2977 Harris</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the authority of certain persons to obtain third-party review of plats and property development plans, permits, and similar documents, and the inspection of an improvement related to such a document.	Identical and duplicate bill: SB 2354 and HB 23. Allows applicants to use third party review for any development document or inspection and does not grant the regulatory authority waiver or additional approval authority.
<a href="#">HB 3257 Olcott</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical and duplicate bill: SB 19 and HB 4860. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 3798 Troxclair</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to municipal regulation of the removal of an Ashe juniper tree.	Identical bill: SB 1927. Prohibits cities from implementing tree preservation ordinances in relation to ashe juniper trees, which are vital to soil and watershed health and endangered species.
<a href="#">HB 3836 Curry</a>	Referred to Delivery of Government Efficiency	Relating to a requirement that certain rules proposed by state agencies in the executive branch of state government be approved by certain elected state officials.	Duplicate: HB 587. A rule proposed by a state agency in the executive branch must have been certified to have been reviewed, approved, and signed by the governor or elected state officer of that agency.
<a href="#">HB 3964 Vasut</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to common law public nuisance claims.	Identical bill: SB 779. Eliminates long-standing common law ability for the public to seek relief through public nuisance claims for a wide variety of actions and products. Detrimental to public welfare.
<a href="#">HB 4138 Bell, Cecil</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the expiration date of certain permits issued by groundwater conservation districts.	Identical bill: SB 2832. Requires a GCD to delay the expiration date of a permit if the expiration date occurs while the permit holder is party to litigation concerning the issuance or validity of the permit.
<a href="#">HB 4283 LaHood</a>	H Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to the penalties imposed on municipalities for violating state law and the state constitution.	AG can initiate investigations into whether city laws violate state law or the state constitution. Does not provide a mechanism outlying the basis for initiating an investigation. If the AG finds a violation, the city could be \$3k/day until the issue is resolved and would be unable to issue bonds.
<a href="#">HB 4313 Bell, Cecil</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to impose a fee to fund a climate or environmental project.	Identical bill: SB 2235. Radical preemption of the ability of local jurisdiction including cities, counties, transit authorities and other local political subdivisions from assessing fees, assessments or any financial requirement on anyone if the revenue was done with the intent to address or mitigate climate change, reduce pollution or resolve other environmental issues.
<a href="#">HB 4496 Bell, Cecil</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to municipal diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.	Prohibits a city from spending public money or providing compensation in any manner directly or indirectly on "DEI" initiatives, which are very broadly defined. If found in violation, would not be able to adopt an ad valorem tax above a certain level for three years or be eligible for grant funds for two years.

<a href="#">HB 4630 Kitzman</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the regulation of artesian water wells by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	Repeals sections of the water code related to artesian wells, sections related to recordkeeping and reporting.
<a href="#">HB 4860 Patterson</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical and duplicate bills: SB 19 and HB 3257. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">HB 4866 Vasut</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the review, adoption, and modification of land development regulations by certain counties and municipalities.	Imposes requirements on political subdivisions for reviewing regulations that could be very costly to the city/county and fiscal CBA of regulations for public services is not necessarily the best approach. Section 248.003(c)(3) of the bill is good and we support that approach.
<a href="#">HB 4938 Curry</a>	Referred to Culture, Recreation & Tourism	Relating to the abolishment of the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Parks and Wildlife Commission and the transfer of their functions to the General Land Office, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Public Safety.	Would abolish the TPWD and Parks and Wildlife Commission and transfer their authority and duties to the GLO, DoA, and DPS. Repeals many sections of The Parks and Wildlife Code.
<a href="#">HB 5188 Lopez, Janie</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from a groundwater conservation district for certain brackish groundwater wells.	Identical bill: SB 2658. Exempts brackish groundwater wells from GCD permitting process. Oversteps GCD regulatory authority and could lead to saltwater intrusion.
<a href="#">HB 5203 Bell, Cecil</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulation.	Similar bill: SB 2858. Continued efforts to preempt municipal and county laws and authority.
<a href="#">HB 5489 Dyson</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to a temporary moratorium on the imposition of an impact fee.	Prohibits impact fees from being imposed by political subdivisions between 9/1/2025 and 8/31/2029.
<a href="#">HB 5514 Schofield</a>	Referred to Land & Resource Management	Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to allow the construction of multifamily housing in certain areas.	Prohibits a city or county from allowing the construction of multifamily housing units in an area that predominantly consists of single family residences.
<a href="#">HB 5612 Bell, Cecil</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulation.	Identical bill: SB 3016. Continued efforts to preempt municipal and county laws and authority.
<b>SENATE BILLS</b>			
<a href="#">SB 14 King</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to reforming the procedure by which state agencies adopt rules and impose regulatory requirements and the deference given to the interpretation of laws and rules by state agencies in certain judicial proceedings.	Similar bill: HB 10. An effort to roll-back regulations and to codify the roll-back of the Chevron Doctrine at the state level.
<a href="#">SB 19 Middleton</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical bills: HB 3257 and HB 4860. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">SB 239 Middleton</a>	Referred to State Affairs	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	Identical bills: HB 309, HB 1189, and HB 1294. Similar bills: HB 571 and HB 671. Prohibits cities and counties from using public funds to pay a lobbyist to represent the concerns/interests of the government at the Legislature or to pay a nonprofit state association (TML, TAC, TCUC, etc) to represent their interests.
<a href="#">SB 729 Johnson</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to the operation of rock crushing facilities.	Appears to create an "enhanced controls" type of permit for rock crushers under 1500 tons/hour, which means it appears to be an attempt to skirt the

			opportunity for a contested case hearing for these crushers.
<a href="#">SB 779 Middleton</a>	Referred to Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence	Relating to common law public nuisance claims.	Identical bill: HB 3964. Eliminates long-standing common law ability for the public to seek relief through public nuisance claims for a wide variety of actions and products. Detrimental to public welfare.
<a href="#">SB 1509 Bettencourt</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate within its extraterritorial jurisdiction.	Very far-reaching bill. Would eliminate most, if not all, city regulatory authority within the ETJ, but does not necessarily transfer that authority to the county. Eliminates the provision of the Local Gov Code that allows cities to adopt and enforce water conservation for customers in an ETJ, repeals many sections of the code related to city and county authority in ETJs, and removes all references and definitions of ETJs in the code.
<a href="#">SB 1706 Hinojosa, Adam</a>	Effective immediately	Relating to the authority of the governing board of a state governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate an issue involving certain defense, military, or aerospace issues.	Governing board of a governmental body can conduct a closed meeting to deliberate defense, military, or aerospace issues, which include an economic incentive a governmental body may offer to a private entity or nonprofit organization to meet a match requirement or other requirement in relation to grants or strategic endeavors.
<a href="#">SB 1882 Bettencourt</a>	Committee report printed and distributed	Relating to the imposition by a municipality of a moratorium on property development in certain circumstances.	Similar bill: HB 2559. Places extensive restrictions on a city's ability to implement a development moratorium and does not take into effect water shortages or drought conditions.
<a href="#">SB 1883 Bettencourt</a>	Effective on 9/1/25	Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.	Similar bill: HB 2225. Requires an impact fee to approved by a ¾ majority vote of the governing body of a political subdivision and may not increase that fee for the next five years.
<a href="#">SB 1927 Hinojosa, Adam</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to municipal regulation of the removal of an Ashe juniper tree.	Identical bill: HB 3798. Prohibits cities from implementing tree preservation ordinances in relation to ashe juniper trees, which are vital to soil and watershed health and endangered species.
<a href="#">SB 2160 Flores</a>	S Left pending in committee	Relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission of Texas over municipally owned utility water and sewer service outside the corporate limits of a municipality.	Would take rate approval jurisdiction for customers outside of city limits away from the municipally owned utility and place that original jurisdiction with the PUC. This would make rate processes much more time consuming and costly and potentially less likely to have water conservation rates.
<a href="#">SB 2215 Campbell</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to the right of property owners to challenge municipal zoning regulations and boundaries.	Eliminates political subdivisions' immunity from suit for actions under Chapter 211, Subchapter A General Zoning Regulations and allows courts to award court costs and attorneys fees to prevailing party.
<a href="#">SB 2235 Bettencourt</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to impose a fee to fund a climate or environmental project.	Identical bill: HB 4313. Radical preemption of the ability of local jurisdiction including cities, counties, transit authorities and other local political subdivisions from assessing fees, assessments or any financial requirement on anyone if the revenue was done with the intent to address or mitigate climate change, reduce pollution or resolve other environmental issues.
<a href="#">SB 2354 Creighton</a>	S Left pending in committee	Relating to the authority of certain persons to obtain third-party review of plats and property development plans, permits, and similar documents, and the inspection of	Identical bills: HB 23 and HB 2977. Allows applicants to use third party review for any development document or inspection and does not



		an improvement related to such a document.	grant the regulatory authority waiver or additional approval authority.
<a href="#">SB 2427 Hall</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to the use of impact fees by a political subdivision.	Impact fee would not be able to be assessed in order to generate revenue for funding or to recoup the costs of capital improvements or facility expansions of new development but rather just to pay the actual costs of labor and materials for capital improvements.
<a href="#">SB 2522 Bettencourt</a>	Not again placed on intent calendar	Relating to municipal and county regulation of platting and subdivisions of land.	Removes the authority of cities to apply municipal ordinances in the ETJ relating to the pumping, extraction, and use of groundwater by non-retail public utilities for the purpose of preventing the use or contact of groundwater that presents a threat to human health. Strikes the section of the Local Gov Code that provides counties with the ability to adopt rules governing plats and subdivisions of lands to promote the health, safety, morals, or general welfare of the county and the safe, orderly, and healthful development of the unincorporated areas of the county. Removes cities and counties' ability to regulate lot size, dimensions, frontage, setbacks, or density.
<a href="#">SB 2523 Bettencourt</a>	H Left pending in committee	Relating to the release of an area from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality by petition.	Amends the section of the Local Gov Code applicable to ETJ releases to allow areas to be released without the city's written consent via ordinance or resolution.
<a href="#">SB 2658 Perry</a>	Referred to Natural Resources	Relating to an exemption from the requirement to obtain a permit from a groundwater conservation district for certain brackish groundwater wells.	Identical bill: HB 5188. Exempts brackish groundwater wells from GCD permitting process. Oversteps GCD regulatory authority and could lead to saltwater intrusion.
<a href="#">SB 2832 Hancock</a>	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs	Relating to the expiration date of certain permits issued by groundwater conservation districts.	Identical bill: HB 4138. Requires a GCD to delay the expiration date of a permit if the expiration date occurs while the permit holder is party to litigation concerning the issuance or validity of the permit.
<a href="#">SB 2858 Creighton</a>	Placed on General State Calendar	Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulation.	Similar bill: HB 5203. Continued efforts to preempt municipal and county laws and authority.
<a href="#">SB 3015 Creighton</a>	Referred to Local Government	Relating to local government regulation.	Prohibits a county from regulating the size, dimensions, width of frontage, setback distances, or density of a lot. May not require as part of a development agreement a third party to maintain a public road. Allows for third-party review of permits and inspections.
<a href="#">SB 3016 Creighton</a>	Committee report sent to Calendars	Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulation.	Identical bill: HB 5612. Continued efforts to preempt municipal and county laws and authority.