



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:

88th State Legislative Session Recap.

SUMMARY:

Briefing to provide an overview of legislation filed and passed during the 88th State Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Legislature meets every two years in odd numbered years. The 88th State Legislative Session began on January 10, 2023, and concluded on May 29, 2023. Prior to session, the City of San Antonio identified policy priorities and legislative initiatives that it will seek to have addressed by the Legislature, which were codified in the City's State Legislative Program that was approved by City Council on November 3, 2022, and amended on January 26, 2023.

A total of 7,148 bills and constitutional amendments were filed during the 88th session and 1,258

were passed by the legislature and sent to the Governor for signature. The Governor has until June 18 to sign and veto bills or allow them to become law without a signature.

Lawmakers were unable to reach an agreement on property taxes and border security before the May 29th deadline, therefore Governor Abbott immediately called for a special session of the 88th Legislature to address these specific items.

ISSUE:

The City of San Antonio tracked and monitored over 1,750 bills during session that aligned with the City's State Legislative Program. Government Affairs will provide a recap of legislation the City actively supported and opposed, as well as the outcome of specific bills in the regular session.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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