



State Legislative Update Council B-Session

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89th Texas Legislature

- Seven weeks left in the 89th regular session.
- Committee and floor hearings are continuing in both chambers.
- The House approved a \$337 billion budget for the next two years.



Texas Cyber Command

H.B. 150 (Capriglione)

Establishes the Texas Cyber Command as a component institution of The University of Texas System – Governor priority.

The Texas Cyber Command will create a robust strategy for the State of Texas to:

- Anticipate and detect potential cyber threats.
- Promote cybersecurity awareness, professional training, and other workforce-oriented measures.
- Prepare for cyberattacks through planning and proactive collaboration.
- Defend against and mitigate against the effects of cyberattacks.
- Support to conduct post-attack investigations and recovery efforts.

➤ Passed the House.

South Texas Parkway



Bills on the Move – Land Use

H.B. 23 (Harris)

Applicants may request third-party review of development documents or land improvements by a certified engineer or building inspector.

➤ Reported as substituted from House Land and Resource Committee.

S.B. 673 (Hughes)

Allows an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) in a single-family zoning or un-zoned areas by right, prohibits a city's ability to regulate an ADU in certain ways.

➤ Passed the Senate.

Bills on the Move - Housing

H.B. 32 (Button)/S.B. 38 (Bettencourt)

Changes laws regarding eviction processes.

- Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence, Senate version passed the Senate.

S.B. 208 (West)

Establishes a workforce housing capital investment fund program to support the development of workforce housing across Texas. Includes provisions for authorizing a fee to fund this initiative.

- Referred to Senate Local Government Committee.

Bills on the Move - Housing

S.B. 234 (Johnson)

Incentivizes private sector construction of workforce housing units through low-interest mezzanine real estate financing.

➤ Referred to Senate Local Government Committee.

H.B. 3858 (LaHood)

Requires the governor's office with help from the Texas Department of Emergency Management to set up a process for cities and counties to get approval to build or run temporary housing or emergency shelters for disaster victims.

➤ Pending in House Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs.

Bills on the Move

H.B. 1866 (Lujan)

Adding additional state law enforcement authority to National Parks Service officers.

- Additional authority includes:

- The ability to execute arrest and search warrants under state laws
- The ability to pursue emergency detention or court ordered protective detention related to mental health as included in the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 573 and 574.

➤ Reported favorably out of the House Homeland, Public Safety & Veterans Committee

H.B. 2806 (Lujan)

Allows increased flexibility for ACS officers to identify and make dangerous dog designations, increases the penalty for multiple bite incidents from Class C to Class B misdemeanor, and restricts ownership of dogs for five years for individuals with multiple convictions for dangerous dog bites.

➤ Referred to Committee on Public Health

Bills on the Move

H.B. 3594 (Lujan)/S.B. 2318 (Menendez)

SA Fire and Police Retiree Healthcare Fund initiatives

- Expanding retiree flexibility in payment of required contributions.
- Allowing surviving spouses to retain coverage if they remarry.
- Allowing a retiree to defer coverage and contributions if they are married to another member of the plan that has not yet retired.
 - Passed in committee on April 7. SB referred to Finance Committee.

S.B 19 (Middleton)

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.

- Does not impact city staff's ability to advocate.
 - Passed the Senate, referred to House State Affairs Committee

Bills on the Move

HB 4283 (LaHood)

Adds penalties for municipalities for violating state law and the state constitution.

- Allows the Attorney General to investigate whether a city ordinance violates state law or the state constitution.
- If a violation is found and the city fails to correct the violation, the city may be fined up to \$3,000 per day and would be prohibited from initiating an annexation procedure or issue bonds.
- The comptroller may withhold sales and use tax revenue to the city while in violation.

➤ Pending in the House State Affairs Committee



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