



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

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 is scheduled to begin 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 Legislature. These priorities and initiatives are codified in the City's State Legislative Program that was approved by City Council on October 31, 2024.

Legislators began filing bills for the 89th Legislative Session on November 12, 2024. To date, over 2,400 bills have been submitted by the House and Senate, including a record number on the first

day. 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 late January or early February.

Several legislative items that were pending at the time of Council approval of the State Legislative Program have since been referred to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for consideration. These topics include the sale of e-cigarettes near schools, vehicle burglaries, updates to the City's procurement processes, and proposed changes to the Fire and Police retiree healthcare fund.

ISSUE:

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will receive a briefing on additional topics submitted for consideration and bills filed to date that are relevant and of priority for the City of San Antonio. GA staff will provide recommended action steps on the issues referred to the IGR Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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