



THE VOICE OF TEXAS BUSINESS

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF BUSINESS

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SCORECARD

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DID YOUR **LAWMAKERS** MAKE THE **GRADE**?

Texas Association of Business (TAB) publishes the Scorecard, which reports how each state legislator voted on business legislation during the 86th Legislative Session.

TAB Scorecard allows our members to determine which lawmakers are fighting for businesses, jobs, and paychecks. It also provides key information for TAB's Political Action Committees (PAC) in making decisions about candidates supporting a business agenda.

Every session, TAB contacts the Legislature about the bills and issues that impact Texas businesses. Prior to the beginning of a session, we present our legislative agenda which communicates our member's top priorities for the year.

Other session communications included one or more of the following methods: face-to-face meetings on issues; providing oral and/or written testimony for specific bills; registering TAB positions in committee hearings; and distribution of information flyers. Lastly, on certain legislative days, we produced a floor report that was electronically delivered to legislative offices that indicated TAB's positions on each bill of interest on the calendar for that specific day.

TAB strongly believes that well-informed policymakers are essential to ensuring the development of necessary and responsible public policy that supports the Texas business community.

TAB Scorecard includes a specific score for the 86th Legislative Session as well as an average which spans over the career of each state lawmaker. TAB honors the higher of either score.

This Scorecard is a valuable tool to hold Texas legislators accountable and continue to make Texas the most influential business climate in the nation.

How Did Your Legislator Vote on Business Issues?

Champion for Free Enterprise

Scores highlighted in **green** are legislators designated as the Texas Association of Business "**Champions for Free Enterprise.**" A legislator must score a **90 or above** to receive this distinction. This is the highest honor that a lawmaker can receive from TAB.

Fighter for Free Enterprise

Scores highlighted in **turquoise** are legislators designated as the Texas Association of Business "**Fighters for Free Enterprise.**" A legislator must score an **80-89** to receive this distinction.

How to Read the Votes

- +** Pro-Business Vote
- Vote Against Business
- E** Excused Absence
- A** Absence (Unexcused)
- C** Chair
- P** Present Not Voting
- FR** Freshman Legislator

HOW DID YOUR REPRESENTATIVE VOTE ON BUSINESS ISSUES?

	AVG	2019	HB 2826	HB 3143	HB 3	SB 533	HB 39	HB 3745	HB 2726	SB 1189	HB 3557	HB 1739	SB 1152	SB 1679	HB 1000	HB 2830	HB 985	HB 2784	HB 700	SB 1264
Mr. Speaker	The Speaker does not typically vote.																			
Allen	47%	71%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Allison	FR	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Anchia	44%	60%	-	+	+	E	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	E	-	+	E	+
Anderson	90%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ashby	95%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bailes	91%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Beckley	FR	59%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	E	+	+
Bell, C.	87%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bell, K.	FR	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bernal	50%	63%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	-	-	-	E	+	+	-	+	+	+
Biedermann	65%	67%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Blanco	50%	61%	-	+	+	+	A	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Bohac	83%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bonnen, G.	88%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+
Bowers	FR	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Buckley	FR	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bucy	FR	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	A	+	-	+	+	+
Burns	88%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Burrows	82%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Button	92%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cain	57%	67%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Calanni	FR	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Canales	59%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Capriglione	86%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	+	+	+	+	+
Clardy	88%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cole	FR	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Coleman	41%	76%	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Collier	59%	78%	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Cortez	73%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Craddick	87%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cyrier	84%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+

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Darby	91%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	E	+	+	E	+
Davis, S.	88%	100%	E	E	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	E	+	+	E
Davis, Y.	38%	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Dean	80%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Deshotel	53%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	E	-	+	E	+
Dominguez	FR	60%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	E	-	E	E	+
Dutton	43%	75%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	A	-	-	+	+	E	+	+	+	+
Farrar	39%	69%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	A	+	+	+	E	-	A	E	+
Fierro	FR	72%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Flynn	93%	88%	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	E	+	+	+	+	+
Frank	91%	89%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Frullo	88%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Geren	84%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Gervin-Hawkins	72%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Goldman	85%	100%	+	+	+	C	C	+	+	C	+	C	C	+	E	+	+	+	+	+
Gonzalez, J.	FR	56%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Gonzalez, M.	47%	53%	-	+	+	A	+	A	-	E	-	-	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	+
Goodwin	FR	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Guerra	72%	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Guillen	60%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	E
Gutierrez	48%	73%	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	-	-	+	+	E	E	-	+	E	+
Harless	FR	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	E	+	+
Harris	FR	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hefner	77%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Hernandez	52%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	E	-	+	+	+
Herrero	52%	80%	E	+	+	+	E	E	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Hinojosa	56%	59%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	A	-	+	+	E	-	+	+	+
Holland	88%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Howard	53%	71%	-	+	+	E	+	+	-	+	-	E	E	+	+	+	-	E	+	+
Huberty	90%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	E	+	E	+	+	+	+
Hunter	82%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	E	+
Israel	52%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Johnson, E.	60%	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	+	-	E	+	E
Johnson, Jarvis	76%	71%	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	+

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Johnson, Julie	FR	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Kacal	86%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
King, K.	89%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	E	+	+	+	E	+	+
King, P.	89%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
King, T.	66%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	E	+	+
Klick	78%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Krause	74%	78%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Kuempel	87%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lambert	82%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	E	P	+	+	+	+
Landgraf	83%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Lang	63%	78%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Larson	89%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Leach	82%	69%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	A	A	E	+	+	E	-	+
Leman	FR	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+
Longoria	82%	87%	E	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	-	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+
Lopez	FR	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Lozano	76%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lucio III	63%	88%	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	+
Martinez Fischer	39%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Martinez	52%	83%	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Metcalf	85%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Meyer	94%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Meza	FR	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Middleton	FR	72%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+
Miller	88%	82%	E	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Minjarez	58%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Moody	54%	69%	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	-	C	+	+	-	+	C	+
Morales	FR	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Morrison	88%	94%	+	A	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Munoz	64%	72%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Murphy	89%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	A	E	+	+	+	+	+
Murr	81%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Neave	66%	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Nevarez	57%	59%	-	+	+	+	A	+	-	-	-	-	+	A	+	+	+	E	+	+

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Noble	FR	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Oliverston		80%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+
Ortega	65%	65%	-	+	+	E	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Pacheco	FR	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	E	+	+
Paddie		92%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Parker		88%	88%	+	+	+	E	A	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Patterson	FR	72%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Paul		90%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Perez		80%	78%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Phelan		86%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Price		87%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ramos	FR	50%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+
Raney		90%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Raymond	53%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Reynolds	50%	61%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Rodriguez	40%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Romero	65%	78%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Rose	58%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Rosenthal	FR	59%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	E	+
Sanford		85%	85%	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	E	E	E	-	+	+	+	E	+	+
Schaefer	68%	67%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Shaheen	68%	75%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	E	E	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Sheffield		86%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+
Sherman	FR	65%	-	+	+	E	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Shine		92%	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith	FR	89%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smithee		84%	76%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	E	+	+
Springer		84%	83%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Stephenson		82%	82%	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	+	-	-	+	E	+	+	+	+	+
Stickland	64%	72%	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+
Stucky		91%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Swanson	63%	72%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Talarico	FR	59%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+
Thierry	68%	59%	-	+	+	E	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

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Thompson, E.	88%	94%	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	P	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Thompson, S.	42%	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Tinderholt	63%	61%	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Toth	74%	67%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Turner, C.	57%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Turner, J.	FR	72%	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
VanDeaver	90%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vo	51%	65%	+	+	+	+	A	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	E	+	-	+	+	+
Walle	46%	62%	E	E	+	+	+	E	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	E	E	+	+	+
White	86%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wilson	62%	59%	E	+	+	+	-	A	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+
Wray	88%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wu	60%	65%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	E	+	-	+	+	+
Zedler	81%	82%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	E	+
Zerwas	85%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zwiener	FR	67%	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+

Economic Development
Education & Workforce
Employment Relations
Energy
Environmental Quality
General Business
Health Care
Taxes & Spending
Tort Reform
Transportation/Infrastructure
Water/Infrastructure

HOUSE VOTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 312 Tax Abatement – HB 3143

Third Reading and Final Passage

This bill extends the Chapter 312 tax abatement program by ten years to September 2029. Tax Code Chapter 312, known as the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, allows cities and counties to enter into temporary property tax abatement agreements in exchange for businesses locating facilities in their jurisdiction. HB 3143 also adds more transparency by requiring a more detailed public notice and a 30-day minimum notice before scheduling a public meeting to approve the agreement.

The vote occurred on third reading and final passage. A vote for HB 3143 was a vote with TAB.

HB 3143 passed and was signed by Governor Abbott.

TX Rural & Opportunity Zone Jobs Act- HB 1000

Third Reading and Final Passage

The Texas Rural and Opportunity Zone Jobs Act would have provided \$35 million in tax credits to help promote small business growth, job creation and local economic development in some of Texas' hardest-hit rural and opportunity zone communities.

The vote occurred on third reading and final passage. A vote for HB 1000 was a vote with TAB. HB 1000 passed the House but died in the Senate.

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

School Finance- HB 3

Third Reading and Final Passage

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Free Pre-Kindergarten Programs – SB 1679

Third Reading and Final Passage

An important TAB priority is supporting Pre-K programs and initiatives. This bill mandates that a child who is eligible for free enrollment in a pre-kindergarten class at the age of three to remain eligible for enrollment at the age of four.

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ENERGY

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Protection of Critical Infrastructure-HB 3557

Third Reading and Final Passage

This bill creates the Critical Infrastructure Protection Act and establishes criminal offenses for intentional acts of vandalism against critical infrastructure.

The vote occurred on third reading and final passage. A vote for HB 3557 was a vote with TAB.

HB 3557 passed and was signed by Governor Abbott.

Auto Insurance-HB 1739

Third Reading and Final Passage

This bill would have prohibited an insurer from requiring a judgement or other legal determination establishing the liability of a motorist under uninsured or underinsured motorist (UIM) coverage. The bill could have encouraged more insurance litigation by making overbroad references to the Insurance Code and reversing the important Brainard decision on attorney's fees.

The vote occurred on third reading and final passage. A vote against HB 1739 was a vote with TAB. HB 1739 passed the House but died in the Senate.

Public Works Contracts-HB 985

Third Reading and Final Passage

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TAXES & SPENDING

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Third Reading and Final Passage

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TORT REFORM

Contingency Fee Contracts for Political Subdivisions-HB 2826

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TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

Design-Build Contracts-HB 2830

Third Reading and Final Passage

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HOW DID YOUR SENATOR VOTE ON BUSINESS ISSUES?

	AVG	2019	HB2826	HB 3143	HB 3	SB 2486	SB 533	HB 39	HB 3745	HB 2726	SB 1189	SB 1152	HB 2830	HB 985	HB 2784	HB 700	SB 1264	SB 421	SB 6
Alvarado	53%	71%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Bettencourt	87%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Birdwell	89%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Buckingham	87%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Campbell	81%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
Creighton	86%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
Fallon	81%	82%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
Flores	FR	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Hall	66%	65%	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+
Hancock	89%	82%	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Hinojosa	62%	65%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Huffman	92%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
Hughes	78%	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+
Johnson	FR	71%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Kolkhorst	87%	88%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+
Lucio	62%	76%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Menendez	51%	76%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Miles	50%	63%	+	+	E	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
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Nichols	86%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
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Taylor	93%	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Watson	55%	59%	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
West	56%	76%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Whitmire	59%	71%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+
Zaffirini	52%	71%	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+

SENATE VOTES

**The Lieutenant Governor does not vote.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chapter 312 Tax Abatement – HB 3143

Passage to Third Reading

This bill extends the Chapter 312 tax abatement program by ten years to September 2029. Tax Code Chapter 312, known as the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, allows cities and counties to enter into temporary property tax abatement agreements in exchange for businesses locating facilities in their jurisdiction. HB 3143 also adds more transparency by requiring a more detailed public notice and a 30-day minimum notice before scheduling a public meeting to approve the agreement.

The vote occurred on passage to third reading. A vote for HB 3143 was a vote with TAB.

HB 3143 passed and was signed by Governor Abbott.

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

School Finance- HB 3

Motion to Adopt the Conference Committee Report

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Workforce Grant Program-HB 2784

Third Reading and Final Passage

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EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

Preemption of Municipal Regulation of Employee Benefits-SB-2486

Third Reading and Final Passage

This bill would have preempted municipal regulation of a private employer's scheduling practices.

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Eminent Domain-SB 421

Third Reading and Final Passage

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TAXES & SPENDING

Double Right of Way Tax-SB 1152

Third Reading and Final Passage

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WATER/INFRASTRUCTURE

Disaster Response Act-SB 6

Third Reading and Final Passage

This bill provides protocols and standards to the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the Health and Human Services Commission for future storm preparedness.

The vote occurred on third reading and final passage. A vote for SB 6 was a vote with TAB.

SB 6 passed and was signed by Governor Abbott.



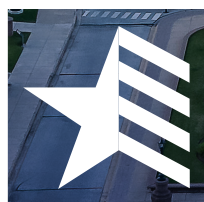
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