



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 Legislature. 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.

Legislators began filing bills for the 89th Legislative Session on November 12, 2024. To date, over 6,300 bills have been submitted by the House and Senate. The bill filing deadline is March 14 and lawmakers are unable to pass any legislation that date unless the bill falls under the Governor's emergency items. On February 2, the Governor announced seven emergency items: Property tax relief, water infrastructure investment, teacher pay raises, expanding career training, school choice, bail reform, and creating a cyber command in San Antonio.

Throughout the Legislative Session, Government Affairs staff will provide monthly briefings to the IGR Committee and to full City Council. Additionally, bi-monthly written reports will be provided to the IGR committee and positions taken on legislation during committee hearings will be posted online. Proposed amendments to the City's Legislative Program will be agendaized at the next available IGR Committee meeting for consideration and possible referral to full Council.

ISSUE:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item does not have a fiscal impact and is for briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.