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[HB 3](#) [Burrows, Dustin\(R\)](#) Relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster.

Bill History: 03-11-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.004 - House State Affairs

[HB 4](#) [Price, Four\(R\)](#) Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.

Companions: [HB 974](#) [Price, Four](#) (Identical)
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
[SB 412](#) [Buckingham, Dawn](#) (Identical)
1-25-21 S Filed

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 5](#) [Ashby, Trent\(R\)](#) Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 37](#) [Zwiener, Erin\(D\)](#) Relating to the issuance of a permit by the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the routing of certain oil or gas pipelines.

General Remarks: Requires gas or petroleum pipelines owned by a gas company or a common carrier to received a permit from the PUC. The PUC must consider the following before issuing the permit:(1) community values;(2) recreational and park areas; (3) historical and aesthetic values;(4) environmental integrity;(5) public safety; and (6) economic development. Does not apply to a pipeline solely under federal jurisdiction, a gas distribution pipeline facility, or a sour gas pipeline facility.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

 HB 59

Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the elimination of school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the elimination of those taxes.

General Remarks: Removes ability for school districts to charge M&O taxes and creates a committee to evaluate increasing the consumption tax.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Removed from hearing 03/08/21 - House Ways and Means

 HB 70

Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to legislative review and approval of certain state agency rules.

Companions: [HB 112](#) Swanson, Valoree (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Refile from past 2 sessions: Applies to proposed rules by state agencies that will have an economic impact of \$20m and is not an emergency rule. A proposed rule must be filed at the legislature, similar to a bill, that be referred to a committee. The committee must consider the rule in a meeting and must receive a unanimous vote in committee in order to be approved. If a proposed rule is suspended (does not receive a unanimous vote in committee) when in session, the committee chair must give notice to presiding officer of the chamber within five days of suspension. Within 35 days, the members of the chamber must vote on the rule, if a majority of members vote to approve the rule then it is approved, if not the rule continues to be suspended. If the proposed rule is suspended while the legislature is not in session, then the Secretary of State gives notice to the presiding officer of the chamber within the first 10 days of the following legislative session. Within 30 days of receiving that notification, the members of the chamber must vote on the rule. Legislative History and Notes: None

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

 HB 167

Ortega, Lina(D)

Relating to common and public nuisances.

Companions: [SB 1066](#) Blanco, Cesar (F) (Identical)
3- 5-21 S Filed

General Remarks: allows for a court to issue a 14 day temporary restraining order without a hearing (ex parte hearing) if a place is maintained in a manner that is a common nuisance or about to become a common nuisance.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

A HB 207 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.

General Remarks: House Bill 207 raises taxes on gas and diesel to 22 cents per gallon from the current 20 cents and annually adjusts those rates to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The bill requires the Comptroller to make the calculation based on each fiscal year's change in CPI, to publish the new rates and inform the fuels tax license holders, and to adjust rates annually.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 242 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to require water pollution abatement plans from certain facilities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Companions: HB 3320 Zwiener, Erin (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Allows the TCEQ to require a facility used in connection with exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or geothermal resources regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas to submit to the commission a water pollution abatement plan for the facility if the facility is located in the recharge zone of the Edwards Aquifer. Refile 3320 never heard.

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

A HB 286 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities.

General Remarks: Currently metropolitan and regional transportation authorities can be pushed to the back of the grant dismemberment line for alternative fueling facilities if they do not make the locations accessible and available to the public at certain times agreed to in grant contracts. This bill removes the requirement to make them public accessible for MTAs and RTAs in counties of 1 million or more that are in a non-attainment area.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 298 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to regulation of outdoor lighting by certain municipalities.

General Remarks: Allows the governing body of a municipality that has received or applied for an International Dark Sky Community designation to regulate the installation and use of outdoor lighting in the municipality and the municipality's ETJ. The municipality may sue and violators incur a Class C Misdemeanor.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

A HB 311 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Relating to the declaration and length of a state of disaster or public health disaster.

General Remarks: Prohibits a governor disaster order of more than 30 days without legislative approval.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

A HB 348 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.

Companions:

HB 245	Farrar, Jessica	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 2990	Morales Shaw, Penny (F)	(Identical)

3- 5-21 H Filed

General Remarks: Would require applications for a water use permit from TCEQ to be made publicly available on the internet. Also requires the permit applicant to post a copy of the application, map, and any other supporting materials on the internet, and must maintain that information publicly until TCEQ has made a decision on the application. Refile HB 245 (Farrar)

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

A HB 355 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to providing notice to a state representative and senator of an administrative penalty assessed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Companions:

HB 4758	Lopez, Ray (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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General Remarks: Requires that TCEQ provide notice to a state representative and senator that preside over an area where an administrative penalty has been assessed.

		Bill History:	02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation			
A HB 427	King, Ken(R)		Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.			
		Companions:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>HB 1971</td> <td>King, Ken</td> <td>(Refiled from 86R Session)</td> </tr> </table>	HB 1971	King, Ken	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 1971	King, Ken	(Refiled from 86R Session)				
		General Remarks:	Requires additional registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles. \$200 for electric. \$100 for hybrid. Fees go to the State Highway Fund.			
		Bill History:	02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation			
A HB 433	King, Ken(R)		Relating to imposing a tax on the generation of electricity by certain electric generators.			
		General Remarks:	Imposes a tax is imposed on each electric generator in this state that generates electricity using an energy source other than natural gas. \$.01 per kilowatt hour			
		Bill History:	02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means			
A HB 444	Allison, Steve(R)		Relating to an appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.			
		General Remarks:	Directs \$1.2B of the ESF to the Teacher Retirement System.			
		Bill History:	02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations			
A HB 448	Bailes, Ernest(R)		Relating to the right of property owners to file complaints against certain entities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding alleged misconduct by the entities while exercising eminent domain authority.			
		General Remarks:	Adds to the property owner's bill of rights the right of property owners to file complaints against acquiring entities regulated by the RCC to the RCC regarding alleged misconduct by the entities while exercising eminent domain authority. This was a Refile of Rep. Bailes' HB 1919 that was heard late and left pending in LRM last session with addition of civil penalty for using LBOR to harass or intimidate.			
		Bill History:	02-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management			

A HB 523	Landgraf, Brooks(R)	Relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.
Companions:		SB 901 Perry, Charles (Identical) 3- 1-21 S Filed
General Remarks:		Local bill that allows a sheriff or county deputy in Andrew's County to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

A HB 539	Patterson, Jared(R)	Relating to authorizing certain projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations.
Companions:		HB 1221 Patterson, Jared (F) (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 1890 Fallon, Pat (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)
General Remarks:		Restricts Type A and B economic development corporations from certain tax funded infrastructure or public safety projects without voter approval.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

A HB 632	Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee for the TexNet seismic monitoring program.
General Remarks:		HB 632 establishes a Texnet Technical Advisory Committee at the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology. The committee is made up of 9 members, appointed by the Governor: a RRC representative, at least 3 representatives from the oil and gas industry; director of the Bureau is to serve as a nonvoting member of the committee. The Committee's role charged with developing recommendations that will assist the program and its research efforts; review and approve or reject expenditures; prepare and approve an annual budget for appropriated funds, provide oversight on new and existing program equipment, ensure transmission of data collected by seismic equipment to the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database; and get quarterly updates from the bureau on progress of the program. The Committee will submit a report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House by December 1 of each even numbered year that includes a review of the use of funds appropriated, an accounting of all research funded

through the program, and recommendations for the ongoing operations and requirements of the program.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

A HB 645 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to honesty in state taxation.

General Remarks: Prohibits a state agency, the legislature, or judiciary from calling a tax anything other than a tax such as a fee, levy, surcharge, assessment, fine, or penalty.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 665 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during certain periods of disaster.

Companions: SB 525 Buckingham, Dawn (Identical)
1-29-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 665 applies only to an emergency rule adopted during a period in which at least 75 percent of the counties in this state are declared to be in a state of disaster or emergency by the governor. The bill holds that an emergency rule may be effective for not longer than 30 days and may be renewed for not longer than 60 days. Renewal, however, must be approved by majority vote at a joint hearing of the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over the state agency seeking to renew the emergency rule.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

A HB 711 Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks.

Companions: SB 126 Johnson, Nathan (Identical)
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

General Remarks: Requires above ground storage tanks that are part of a petrochemical plant, a petroleum refinery, an electric generating facility, or a bulk facility to adhere to new performance standards designated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of the TWDB.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

 HB 714	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council.
Companions:		(Refiled from 86R Session) HB 1491 Reynolds, Ron
General Remarks:		Creates the environmental Justice Council to advise state agencies and local governments on environmental justice issues. Defines environmental justice as means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental law and policy.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

 HB 739	Lopez, Ray(D)	Relating to a grant program administered by the Texas Veterans Commission to provide energy industry career training for veterans.
Companions:		(Refiled from 86R Session) HB 4291 Flynn, Dan
General Remarks:		Creates a grant program coordinated by the Texas Veterans Commission and the GLO to provide financial assistance to veterans seeking a certification or training to prepare for employment in the energy industry.
Bill History:		03-08-21 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., E2.028 - House Defense and Veterans' Affairs

 HB 753	Cain, Briscoe(R)	Relating to municipal solid waste management services contracts.
General Remarks:		Prohibits a municipality from charging a person with a franchise to provide solid waste management services in the municipality franchise fees of more than 2 percent of the gross receipts of the franchisee for the sale of services in the municipality. The bill further prohibits a municipality from restricting the entity from entering into other contracts.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

 HB 774	Walle, Armando(D)	Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate noise levels in residential areas.
Companions:		(Refiled from 86R Session) HB 4582 Walle, Armando

General Remarks: allows for the regulation of noise in an unincorporated part of a county with a population of over 3.3 million.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

A HB 778 Lozano, Jose(R)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions:

HB 2129	Murphy, Jim	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 1502	Deshotel, Joe	(Identical)
2- 1-21 H Filed		
SB 144	Powell, Beverly	(Identical)
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development		

General Remarks: Extends Chapter 313 for 10 years. Specifically subchapters B (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY USED TO CREATE JOBS) and C (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREA OR CERTAIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) of Chapter 313 through 2032.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 858 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the carcinogenic risk level used in the development of certain environmental remediation benchmarks.

Companions:

HB 893	Dutton, Harold	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 2385	Miles, Borris	(Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Requires TCEQ to set carcinogenic risk levels at a rate not greater than one in one million.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 860 Collier, Nicole(D)

Relating to changes to an application for an environmental permit before a contested case hearing on the application.

Companions:

HB 1006	Collier, Nicole	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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General Remarks: Prohibits an applicant for an environmental permit through TCEQ from making changes to their application within 31 days of a contested case preliminary hearing proceeding. To make any changes one would have start over in the process.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 876 Craddick, Tom(R)

Relating to fees charged by certain persons for the method used for payments made under an agreement.

General Remarks: HB 876 prohibits a person that makes a payment to a payee from charging an additional fee to the payee because the payee elects to receive the payment by paper check. The bill voids any provision in a contract permitting the collection of a fee for payment by check.

Bill History: 03-09-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.028 - House Business and Industry

A HB 878 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

Companions:

SB 1417	Johnson, Nathan (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 879	Hinojosa, Gina	(Identical)
	3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	
SB 127	Johnson, Nathan	(Identical)
	3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance	

General Remarks: Same as last session: Phases out the high cost gas tax reduction by requiring that an application to be considered a high cost gas well must be received by the comptroller by Sept. 1, 2021. no new high cost gas tax exemptions after Sept. 1, 2021. Current exemptions expire either first 120 consecutive calendar months beginning on the first day of production, or until the cumulative value of the tax reduction equals 50 percent of the drilling and completion costs incurred for the well, whichever occurs first.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 879 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

Companions:

SB 1417	Johnson, Nathan (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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HB 878 Hinojosa, Gina (Identical)
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means
SB 127 Johnson, Nathan (Identical)
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

General Remarks: Same as last session: Phases out the high cost gas tax reduction by requiring that an application to be considered a high cost gas well must be received by the comptroller by Sept. 1, 2021. no new high cost gas tax exemptions after Sept. 1, 2021. Current exemptions expire either first 120 consecutive calendar months beginning on the first day of production, or until the cumulative value of the tax reduction equals 50 percent of the drilling and completion costs incurred for the well, whichever occurs first.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

 HB 884 Harris, Cody(R) Relating to local government regulations based on utility service type.

General Remarks: Prohibits a political subdivision from requiring a particular utility being provided by the project in order to receive a permit.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

 HB 896 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to air quality permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain oil and gas facilities.

General Remarks: Applies new facilities or modifications of existing facilities to that deal with Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, Natural Gas Liquids, Crude Petroleum Pipelines, Refined Petroleum Pipelines, Natural Gas Transmission, and Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution. HB 896 requires quarterly inspection and maintenance program for repair and detection of any leak at the facility; prohibits venting and limits flaring at new or modified facilities; limits emissions of VOCs from storage tanks; establishes limitations on Nox emissions from compressor engines; requires tceq to establish maintenance protocols and best practices for compressor stations; and requires the use of no-bleed and low-bleed pneumatic devices and controllers between the wellhead and a natural gas processing plant. the bill requires each facility to be equipped with leak detection equipment such as "optical gas imaging cameras".

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 897 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the analysis of inspection and maintenance requirements for air quality permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain oil and gas facilities.

Companions:

HB 225	Reynolds, Ron	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 1380	Rodriguez, Jose	(Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Would require TCEQ to examine and produce an analysis of rules and requirements of programs relating to oil & gas operations (crude petroleum & natural gas, NGL's, crude pipelines, refined petro pipelines, natural gas transmission and natural gas transmission and distribution) that have a PBR or standard permit, including inspection and maintenance programs, venting & flaring, VOC emissions, and other emissions from compressors, wellheads, etc. to determine issues concerning these rules and requirements and options for improving the prevention of air emissions. TCEQ may work with RRC on this report, but the report shall be issued publicly for comment by January 1, 2022, and finally by June 1, 2022.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 899 Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to prohibiting a licensing authority from taking disciplinary action against certain license holders for violating an emergency management plan or a rule, order, or ordinance issued under the plan.

General Remarks: Prohibits a licensing authority from issuing penalties to a licensee for not complying with an emergency order.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

A HB 901 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

General Remarks: Rep. Burns' Eminent Domain Bill (not CCI). HB 901 establishes requirements for initial offer in an eminent domain proceeding. The bill holds that a private entity seeking to acquire property through eminent domain has made a bona fide offer if

they meet current requirements for a bona fide offer and also includes with their initial offer: an offer of compensation based on market value of the property as determined by an appraiser or by at least three comparable sales; a written report of the appraisal, a deed or other instrument for conveyance; notice of terms and the LOBR. The entity must also provide notice of the proposed project to the county judge and must include a written appraisal report and a deed or other instrument of conveyance in the final offer. The bill also sets forth required terms for instruments of conveyance for rights of way and easements: including a prohibition against any use of the property other than the use stated in the deed, easement, etc. without written consent of the property owner; a provision that agreements are binding on subsequent owners of the property and successors of the private entity; and a provision requiring insurance for the condemning entity. The entity is also required to notify the property owner about certain terms that the owner can negotiate to have included in the instrument of conveyance including the property owner's right to recover damages, requirements for the private entity to have liability insurance coverage, and indemnification of the property owner in certain circumstances. The entity and the property owner may negotiate and agree to terms that are not required by HB 901. Condemning entities are required to send written notice of intent to the county judge of the county in which they are seeking to acquire property prior to making the initial offer to the property owner. The county judge is required to appoint 3 disinterested property owners from the county no later than 30 days after the date the property owner received notice of the petition being filed. The judge must also appoint 2 disinterested real property owners to serve as alternate special commissioners. The judge is required to give preference to any person that the parties have agreed on prior to appointing special commissioners. Each party has 15 days after the date the property owner received notice to strike one of the three special commissioners.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

 HB 902

Burns, DeWayne(R)

Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

General Remarks: HB 902 is the CCI Eminent Domain Bill. HB 902 establishes an ombudsman office within the attorney general's office who is responsible for providing information to landowners whose property may be acquired through the use of

eminent domain. The ombudsman can provide assistance pertaining to: the landowner's bill of rights and procedures for acquiring real property through eminent domain. The attorney general is required to provide notice by publication to all Texas counties and to make available on the AG website a landowner's bill of rights that is able to be easily understood by an average property owner. The bill then prescribes the content of the Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights. HB 902 repeals the current provisions in law that govern preparation of the landowner's bill of rights. HB 902 requires certification of right-of-way agents inclusive of Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) courses and certain continuing ed requirements. It allows the TREC to adopt reasonable terms for issuing a probationary certificate and sets forth qualifying and continuing educational requirements for people seeking certification as a right-of-way agent. It also allows for suspension or revocation of a certification for kick-backs for accepting unreasonably low offers. The bill requires that the LOBR be presented to the landowner at or before the first in-person contact and amends the bona fide offer requirements to include: the LOBR, an offer of compensation based on market value assessed by a certified appraiser, broker or market study, an offer based off of 3 comparable arm's length transactions, or 150% of the per acre value for each acre or part of an acre to be acquired. The entity must also provide a complete written report prepared by the appraiser or broker that formed the basis for the offer; an instrument of conveyance; contact info for a representative of the entity. The bill also sets forth terms that are required for the instrument of conveyance. The bill also allows property owners to negotiate for terms not required under the prescribed language and allows the property owner and the entity to agree to alter or omit a term or to execute an instrument of conveyance that differs from the pipeline easement agreement form. Requires a county judge to appoint special commissioners no later than 15 days after the date the petition is filed and additionally appoint two disinterested property owners to serve as alternate special commissioners. The judge is required to give preference to any property owner that the two parties have agreed to, and each party has 7 calendar days after the date of the order appointing the special commissioners to strike 1 of the 3. The bill requires that the special commissioners schedule a hearing no earlier than 20 days, and no later than the 40th day after the date the special commissioners are appointed, unless the parties agree to a different time. The hearing can also be held via video conferencing if

either party requests. The bill sets forth notice requirements, allows the property owner to request an in person meeting, and establishes the procedure for scheduling the in person meeting. The also bill prohibits an entity that participates in an in person meeting from making a final offer to the property owner sooner than 3 days after the date of the in person meeting, unless the property owner agrees to an earlier date.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

 [HB 960](#) [Allen, Alma\(D\)](#)

Relating to the location of certain public meetings for certain permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: When the executive director of the TCEQ elects to hold a solid waste, waste water or injection well permitting hearing in a county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located, HB 960 requires the meeting to be held in the House District where the facility is located or proposed to be located.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

 [HB 963](#) [Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program.

Companions: [SB 645](#) [Zaffirini, Judith](#) (Identical)
2-10-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 963 expands the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program to allow used heavy or medium duty vehicles to be replaced by natural gas vehicles that are model year 2017 or never and not more than six years older than the current model year at the time of grant application submission. The grant awarded for a qualifying used natural gas vehicle may not be less than 80 percent of the incremental cost of the vehicle purchase, lease, or other commercial finance.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

 [HB 964](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to the treatment, recycling for beneficial use, or disposal of drill cuttings.

General Remarks: Current law holds that a person who generates drill cuttings and transfers the drill cuttings to a permit holder with the contractual understanding that the drill cuttings will be used in connection with road building or another beneficial use is not liable in tort for a consequence of the subsequent

use of the drill cuttings by the permit holder or by another person. HB 964 extends this the tort liability shield to associated waste streams such as sands, silts, drilling fluids, spent completion fluids, workover fluids, debris, oil scum, paraffin, and other materials cleaned out of the wellbore that are part of the same waste stream as the cuttings. HB 964 also extends the tort liability shield to commercial recycling and/or commercial disposal

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

A HB 968 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to public comments on matters subject to a hearing under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Companions: HB 1804 Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Requires the executive director of the TCEQ to file a response to each public comment (formerly only response to relevant and material comments), requires that all public comments also be sent to anyone who submitted comments during the public comment period or requested to be on a mailing list for the permit action, and requires the commission to consider all public comments made during the public comment period when deciding on an action related to an application.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 969 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.

Companions: HB 654 Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 573 Miles, Borris (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: For applications for waste permits through the TCEQ that result in a contested case hearing, this bill would make the Senator and Representative of the area where the facility would be located "affected persons" for the purpose of the contested case.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A [HB 975](#) [Dutton, Harold\(D\)](#) Relating to the notice of intent to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: Requires an individual applying for a waste facility permit to place a sign on the proposed facility 30 days after the permit is considered administratively complete stating an application for a permit at the facility has been filed and it must include contact information of applicant, proposed site use, and how an applicant can be further contacted.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A [HB 1036](#) [Meza, Terry\(D\)](#) Relating to limits on certain political contributions.

General Remarks: HB 1036 places limits on political contributions and creates excessive criminal offenses and fines for violations.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

A [HB 1041](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#) Relating to the acceptance of political contributions by a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas and of political contributions made in connection with the office of railroad commissioner.

Companions: [HB 859](#) [Anchia, Rafael](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Outlines restrictions on campaign contributions for a RRC Commissioner. 1. May not accept contributions except during the 17 months before the date of the next general election for the commissioner's office, and ending 30 days after the date of the election. 2. Prohibits a commissioner from accepting a contribution from any party to a contested case hearing before the RRC ending on the 30th day after a decision is rendered.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

A [HB 1042](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#) Relating to the name and governance of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Companions: [HB 857](#) [Anchia, Rafael](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Changes the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the "Texas Energy Resources Commission." Dictates that commissioners serve 6 year, staggered terms.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

A HB 1043 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for violating certain statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted.

Companions: [HB 860](#) Anchia, Rafael (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Increases the cost of a violation at the RRC from \$10k to \$25k, requires the RRC to adopt their own guidelines, using public input, to determine the structure/amount of violations and fines, and requires consideration of new factors for assessing violations, including: 1. number of times the permittee's certificate of compliance has been canceled. 2. any economic benefit gained through the violation. 3. the penalty necessary to deter future violations. Also raises the amount of administrative penalties to a maximum of \$25k, up from \$5k.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

A HB 1044 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to establishing the Texas Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of climate change in this state.

Companions: [HB 928](#) Anchia, Rafael (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Creates the Texas Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of climate change in Texas. The large commission is charged with establishing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, including goals to help guide planning and statewide implementation of the strategies and provide recommendations to the legislature. The bill requires the commission create a website and also make publicly available a sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report. The bill also has preamble that holds that The legislature finds that: climate change is real and is the overriding challenge of the 21st century; climate change poses immediate and long-term threats to this

state's economy, sustainability, security, and way of life, etc. The bill holds that the legislature supports the goals of the paris climate agreement.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

A HB 1122 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to county road reports.

General Remarks: Removes the requirement of a road condition report when applying for CTIF funding.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

A HB 1137 Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to limiting the assessment of certain fees and taxes during a declared state of disaster.

General Remarks: HB 1137 provides that if the Governor issues an executive order, proclamation, or regulation during a declared disaster that restricts the operation of a business, the business may not be assessed any tax or fee, including a licensing fee, by the state for the duration of the order, proclamation, or regulation.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 1191 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to the creation of the Office of Environmental Justice within the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: HB 1191 establishes the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) at TCEQ to protect the public health, general welfare, and physical property of environmental justice communities in regard to the issuance of permits. Defines environmental justice community as one that is 200% below poverty line or 50% or more ethnic or racial minorities. OEJ is required to provide recommendations on issuance of a permit within 3 miles of an environmental justice community based on factors such as whether cumulative effects of the facility would exceed the statewide average; if there are any existing or anticipated vulnerabilities in the affected community, such as: existing pollution levels and exposure of the residents to those pollutants; limited access to health care; health factors in the community; proximity of facility to residences, schools, places of worship, day care centers, and hospitals or medical facilities. The bill also requires TCEQ to consider recommendations of the OEJ in permitting determinations.

		Bill History: 03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation
A HB 1195	Geren, Charlie(R)	Relating to the forgiveness of a loan made under the Paycheck Protection Program for franchise tax purposes.
	Companions:	SB 372 Hancock, Kelly (Identical) 1-21-21 S Filed
	General Remarks:	SB 372 exempts forgiven amounts of payment protection (PPP) loans from franchise taxes.
	Bill History:	03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
A HB 1282	Deshotel, Joe(D)	Relating to a restriction on the regulation of utility services and infrastructure based on the energy source to be used or delivered.
	Companions:	HB 17 Deshotel, Joe (Identical) 3- 5-21 H Filed
	General Remarks:	HB 1282 prohibits a regulatory authority, planning authority, or political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an order that would limit connection of a utility service based on type of energy source. The bill also prohibits authorities from incentivizing a particular energy source through use of fees or pricing structure.
	Bill History:	03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
A HB 1284	Paddie, Chris(R)	Relating to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas over the injection and geologic storage of carbon dioxide.
	Companions:	SB 450 Hancock, Kelly (Identical) 1-26-21 S Filed
	General Remarks:	Class VI Well Bill - HB 1284 pertains to the consolidation of jurisdiction over the underground injection control program for Class VI wells in Texas. The bill simply makes clear that Class VI injection wells fall under the regulatory authority of the Railroad Commission (RRC) alone. In the past there has been confusion over jurisdiction between the RRC and TCEQ. TCEQ is supportive of the clarification and the placement of the sole regulatory authority at the RRC.
	Bill History:	03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

A HB 1322 Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to a summary of a rule proposed by a state agency.

General Remarks: HB 1322 would require a state agency to publish a brief, plain language summary of 100 words or less explaining a proposed rule on their agency website or other accessible website at the time the agency files notice of the proposed rule.

Bill History: 03-11-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.004 - House State Affairs

A HB 1346 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to a sales tax refund for sales tax overpayments by certain oil or gas severance taxpayers.

Companions: SB 833 Campbell, Donna (Identical)
2-26-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 1346 amends the Tax Code to authorize a person who files an oil or gas production tax first purchaser's or producer's report and who does not hold a permit under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act to obtain a refund for sales and use taxes paid in error to a person who holds such a permit by filing a claim for refund with the comptroller of public accounts within the limitation period specified by law. The bill authorizes the comptroller by rule to provide additional procedures for claiming such a refund. No fiscal note. Supported by industry in the 85R (HB3471).

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 1377 Gonzalez, Jessica(D) Relating to the repeal of the exemption from the severance tax for flared or vented gas.

Companions: HB 3275 Gonzalez, Jessica (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Repeals severance tax exemptions for flared or vented gas. Makes flared gas subject to the 7.5% severance tax. Makes all gas "produced" subject to 7.5% severance tax.

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 1452 Rosenthal, Jon(D) Relating to the establishment by the Railroad Commission of Texas of a policy to eliminate the routine flaring of natural gas from wells or other facilities regulated by the commission.

General Remarks: Requires the RRC to establish a policy to end routine flaring by 2025. Policy may be regulatory

action, incentive-based, or voluntary. Allows for flaring for safety and emergency purposes.

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

A HB 1494 Goodwin, Vikki(D)

Relating to the applicability of the gas production tax to flared or vented gas at an increased rate.

General Remarks: HB 1494 applies a 25% tax to flared or vented gas over 1,000 mcf or .5% of total amount of gas flared by a producer in a calendar year.

Bill History: 03-05-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

A HB 1501 Dean, Jay(R)

Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities restricting the use of natural gas or propane.

General Remarks: Prohibits an entity from enforcing a rule, charter provision, ordinance, order, or other regulation that restricts the use of natural gas or propane or the connection to any utility provider in the construction, renovation, maintenance, or alteration of a residential or commercial building.

Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed

A HB 1502 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions:

HB 2129	Murphy, Jim	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 778	Lozano, Jose	(Identical)
	3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	
SB 144	Powell, Beverly	(Identical)
	3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development	

General Remarks: Extends Chapter 313 for 10 years. Specifically subchapters B (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY USED TO CREATE JOBS) and C (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREA OR CERTAIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) of Chapter 313 through 2032.

Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed

A HB 1506 Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the possession of condemned property by the condemnor pending the results of further litigation.

General Remarks: Prohibits a condemnor that is awarded a property in a special commissioners condemnation proceeding to take possession of the property within 180 days if there is pending further litigation, unless the condemnor is the state, a county, or a municipal corporation or an irrigation, water improvement, or water power control district created under legal authority. The bill does not superseded a private agreement between a property owner and condemnor regarding immediate possession of a property. Should there be no further pending litigation the condemnor is then required to pay the property owner within 7 days.

Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed

A HB 1507

Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to an entity responsible for the local share of qualified project costs under the ship channel improvement revolving fund.

General Remarks: HB 1507 stipulates that an entity responsible for the local share of qualified project costs on a revolving loan program for ship channel improvement funding are a navigation district, a municipality, or board of trustees.

Bill History: 02-01-21 H Filed

A HB 1521

Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to the reduction of methane gas flaring on land dedicated to the permanent university fund.

General Remarks: Requires the board of regents of the UT System to adopt a formal policy goal to eliminate routine flaring on university lands by 2025. Requires each lease issued, modified, or renewed to include a plan to end routine flaring; to adhere to EPA new source performance standards; and to implement quarterly inspection and maintenance for the detection of leaks. The bill permits the board to apply to new and existing facilities that have been modified more stringent standards than the board applies to other facilities.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed

A HB 1533

Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the creation of an energy efficiency loan guarantee program under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

General Remarks: HB 1533 creates the Energy Efficiency Loan Guarantee Program and allows it to receive TERP funds and grants between \$1M and \$5M. The program would be administered by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). The bill allows SECO to establish by rule eligibility requirements

for the loan that include included emissions reduction cost-effectiveness criteria.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed

A HB 1534 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the funding through greenhouse gas emissions fees of energy efficiency programs administered by certain utilities.

Companions: HB 223 Reynolds, Ron (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: HB 1534 allows TCEQ to create a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Fee. The annual fee would apply to permitted facilities subject to federal greenhouse gas reporting and would go to fund energy efficiency programs inclusive of low income energy efficiency programs. Fee is based on federally reported emissions.

Bill History: 02-02-21 H Filed

A HB 1556 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

General Remarks: HB 1556 extends Chapter 313 for 10 years. The bill adds battery energy storage facilities and existing building upgrades to the list of 313 eligible projects and strikes a number of programs from consideration for 313 benefits including: nuclear power generation, Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle, clean energy projects, clean coal and computer centers. HB 1556 seeks to simplify aspects of chapter 313 by reducing from 10 to 2 the number of school district categories and also reducing from 5 to 2 the minimum qualified investment categories: now \$10M and \$50M. Removes the ability of ISDs to impose an application fee and replaces it with a \$50,000 fee to the comptroller. The bill requires 313 recipients to be liable to the state for 10% of its property tax savings, but that number can be reduced based off of the amount of wages paid to employees and half of 1099 employees' pay.

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Filed

A HB 1572 Craddick, Tom(R)

Relating to electric service equipment.

Companions: SB 648 Springer, Drew (F) (Identical) 2-10-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 1572 allows an entity to purchase electricity off of rented electric service equipment by fixed fee or consumption based. The bill would not make an entity who rents the service equipment to a third party or operates its own on behalf of a

third party a retail electric provider providing the energy produced is consumed by the third party under contract and not resold.

Bill History: 02-03-21 H Filed

A HB 1683 Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating oil and gas operations within the State of Texas.

General Remarks: HB 1683 prohibits Texas state agencies, political subdivisions and officials from implementing or enforcing any overreaching federal statute order, rule, or regulation regarding oil and gas production that does not already exist in the laws of this state.

Bill History: 02-08-21 H Filed

A HB 1721 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of air contaminants in residential areas in certain counties.

General Remarks: HB 1721 is a local study bill that applies to Fort Bend County. The bill requires TCEQ to conduct an annual study of air contaminant levels in residential areas in the unincorporated area of a county that are located less than 500 feet from an industrial facility. Results are to be reported to the commissioners court.

Bill History: 02-09-21 H Filed

A HB 1820 Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the regulation, monitoring, and enforcement of matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: HB 1820 adds to the conditions for an emissions event permit under the clean air act criteria that considers: the maximum number of emissions events that may occur in a year and the max volume of emissions events in terms of percentage of permitted emissions before the commission will temporarily revoke a permit or takes enforcement action. The bill prohibits and requires the commission to enforce rules on excessive emissions and allows enforcement by civil or administrative penalty or injunctive relief. Requires the commission to implement policies to limit the cumulative effects of emissions from maintenance, startups, and shutdowns of facilities. In addition to other penalties, the bill requires the payment of \$1 per pound of each pollutant released that exceeds authorized emission limit or is unauthorized. The bill also creates the TOXIC CHEMICAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM to alert people in the area of an event

that could endanger human health or the environment within 30 minutes of the event. The bill also increases penalties for a water code violation under TCEQ.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

A HB 1821 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to climate change planning and reporting.

General Remarks: Requires TCEQ and Office of the state climatologist to prepare a report on the potential impact of climate change in Texas every 4 years.

Bill History: 02-10-21 H Filed

A HB 1834 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to a mineral contractor or subcontractor's lien to secure payment related to mineral activities.

General Remarks: HB 1834 allows a mineral contractor or subcontractor to have a lien to secure payment for material, machinery, supplies, in addition to labor, or services (current law) related to the mineral activities.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1879 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to establishing actual progress for the purpose of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

General Remarks: HB 1879 increases from 2 to 3 the number of actions needed to establish actual progress in determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity. The bill also removes 2 of the actions: acquisition of a parcel of adjacent property and for a governmental entity only the adoption of a plan for public use.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

A HB 1913 Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to a requirement that an applicant for a permit to drill an oil or gas well submit a gas capture plan for the well.

General Remarks: HB 1913 prohibits the RRC from issuing a permit to drill, deepen, plug back, or reenter an oil and gas well unless the the applicant also provides a gas capture plan to minimize flaring from the well. The gas capture plan must include the amount of oil, gas, and condensate anticipated annually, a detailed map of gathering systems, and a description of any options available to the operator of the well for the beneficial use of gas from the well if the well cannot be connected to a gas gathering system.

Bill History: 02-12-21 H Filed

A HB 1949 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.

Companions: HB 2017 Thierry, Shawn (Identical)
2-22-21 H Filed
SB 306 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical)
1-11-21 S Filed

General Remarks: Requires an analysis of expected changes such as: adverse impacts in the services provided by the agency because of projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability.in the strategic plan of the Department of Agriculture, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Department of Insurance, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Public Safety, Public Utility Commission of Texas, office of the comptroller, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Water Development Board.

Bill History: 02-17-21 H Filed

A HB 1965 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

Companions: HB 2016 Thierry, Shawn (Identical)
2-22-21 H Filed

General Remarks: HB 1965 requires the PUC to ensure ERCOT has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

Bill History: 02-19-21 H Filed

A HB 1972 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D) Relating to statewide requirements for renewable electric generating capacity.

General Remarks: Amends the states goal for renewable energy under the Utilities code to require that: 50 percent must come from renewable energy technologies by January 1, 2030; and 100 percent must come from renewable energy technologies by January 1, 2050. Requires PUC to establish rules to enforce.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 1975 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D) Relating to publication by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain information regarding natural gas flaring.

General Remarks: HB 1975 Requires the RRC to publish on the Commission's website monthly the names of operators who report the highest 20 levels of flaring and their level of flaring intensity defined as the amount of natural gas flared per barrel of oil produced.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 1976 Gervin-Hawkins,
Barbara(D)

Relating to a study conducted by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding reported gas flaring.

General Remarks: HB 1976 requires the RRC to conduct a study to The commission shall conduct a study to audit data reported to the commission on natural gas flaring and compare that data to satellite data on natural gas flaring acquired from the National Centers for Environmental Information at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; investigate the cause of any discrepancies in the data audited; and determine legislative changes necessary to improve reporting and surveillance on natural gas flaring.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 1993 Holland, Justin(R)

Relating to seller's disclosures regarding fuel gas piping in residential real property.

Companions: HB 591 Holland, Justin (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: HB 1993 amends a seller's disclosure form to include the type of fuel gas piping in the sale of residential real property.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 2006 Ashby, Trent(R)

Relating to the notice requirements for permits for the commercial surface disposal of oil and gas wastes.

Companions: SB 771 Nichols, Robert (Identical)
2-23-21 S Filed

General Remarks: Current law requires a person who files an application for a permit for a commercial surface disposal facility to publish notice. HB 2006 requires that the notice also be given to a river authority or groundwater conservation district whose territory contains the tract of land on which a disposal pit will be located or on which the disposal will take place.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 2015	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of implementing certain renewable energy standards.
Companions:		<p>HB 2148 Blanco, Cesar (Refiled from 86R Session)</p> <p>SB 170 Blanco, Cesar (F) (Identical)</p> <p>3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</p>
General Remarks:		Requires the PUC to conduct a feasibility study of expanding the renewable energy standard so that 50% of the generating capacity installed in the state comes from renewable sources by 2030 and 100% by 2050. Report is due to the legislature Dec. 31, 2022.
Bill History:		02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 2016	Thierry, Shawn(D)	Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.
Companions:		<p>HB 1965 Beckley, Michelle (Identical)</p> <p>2-19-21 H Filed</p>
General Remarks:		Requires the PUC to ensure ERCOT has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.
Bill History:		02-22-21 H Filed

A HB 2017	Thierry, Shawn(D)	Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.
Companions:		<p>HB 1949 Crockett, Jasmine (F) (Identical)</p> <p>2-17-21 H Filed</p> <p>SB 306 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical)</p> <p>1-11-21 S Filed</p>
General Remarks:		Requires an analysis of expected changes such as: adverse impacts in the services provided by the agency because of projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability.in the strategic plan of the Department of Agriculture, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Department of Insurance, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Public Safety, Public Utility Commission of Texas, office of the comptroller, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Water Development Board.

property owner of the right to refuse to grant access or to negotiate access to the property; requires a condemnor to notify property owner of the entity's right to sue to authorize access to the the property; requires the condemnor to identify real property that the entity doesn't seek to acquire through condemnation and make a separate offer for that property.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

 HB 2044

Leman, Ben(R)

Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

Companions: [SB 726](#) Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
2-22-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 2044/SB 726 increases from 2 to 3 the number of actions needed to establish actual progress in determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity. The bill also removes one of the actions: acquisition of an adjacent tract or parcel for the same public use. The bill excludes navigation districts and port authorities from provisions of the bill and allows them to prove actual progress by by completing one action.

Bill History: 02-22-21 H Filed

 HB 2078

Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the governing body of the independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.

Companions: [HB 2034](#) Raymond, Richard (Identical)
2-22-21 H Filed
[SB 761](#) Seliger, Kel (Identical)
2-23-21 S Filed
[SB 835](#) Alvarado, Carol (Identical)
2-26-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 2078 requires members of the board and the CEO of ERCOT to be residents of Texas.

Bill History: 02-23-21 H Filed

 HB 2084

Cason, Jeff (F)(R)

Relating to the eligibility of property used for renewable energy electric generation for ad valorem tax benefits under the Texas Economic Development Act.

General Remarks: HB 2083 removes from eligibility property used for renewable energy electric generation from tax benefits under Chapter 313 the Texas Economic Development Act.

Bill History: 02-23-21 H Filed		
 HB 2189	King, Phil(R)	Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott certain energy companies.
General Remarks:		Requires the state to create a list of companies that boycott energy companies and requires the to state to divest investments in companies on that list.
Bill History: 02-24-21 H Filed		
 HB 2201	Ashby, Trent(R)	Relating to the location of pits used in the production of oil and gas.
Companions:		SB 772 Nichols, Robert (Identical) 2-23-21 S Filed
General Remarks:		HB 2201/SB 772 requires the RRC to establish standards governing permissible locations for commercial oil and gas disposal facilities. Rules must consider the history of flooding in the 10 years preceding the construction of the pit as a factor in determining whether the proposed location of a pit is permissible.
Bill History: 02-24-21 H Filed		
 HB 2206	Talarico, James(D)	Relating to the Texas Climate Action Act.
General Remarks:		HB 2206 creates the Texas Climate Action Act and requires TCEQ to adopt rules on GHG emissions, to set limits on those emissions and enforce those limits. The bill also requires that green energy jobs created by the act are to be paid the same as jobs lost due to the act.
Bill History: 02-24-21 H Filed		
 HB 2218	Canales, Terry(D)	Relating to the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.
General Remarks:		HB 2218 requires the rate of the gasoline and diesel taxes to be increased or decreased annually by a percentage that is equal to the consumer price index percentage change for the preceding fiscal year.
Bill History: 02-24-21 H Filed		
 HB 2222	Canales, Terry(D)	Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on future transportation needs for the year 2045.

		<p>General Remarks: HB 2222 requires TxDOT and Texas A&M Transportation Institute to conduct a study on the state's projected transportation needs, costs and resulting benefits from meeting those needs for the year 2045.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-24-21 H Filed</p>
A HB 2223	Canales, Terry(D)	<p>Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the impact of certain classifications of motor vehicle on the roads and bridges of this state.</p> <p>General Remarks: HB 2223 requires TxDOT, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, the UT Center for Transportation Research and transportation industry representatives to conduct a study on the impact on roads and bridges of the state.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-24-21 H Filed</p>
A HB 2275	Zwiener, Erin(D)	<p>Relating to critical infrastructure resiliency and financing.</p> <p>General Remarks: The bill creates the water infrastructure resiliency fund and the critical infrastructure resiliency fund. Respectively the fund may be used to weatherize Texas' water systems and create microgrids (a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources inside clearly defined electrical boundaries that act as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid).</p> <p>Bill History: 02-25-21 H Filed</p>
A HB 2292	Landgraf, Brooks(R)	<p>Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place.</p> <p>General Remarks: HB 2292 would amend Chapter 23 of the Tax Code, regarding property taxation, to require that ad valorem (property) tax appraisers use an average of the monthly oil and natural gas prices over the most recent two calendar years as the price for each year in any income appraisal and removes the price adjustment factor.</p> <p>Bill History: 02-25-21 H Filed</p>
A HB 2354	Holland, Justin(R)	<p>Relating to the governing body of the independent organization to ensure access, reliability, adequacy, production, and market information of the ERCOT power region.</p> <p>Companions: SB 743 Springer, Drew (F) (Identical) 2-23-21 S Filed</p>

General Remarks: SB 743/HB 2354 requires members of the board of ERCOT to be residents of Texas.

Bill History: 02-26-21 H Filed

 HB 2361

Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the new technology implementation grant program administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: SB 622 increases from 3% to 6% the amount of TERP funds that can be used on technology implementation grant programs (assist the implementation of new technologies to reduce emissions from facilities and other stationary sources in this state) and decreases from 5% to 2% the amount of TERP funds that can be used for the clean fleet program. Prioritizes systems that reduce flaring emissions and other site emissions in the technology implementation grant process.

Bill History: 02-26-21 H Filed

 HB 2369

Morales Shaw, Penny
(F)(D)

Relating to the shutdown during a weather-related disaster of facilities that have reported emissions events to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: HB 2369 requires TCEQ to implement rules to create a system of staggered shutdowns for regulated entities located in areas covered by a state or federally declared weather-related disaster. The system would prioritize required shutdowns of entities with the highest number of reported emission events over the preceding 10 years and require that the system minimize cumulative air pollution and be done in the safest manner possible. The system must also include exceptions for specific types of facilities whose shutdowns would increase risk to health or safety.

Bill History: 02-26-21 H Filed

 HB 2370

Morales Shaw, Penny
(F)(D)

Relating to procedures for certain permit applications submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

General Remarks: HB 2370 prohibits an applicant for an environmental permit through TCEQ from making changes to their application within 31 days of a contested case preliminary hearing proceeding. To make any changes one would have start over in the process.

Bill History: 02-26-21 H Filed

 HB 2476	Allison, Steve(R)	Relating to the weather emergency preparedness of facilities for providing gas or electric service.
General Remarks:		HB 2476 directs the RRC to by rule require operators of a gas well to implement measures to prepare the well to operate during a weather emergency. the bill also directs the PUC to require each electric cooperative, municipally owned utility, and transmission and distribution utility providing electric service in ERCOT power region to implement measures to prepare facilities for winter weather emergencies.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Filed
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 HB 2481	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the winter weather emergency preparedness of gas pipeline facilities and facilities for providing electric service.
General Remarks:		HB 2481 allows the PUC to require pipeline facilities and facilities for providing electric service in ERCOT power region to implement measures to prepare facilities for winter weather emergencies.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Filed
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 HB 2482	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to oil and gas operations.
Bill History:		03-01-21 H Filed
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 HB 2562	Pacheco, Leo(D)	Relating to certifying the Railroad Commission of Texas as the independent organization for the ERCOT power region.
General Remarks:		HB 2563 requires the PUC to decertify an independent organization that was previously certified an independent organization for the ERCOT power region before September 1, 2021, and certify the Railroad Commission of Texas as the successor organization for that power region.
Bill History:		03-02-21 H Filed
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 HB 2564	Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)	Relating to mailed notice of the intent to obtain certain environmental permits.
General Remarks:		Requires an applicant for a waste water permit whose application is determined to be administratively complete to mail notice of the intent to obtain a permit to the owner of each residence located within one mile of the facility or proposed facility in addition to other notices already required by law.
Bill History:		03-02-21 H Filed

A HB 2659	Rosenthal, Jon(D)	Relating to reporting requirements for certain accidental discharges or spills.						
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General Remarks:		This bill requires a facility with an accidental spill that requires reporting to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission within 24 hours to also report the spill to the county judge of the county where spill occurred within 24 hours.						
Bill History:		03-03-21 H Filed						

A HB 2689	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the creation of the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council.			
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General Remarks:		Creates a 2 year "Climate change impact assessment council" to study the impact of climate change on the health, safety, and welfare of Texans and make recommendations and a study to the legislature.			
Bill History:		03-03-21 H Filed			

A HB 2730	Deshotel, Joe(D)	Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
General Remarks:		Substantially similar to HB 902 the difference being the movement of the ombudsman from the AG's office to TREC because TREC already has a mechanism in place to handle that provision.
Bill History:		03-03-21 H Filed

A HB 2745	Rosenthal, Jon(D)	Relating to regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of the geologic storage of anthropogenic carbon dioxide.
General Remarks:		HB 2745 is a Pore Space study bill that requires the RRC in conjunction with the BEG to identify potential locations on state-owned land for geologic storage of co2 and to propose a regulatory program to make pore space accessible for permanent co2 storage and allow for a governmental entity to acquire title to stored co2 relieving the producer of liability for the co2. The bill also allows for the conversion of an injection well into a storage well and requires the RRC to

adopt rules regarding liability for CO2 held in a permanent geologic storage facility. The bill also directs the RRC to seek primacy of CO2 injection and sequestration in Texas.

Bill History: 03-03-21 H Filed

A HB 2804 Rogers, Glenn (F)(R) Relating to notice by an appraisal district to an owner of the surface estate of real property of the owner's right to file a report of decreased value.

General Remarks: HB 2804 requires a chief tax appraiser to send notice to a surface owner whose mineral interests have been severed notifying the surface owner of their right to file a report of decreased value.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

A HB 2814 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to the requirement of a public hearing on certain applications for a permit to drill an oil or gas well.

Companions:

HB 2920	Turner, Chris	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 1156	Zaffirini, Judith	(Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Requires the RRC to require an applicant for a permit to drill a new oil or gas well to indicate on the application whether the proposed well site is located within 1,500 feet of the property line of a child-care facility, private school, or primary or secondary public school. If so, the applicant is required to participate in a public hearing in the affected county and the commissioner is required to consider comments from the hearing before granting the permit. (Earthworks bill filed by Zaffarini last session)

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

A HB 2868 Longoria, Oscar(D) Relating to the financial security requirements for operators of oil and gas wells.

Companions: SB 954 Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)
3- 3-21 S Filed

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

A HB 2881 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to the applicability of provisions governing payment of the proceeds derived from the sale of oil or gas production to nonparticipating royalty interest owners.

Companions: SB 1030 Paxton, Angela (Identical)

3- 4-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 2881 allows for a Nonparticipating royalty interest owner (NPR) to have the rights of a royalty owner as it pertains to right to information from a payor regarding payment deductions and adjustments, heating value or lease identification, and other information or answers to questions concerning a royalty payment if requested by certified mail.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

 HB 2882

Bailes, Ernest(R)

Relating to information provided to a payee by a payor of proceeds of production from an oil or gas well that traverses multiple tracts.

Companions: [SB 1031](#) Paxton, Angela (Identical)
3- 4-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 2882 requires a payee of a mineral interest with a horizontal well whose wellbore extends outside the tract on which a payee has an interest directly or through pooling to include in the division order or a separate document with the division order: an as-drilled plat of the well to which the division order applies; and an explanation of the formula used to allocate production between the different tracts through which the well bore passed or was pooled.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

 HB 2883

Bailes, Ernest(R)

Relating to the information a payor of the proceeds of production from an oil and gas well is required to provide a payee.

Companions: [SB 1032](#) Paxton, Angela (Identical)
3- 4-21 S Filed

General Remarks: HB 2883 allows a mineral interest payment recipient (payee) who is requested to sign a ratification of a lease, pooling agreement, a unit designation or a division order, access to a copy of the document to be ratified or the lease underlying the division order upon written request. Failure of the payor to do so releases the obligation of the payee to sign the ratification or division order and entitles them to payment under law. The bill also requires a disclosure of payee rights when a payor requests that a payee ratify a lease, pooling agreement, a unit designation or sign a division order.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

A HB 2884 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to imposing on a payor of proceeds of production from an oil or gas well a duty to notify a payee when payments to the payee are suspended.

Companions: SB 1033 Paxton, Angela (Identical)
3- 4-21 S Filed

General Remarks: When royalty payments are placed in suspense HB 2884 requires the royalty payor to send to the suspended payee a written notice stating that payments have been suspended and explain in reasonable detail the reason for the suspension. The notice must be sent with in 30 days of the suspension and must include: the lease, property, or well name, any lease, property, or well identification number used to identify the lease, property, or well, and a county and state in which the lease, property, or well is located. Failure to send notice results in interest on the amount suspended the rate is set at 2 points higher than the rate charged for that period on loans to depository institutions by the New York Federal Reserve Bank unless otherwise agreed upon.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

A HB 2899 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to the creation of a task force to improve the reliability of electric service in this state.

General Remarks: HB 2899 crates a Texas Grid task force to examine information and recommendations to improve the reliability of the electric service in the state.

Bill History: 03-04-21 H Filed

A HCR 9 Raymond, Richard(D) Urging the United States Congress to conduct a cost-benefit analysis regarding the risks of climate change and appropriate measures to address them.

General Remarks: This is a resolution that urges the United States Congress to conduct a cost-benefit analysis regarding the risks of climate change and appropriate measures to address them.

Bill History: 11-24-20 H Filed

A HJR 6 Swanson, Valoree(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for legislative review or approval of state agency rules.

Companions: HJR 88 Swanson, Valoree (Refiled from 86R Session)

		HJR 149 Toth, Steve	(Refiled from 86R Session)
General Remarks:	Constitutionally provides the legislature authority to oversee agency rule making.		
Bill History:	03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs		
A HJR 21	Craddick, Tom(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of and use of money in the Grow Texas fund and allocating certain general revenues to that fund, the economic stabilization fund, and the state highway fund.	
Companions:	HJR 82 Craddick, Tom	(Identical) 2- 4-21 H Filed	
General Remarks:	Constitutional Amendment creating the GROW Fund that directs 12% of GR to ESF to the GROW Fund not to exceed \$250M per biennium. GROW Funds may only be used for use in areas of the state from which oil and gas are produced and may only to address infrastructure needs in the manner provided by general law in areas of the state determined by the legislature to be significantly affected by oil and gas production.		
Bill History:	03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations		
A HJR 27	White, James(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to reduce the allocation of certain general revenue to the economic stabilization fund and to use that revenue for certain science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) scholarships.	
General Remarks:	Reduces the amount of funds sent to the ESF by .01 percent to be used for a scholarship program for undergraduate STEM students at public institutions in this state.		
Bill History:	03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations		
A HJR 36	Raymond, Richard(D)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing honesty in state taxation.	
Companions:	HJR 16 Raymond, Richard	(Refiled from 86R Session)	
General Remarks:	Constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law calling a tax anything other than a tax such as a fee, levy,		

surcharge, assessment, fine, or penalty. Also requires the legislature revise every reference to a fee, levy, etc not used for the purposed of general revenue as a regulatory tax.

Bill History: 03-01-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

 HJR 92 Schofield, Mike(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the right to repurchase real property acquired by a governmental entity through eminent domain.

General Remarks: Constitutionally requires governmental entities to offer land acquired through eminent domain back to the property owner or heirs subject to inaction on the property. The amendment also constitutionally allows property owners and heirs the right to repurchase property from non-governmental entities that acquired their land through eminent domain subject to inaction on the property.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

 HJR 93 Schofield, Mike(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taking of property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the property to a private entity.

Companions: SJR 61 Fallon, Pat (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: HJR 93 is a a constitutional amendment that prohibits the taking of property by eminent domain for the purpose of transferring the property to a private entity.

Bill History: 02-11-21 H Filed

 HJR 103 Zwiener, Erin(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the water infrastructure resiliency fund and the critical infrastructure resiliency fund to assist in the financing of certain infrastructure p

General Remarks: HJR 103 is the constitutional amendment authorizing HB 2275 that creates the water infrastructure resiliency fund and the critical infrastructure resiliency fund. Respectively the fund may be used to weatherize Texas' water systems and create microgrids (a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources inside clearly defined electrical boundaries that act as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid.

Bill History: 02-25-21 H Filed

A SB 87 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

Companions: HB 522 Allen, Alma (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: Requires TCEQ to consider the cumulative effects on public health and property of expected air emissions from a new or modified facility, including other facilities within 3 miles. Makes permitting process more difficult.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

A SB 125 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the regulation of hydrofluorocarbons under the Texas Clean Air Act.

General Remarks: SB 125 prohibits a person from offering any product if that product or equipment consists of, uses, or will use hydrofluorocarbons in a manner deemed unacceptable by the clean air act.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

A SB 126 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks.

Companions: HB 711 Perez, Mary Ann (Identical)
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

General Remarks: Requires above ground storage tanks that are part of a petrochemical plant, a petroleum refinery, an electric generating facility, or a bulk facility to adhere to new performance standards designated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of the TWDB.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

A SB 127 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

Companions: SB 1417 Johnson, Nathan (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

HB 878 Hinojosa, Gina (Identical)
 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to
 committee on House Ways and Means

HB 879 Hinojosa, Gina (Identical)
 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to
 committee on House Ways and Means

General Remarks: Same as last session: Phases out the high cost gas tax reduction by requiring that an application to be considered a high cost gas well must be received by the comptroller by Sept. 1, 2021. no new high cost gas tax exemptions after Sept. 1, 2021. Current exemptions expire either first 120 consecutive calendar months beginning on the first day of production, or until the cumulative value of the tax reduction equals 50 percent of the drilling and completion costs incurred for the well, whichever occurs first.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

 SB 144

Powell, Beverly(D)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions:

HB 2129 Murphy, Jim (Refiled from 86R Session)

HB 778 Lozano, Jose (Identical)
 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 1502 Deshotel, Joe (Identical)
 2- 1-21 H Filed

General Remarks: Extends Chapter 313 for 10 years. Specifically subchapters B (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY USED TO CREATE JOBS) and C (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREA OR CERTAIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) of Chapter 313 through 2032.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

 SB 157

Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to eminent domain reporting requirements for certain entities.

General Remarks: Local eminent domain bill that removes the requirement for a particular county with a school district with a population less than 25k to have to refile their eminent domain status with the comptroller annually if nothing has changed.

Bill History: 03-08-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs

A SB 160 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to certain county road reports.

General Remarks: Removes the requirement of a county to submit previous year's road condition report in order to apply for CTIF grant funds.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

A SB 170 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of implementing certain renewable energy standards.

Companions:

HB 2148	Blanco, Cesar	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 2015	Reynolds, Ron	(Identical)
	2-22-21 H Filed	

General Remarks: Requires the PUC to conduct a feasibility study of expanding the renewable energy standard so that 50% of the generating capacity installed in the state comes from renewable sources by 2030 and 100% by 2050. Report is due to the legislature Dec. 31, 2022.

Bill History: 03-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

A SB 304 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to a state goal for competitive zero-carbon electric generation.

General Remarks: SB 304 requires a certain percentage, increasing every 5 years, of electric power generation from zero carbon energy technology with a goal of 100% of all electricity generated by retail electric providers, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives by zero carbon energy technology by January 1, 2035.

Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed

A SB 306 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.

Companions:

HB 1949	Crockett, Jasmine (F)	(Identical)
	2-17-21 H Filed	
HB 2017	Thierry, Shawn	(Identical)
	2-22-21 H Filed	

General Remarks: Requires an analysis of expected changes such as: adverse impacts in the services provided by

the agency because of projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability.in the strategic plan of the Department of Agriculture, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Department of Insurance, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Public Safety, Public Utility Commission of Texas, office of the comptroller, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Water Development Board.

Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed

A SB 310 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the repeal of the temporary tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

General Remarks: Repeals the exemption for high cost gas.

Bill History: 01-11-21 S Filed

A SB 364 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to affirmative defenses for a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement action for unauthorized emission or opacity events.

Companions:

SB 2065	Menendez, Jose	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 2175	Miles, Borris	(Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: SB 364 removes the authority of TCEQ to allow for an affirmative defense to a commission enforcement action. The bill also removes the affirmative defense in the case of an emissions event from a planned maintenance, start-up, or shutdown activity.

Bill History: 01-15-21 S Filed

A SB 365 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities.

Companions:

HB 4078	Reynolds, Ron	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 180	Miles, Borris	(Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: SB 365 creates an "Environmental justice community" defined as a United States census block group, as determined in accordance with the

most recent United States census, for which: 30 percent or more of the population has an income below 200% of the federal poverty level; or 50% or more of the population consists of members of racial minority or ethnic minority groups. Requires a permit applicant to file an environmental justice report for a new facility or the expansion of a facility to determine if it is located within an environmental justice community. Requires the applicant in an EJ to file a public participation plan, consult with chief elected officials, participate in a public hearing.

Bill History: 01-15-21 S Filed

 SB 366 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the minimum amount of an administrative penalty assessed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a violation of certain laws.

General Remarks: Requires the minimum amount of an administrative penalty assessed by the TCEQ to be \$250 per day for TCEQ administrative violations. Currently there is no minimum only a maximum penalty of up to \$25,000.

Bill History: 01-15-21 S Filed

 SB 367 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the requirements for an application for a permit to drill an oil or gas well at a site adjacent to a well blowout site.

General Remarks: SB 367 applies to counties with a population of more than 750k and requires an applicant for a permit to drill and oil and gas well to disclose to the commission in an application that the applicant was the operator of a oil and gas well subject to a blowout (uncontrolled release of a subterranean fluid containing oil, gas, or condensate or of a well fluid that is caused by a loss of well control occurred while the applicant operated the oil or gas well.).

Bill History: 01-15-21 S Filed

 SB 372 Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the forgiveness of a loan made under the Paycheck Protection Program for franchise tax purposes.

Companions: [HB 1195](#) Geren, Charlie (Identical)
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

General Remarks: SB 372 exempts forgiven amounts of payment protection (PPP) loans from franchise taxes.

Bill History: 01-21-21 S Filed

A SB 388 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the reduction of methane gas flaring on land dedicated to the permanent university fund.

General Remarks: Requires the board of regents of the UT System to adopt a formal policy goal to eliminate routine flaring on university lands by 2025. Requires each lease issued, modified, or renewed to include a plan to end routine flaring; to adhere to EPA new source performance standards; and to implement quarterly inspection and maintenance for the detection of leaks. The bill permits the board to apply to new and existing facilities that have been modified more stringent standards than the board applies to other facilities.

Bill History: 01-22-21 S Filed

A SB 423 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the service of notice of a special commissioners' hearing in an eminent domain proceeding.

Companions: **HB 2831** Canales, Terry (Refiled from 86R Session)

General Remarks: SB 423 requires that service of notice of a special commissioners' hearing in an eminent domain proceeding only be permitted by delivering a copy of the notice to the party, to the party's agent or attorney, or in another manner provided by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure for service of citation.

Bill History: 01-25-21 S Filed

A SB 450 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas over the injection and geologic storage of carbon dioxide.

Companions: **HB 1284** Paddie, Chris (Identical)
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Energy Resources

General Remarks: Class VI Well Bill - SB 450 pertains to the consolidation of jurisdiction over the underground injection control program for Class VI wells in Texas. The bill simply makes clear that Class VI injection wells fall under the regulatory authority of the Railroad Commission (RRC) alone. In the past there has been confusion over jurisdiction between the RRC and TCEQ. TCEQ is supportive of the clarification and the placement of the sole regulatory authority at the RRC.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 453 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a study and report by the comptroller on local and state supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Companions: HB 1923 Thierry, Shawn (Identical)
2-12-21 H Filed

General Remarks: SB 453 would require the comptroller to conduct a study to assess and determine local and state supply chain disruptions caused by covid-19; the number of jobs affected by supply chain disruptions and industries affected and; overall cost to the state due to the disruptions. The study must include recommended policies and procedures for maintaining effective supply chains in future health and economic crises. The comptroller must submit the report to the governor and legislature no later than September 1, 2022.

Bill History: 01-26-21 S Filed

A SB 535 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the criteria for review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of a state agency.

General Remarks: SB 535 requires the sunset advisory commission of Texas to include as part of their periodic review of state agencies whether an agency is taking reasonable steps to assess the impact of climate change on the agency's activities and to mitigate those impacts during the next 12 years.

Bill History: 02-01-21 S Filed

A SB 601 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the creation and activities of the Texas Produced Water Consortium.

General Remarks: SB 601 creates the Texas Produced Water Consortium. The consortium is created to bring together information resources to study the economics of and technology related to beneficial uses of produced water. the consortium consists of Texas Tech University, private entities and the board made up of representatives from: RRC, TCEQ, SECO, TWDB, and Texas Economic Development and Tourism office.

Bill History: 02-05-21 S Filed

A SB 622 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the new technology implementation grant program.

General Remarks: SB 622 increases from 3% to 6% the amount of TERP funds that can be used on technology implementation grant programs (assist the

implementation of new technologies to reduce emissions from facilities and other stationary sources in this state) and decreases from 5% to 2% the amount of TERP funds that can be used for the clean fleet program. Prioritizes systems that reduce flaring emissions and other site emissions in the technology implementation grant process.

Bill History: 02-08-21 S Filed

A SB 645

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program.

Companions: **HB 963** Lozano, Jose (Identical)
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

General Remarks: SB 645 expands the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program to allow used heavy or medium duty vehicles to be replaced by natural gas vehicles that are model year 2017 or never and not more than six years older than the current model year at the time of grant application submission. The grant awarded for a qualifying used natural gas vehicle may not be less than 80 percent of the incremental cost of the vehicle purchase, lease, or other commercial finance.

Bill History: 02-10-21 S Filed

A SB 669

Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to certain reports by the Texas Water Development Board.

Companions: **HB 1866** Lucio III, Eddie (Identical)
2-11-21 H Filed

General Remarks: SB 669 requires the TWDB to make publicly available reports on statewide water usage in the residential, industrial, agricultural, commercial, and institutional sectors; and municipalities and water utilities with over 3k connections.

Bill History: 02-12-21 S Filed

A SB 680

Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to clarifying electricity as a necessity during a declared disaster under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

General Remarks: SB 680 clarifies electricity as a necessity during a declared disaster under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Bill History: 02-22-21 S Filed

<p> SB 684</p>	<p>Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)</p>	<p>Relating to an affirmative defense to a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement action for unauthorized emission events.</p>
<p>Companions:</p>		<p>HB 4087 Blanco, Cesar (Refiled from 86R Session)</p>
<p>General Remarks:</p>		<p>SB 684 removes affirmative defense to a TCEQ enforcement action for an unauthorized emission events.</p> <p>Removes the ability of the commission by rule may establish an affirmative defense to a commission enforcement action if the emissions event meets criteria defined by commission rule.</p> <p>Removes "a person may not claim an affirmative defense to a commission enforcement action if the person failed to take corrective action under a corrective action plan approved by the commission within the time prescribed by the commission and an emissions event recurs because of that failure."</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>02-22-21 S Filed</p>

<p> SB 721</p>	<p>Schwertner, Charles(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the disclosure of appraisal reports in connection with the use of eminent domain authority.</p>
<p>Companions:</p>		<p>HB 2041 Leman, Ben (Identical) 2-22-21 H Filed</p>
<p>General Remarks:</p>		<p>SB 721 property through the use of Eminent domain that they disclose any and all existing appraisal reports if the report is to be used at a special commissioner's hearing.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>02-22-21 S Filed</p>

<p> SB 722</p>	<p>Schwertner, Charles(R)</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>General Remarks:</p>		<p>SB 722 requires an entity with eminent domain authority that fails to provide any appraisal report to an owner regarding their property to be held liable to the property owner for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the owner in connection with the entity's acquisition of the owner's property.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>02-22-21 S Filed</p>

<p> SB 723</p>	<p>Schwertner, Charles(R)</p>	<p>Relating to certain requirements in connection with the acquisition of real property for public use by an entity with eminent domain authority.</p>
<p>Companions:</p>		<p>HB 2042 Leman, Ben (Identical) 2-22-21 H Filed</p>
<p>General Remarks:</p>		<p>SB 723 for condemnation proceedings requires the Land Owners Bill of Rights (LOBR) to be provided to a property owner at the time of the initial offer and requires such for a bona fide offer. The bill also amends the LOBR to require a condemning entity to disclose their responsibility for damages; requires the entity to notify the property owner of the right to refuse to grant access or to negotiate access to the property; requires a condemner to notify property owner of the entity's right to sue to authorize access to the the property; requires the condemner to identify real property that the entity doesn't seek to acquire through condemnation and make a separate offer for that property.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>02-22-21 S Filed</p>

<p> SB 726</p>	<p>Schwertner, Charles(R)</p>	<p>Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.</p>
<p>Companions:</p>		<p>HB 2044 Leman, Ben (Identical) 2-22-21 H Filed</p>
<p>General Remarks:</p>		<p>SB 726 increases from 2 to 3 the number of actions needed to establish actual progress in determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity. The bill also removes one of the actions: acquisition of an adjacent tract or parcel for the same public use. The bill excludes navigation districts and port authorities from provisions of the bill and allows them to prove actual progress by by completing one action.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>02-22-21 S Filed</p>

<p> SB 743</p>	<p>Springer, Drew (F)(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the governing body of an independent organization to ensure access, reliability, adequacy, production, and market information of the ERCOT power region.</p>
<p>Companions:</p>		<p>HB 2354 Holland, Justin (Identical) 2-26-21 H Filed</p>
<p>General Remarks:</p>		<p>SB 743 requires members of the board of ERCOT to be residents of Texas.</p>
<p>Bill History:</p>		<p>02-23-21 S Filed</p>

A SB 761	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the governing body of the independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.
Companions:		HB 2034 Raymond, Richard (Identical) 2-22-21 H Filed HB 2078 Reynolds, Ron (Identical) 2-23-21 H Filed SB 835 Alvarado, Carol (Identical) 2-26-21 S Filed
General Remarks:		SB 761 requires members of the board and the CEO of ERCOT to be residents of Texas.
Bill History:		02-23-21 S Filed

A SB 771	Nichols, Robert(R)	Relating to the notice requirements for permits for the commercial surface disposal of oil and gas wastes.
Companions:		HB 2006 Ashby, Trent (Identical) 2-22-21 H Filed
General Remarks:		Current law requires a person who files an application for a permit for a commercial surface disposal facility to publish notice. HB 2006 requires that the notice also be given to a river authority or groundwater conservation district whose territory contains the tract of land on which a disposal pit will be located or on which the disposal will take place.
Bill History:		02-23-21 S Filed

A SB 772	Nichols, Robert(R)	Relating to the location of pits used in the production of oil and gas.
Companions:		HB 2201 Ashby, Trent (Identical) 2-24-21 H Filed
General Remarks:		SB 772/HB 2201 requires the RRC to establish standards governing permissible locations for commercial oil and gas disposal facilities. Rules must consider the history of flooding in the 10 years preceding the construction of the pit as a factor in determining whether the proposed location of a pit is permissible.
Bill History:		02-23-21 S Filed

A SB 817	Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D)	Relating to the winterization and emergency preparedness for electric utilities, power generation companies, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives.
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General Remarks: SB 817 instructs the PUC to require electric utilities power generation companies, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives that operate generation facilities to prepare for extreme weather; perform comprehensive engineering analyses to identify potential freezing issues; and establish policies that make winter preventative maintenance a priority each fall.

Bill History: 02-25-21 S Filed

A SB 833 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to a sales tax refund for sales tax overpayments by certain oil or gas severance taxpayers.

Companions: **HB 1346** Paddie, Chris (Identical)
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

General Remarks: HB 1346/SB 833 amends the Tax Code to authorize a person who files an oil or gas production tax first purchaser's or producer's report and who does not hold a permit under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Act to obtain a refund for sales and use taxes paid in error to a person who holds such a permit by filing a claim for refund with the comptroller of public accounts within the limitation period specified by law. The bill authorizes the comptroller by rule to provide additional procedures for claiming such a refund. No fiscal note. Supported by industry in the 85R (HB3471).

Bill History: 02-26-21 S Filed

A SB 835 Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to the governing body of the independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.

Companions: **HB 2034** Raymond, Richard (Identical)
2-22-21 H Filed
HB 2078 Reynolds, Ron (Identical)
2-23-21 H Filed
SB 761 Seliger, Kel (Identical)
2-23-21 S Filed

General Remarks: SB 761 requires members of the board and the CEO of ERCOT to be residents of Texas.

Bill History: 02-26-21 S Filed

A SB 954 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the financial security requirements for operators of oil and gas wells.

Companions: **HB 2868** Longoria, Oscar (Identical)

		3- 4-21 H Filed
	Bill History:	03-03-21 S Filed
A SB 986	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
	Bill History:	03-03-21 S Filed
A SB 1006	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to the electronic transmission of certain notices proved by the Railroad Commission of Texas.
	Bill History:	03-04-21 S Filed
A SB 1029	Huffman, Joan(R)	Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain solar or wind-powered energy devices.
	General Remarks:	HB 1029 exempts from ad valorem taxation a wind or solar energy device used on real property and is used for production and distribution of energy used on-site regardless of whether the person owns the real property on which the device is installed or constructed.
	Bill History:	03-04-21 S Filed
A SB 1030	Paxton, Angela(R)	Relating to the applicability of provisions governing payment of the proceeds derived from the sale of oil or gas production to nonparticipating royalty interest owners.
	Companions:	HB 2881 Bailes, Ernest (Identical) 3- 4-21 H Filed
	General Remarks:	sb 1030 allows for a Nonparticipating royalty interest owner (NPR) to have the rights of a royalty owner as it pertains to right to information from a payor regarding payment deductions and adjustments, heating value or lease identification, and other information or answers to questions concerning a royalty payment if requested by certified mail.
	Bill History:	03-04-21 S Filed
A SB 1031	Paxton, Angela(R)	Relating to information provided to a payee by a payor of proceeds of production from an oil or gas well that traverses multiple tracts.
	Companions:	HB 2882 Bailes, Ernest (Identical) 3- 4-21 H Filed
	General Remarks:	SB 1031 requires a payee of a mineral interest with a horizontal well whose well bore extends

outside the tract on which a payee has an interest directly or through pooling to include in the division order or a separate document with the division order: an as-drilled plat of the well to which the division order applies; and an explanation of the formula used to allocate production between the different tracts through which the well bore passed or was pooled.

Bill History: 03-04-21 S Filed

A SB 1032

Paxton, Angela(R)

Relating to the information a payor of the proceeds of production from an oil and gas well is required to provide a payee.

Companions: [HB 2883](#) Bailes, Ernest (Identical)
3- 4-21 H Filed

General Remarks: SB 1032 allows a mineral interest payment recipient (payee) who is requested to sign a ratification of a lease, pooling agreement, a unit designation or a division order, access to a copy of the document to be ratified or the lease underlying the division order upon written request. Failure of the payor to do so releases the obligation of the payee to sign the ratification or division order and entitles them to payment under law. The bill also requires a disclosure of payee rights when a payor requests that a payee ratify a lease, pooling agreement, a unit designation or sign a division order.

Bill History: 03-04-21 S Filed

A SB 1033

Paxton, Angela(R)

Relating to imposing on a payor of proceeds of production from an oil or gas well a duty to notify a payee when payments to the payee are suspended.

Companions: [HB 2884](#) Bailes, Ernest (Identical)
3- 4-21 H Filed

General Remarks: When royalty payments are placed in suspense SB 1033 requires the royalty payor to send to the suspended payee a written notice stating that payments have been suspended and explain in reasonable detail the reason for the suspension. The notice must be sent with in 30 days of the suspension and must include: the lease, property, or well name, any lease, property, or well identification number used to identify the lease, property, or well, and a county and state in which the lease, property, or well is located. Failure to send notice results in interest on the amount suspended the rate is set at 2 points higher than the rate charged for that period on loans to

depository institutions by the New York Federal Reserve Bank unless otherwise agreed upon.

Bill History: 03-04-21 S Filed

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