

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:

State Legislative Interim Update

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the State's 87th Legislature interim activity.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

During the period between legislative sessions, referred to as 'the interim,' Senate and House committees are assigned topics to study by the Lt. Governor and Speaker of the House.

House Speaker Dade Phelan released the House interim charges on March 10, and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick released the Senate's charges on April 4. These interim charges are the policy issues leadership has identified for analysis and evaluation in preparation for the 88th Legislative Session in 2023.

Interim session committee hearings are currently underway and will continue throughout 2022. Ultimately, each committee will issue an interim report with their findings, which may include recommendations that form the foundation for legislation to be filed in 2023. Committee reports often guide the discussions when bills are being considered during the legislative session.

At the April 22 Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee meeting, Government Affairs (GA) staff will provide an update on recent interim activities, including a discussion about specific interim charges most relevant to the City of San Antonio. The briefing will also include an update on the City's timeline for creating and adopting our State Legislative Program for the upcoming session.

ISSUE:

The Texas Legislature's interim period offers guidance on the issues that will be considered during the following legislative session. The City tracks interim committee hearings and participates when appropriate to provide input on legislative priorities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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