



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Government Affairs

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Sally Basurto

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

State Legislative Update

**SUMMARY:**

Briefing on the 88th State Legislative Session

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Texas Legislature meets every two years in odd numbered years. The 88th State Legislative Session is scheduled to begin on January 10, 2023. The City of San Antonio has identified policy priorities and the 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 November 3, 2022.

November 14, 2022 was the first day legislators and legislators-elect could file bills for the 88th Session. To date, more than 900 bills have been filed in the Texas State House, and more than 250

bills have been filed in the Texas State Senate. During the first 60 days of session, or before March 10th, lawmakers are prohibited from passing any legislation, unless the Governor declares it an emergency item. Governor Abbott is expected to give his State of the State address in early 2023. The Governor could announce emergency items for the session during his address.

**ISSUE:**

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will receive a briefing on the bills filed-to-date that are relevant to the City of San Antonio's priorities. This briefing will include bills related to property tax relief, local governance and housing. Additionally, an update will be provided on recently announced state leadership priorities and other emerging interim session issues.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**This item is for briefing purposes only.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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