City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sally Basurto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Update briefing on the 89th State Legislative Session.

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the 89th State Legislative Session to include bills of interest filed to date.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Legislature meets every two years in odd numbered years. The 89th Legislative Session began on January 14, 2025. The City of San Antonio has identified policy priorities and legislative initiatives that it will seek to have addressed by the Legislative. These priorities and initiatives are codified in the City's State Legislative Program that was approved by Council on October 31, 2024, through ordinance 2024-10-31-0822.

Prior to the convening of each regular Texas Legislative Session, the City of San Antonio identifies policy priorities and legislative initiatives for the State Session. These priorities and initiatives are incorporated into the City of San Antonio's State Legislative Program. City Council approved the 2025 State Legislative Program on October 31, 2024, through ordinance 2024-10-31-0822.

Legislators began filing bills for the 89th Legislative Session on November 12, 2024. To date, over

2,500 bills have been submitted by the House and Senate. Lawmakers are unable to pass any legislation before March 14th unless the Governor designates specific issues as emergency items. Although the Governor has not yet announced any emergency items for this session, he is expected to do so during the State of the State address in early February.

ISSUE:

The legislative issues covered by this update will vary depending on legislative activity in the Texas Senate and House of Representatives.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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