



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Item Number: 4

Agenda Date: February 27, 2025

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. Government Affairs is tracking over 600 bills with potential City impact. Lawmakers are unable to pass any legislation before March 14th unless it falls under the Governor's emergency items. The emergency items, announced on February 2nd, include Property tax relief, water infrastructure investment, a teacher pay raise, expansion of career training, school choice, bail reform, and the creation of a Texas cyber command. Additionally, on February 13th House Speaker Burrows

announced committee assignments, the Bexar County delegation secured key leadership roles, including Vice Chair positions on multiple committee and Chair positions on Permanent Standing Subcommittees.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.