

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: February 8, 2023

In Control: Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sally Basurto

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the 88th State Legislative Session.

SUMMARY:

Update on the 88th State Legislative Session to include bills of interest filed to date and legislative committee assignments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Texas Legislature meets every two years in odd numbered years. The 88th State Legislative Session began 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, which are codified in the City's State Legislative Program that was approved by City Council on November 3, 2022 and amended on January 26, 2023.

Legislators began filing bills on November 14, 2022. To date, more than 1800 bills have been filed

in the Texas State House and more than 650 bills have been filed in the Texas State Senate. Lawmakers are prohibited from passing any legislation before March 10, unless the Governor declares emergency items. To date, the Governor has not announced any emergency items for the 88th legislative session, but he is scheduled to deliver his State of the State address to the legislature on February 16.

ISSUE:

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will receive a briefing on the bills filed to date that are relevant and of priority for the City of San Antonio. This briefing will include bills related to land use and military protections, and local governance. Additionally, an update will be provided on committee assignments announced by Senate and House leadership.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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