

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Darrin Hall
RE: Week 1 – 83rd Legislature
DATE: January 11, 2013

On Monday, the day before the legislature convened the comptroller issued her official revenue estimate for the upcoming biennium.

On Tuesday, after the withdrawal of a challenge by Representative David Simpson (R-Longview) Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) was re-elected to his leadership position by acclamation. It is the first time in 12 years that a speaker has been elected unanimously. The nominating and seconding speeches give a good indication of who will be in leadership positions. Three Houston area members made speeches: Representative John Zerwas (R-Simonton), Representative Patricia Harless (R-Spring) and Representative Senfronia Thompson (D-Houston). In the Senate, an attempt to change the 2/3 rule was never brought up for lack of votes. The 2/3 rule requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Senate to bring up a bill for consideration.

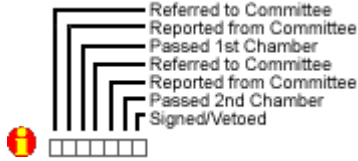
The House is taking up the rules on Monday. Members will then receive committee preference cards shortly after. The majority of most committees are determined on a seniority basis.

On Monday, Comptroller Susan Combs issued her official revenue estimate that showed that Texas lawmakers will have \$101.4 billion in general revenue to spend in the 2014-15 budget, a 12.4 percent increase over the current two-year budget. The rainy day fund, additionally, will contain \$8.1 billion at the end of the current fiscal period Aug. 31 and will grow to \$11.8 billion in the next two-year cycle if untouched, Combs said. While this is a rosier economic picture than two years ago, it is not as rosy as it appears because lawmakers left substantial bills unpaid this session.

Bill filings are rather slow. Fewer than 600 bills have been filed but the pace will quicken once committees are named in both the House and the Senate. The following describes the 58 bills we are tracking. More information and full bill text may be found at www.capitol.state.tx.us.



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[HB 22](#)

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[Martinez Fischer, Trey\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a public service requirement for undergraduate students, known as Service to Texas, at public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 25](#)

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[Branch, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's student success-based funding recommendations for certain public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 28](#)

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[Martinez Fischer, Trey\(D\)](#)

Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 29](#)

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[Branch, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer a fixed tuition rate plan to undergraduate students.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 30](#)

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[Branch, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to measures to facilitate the transfer of students within the public higher education system and the timely graduation of students from public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 31](#)

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[Branch, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of a state university or state university system.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 66](#)

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[Lucio III, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a pilot program under which high school students may accrue prepaid tuition units at public institutions of higher education by completing certain community service

activities.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 67](#)

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[Lucio III, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment by The University of Texas System of a law school in the Rio Grande Valley.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 81](#)

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[Pickett, Joe\(D\)](#)

Relating to the eligibility of children and other dependents of certain military personnel or veterans for tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 82](#)

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[McClendon, Ruth Jones\(D\)](#)

Relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 88](#)

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[Callegari, Bill\(R\)](#)

Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 92](#)

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[White, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to state formula funding for pharmacy schools and colleges and graduate-level pharmacy programs.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 93](#)

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[White, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to entities that qualify as historically underutilized businesses.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 98](#)

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[Perry, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 99](#)

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[Perry, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to the state contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 110](#)

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[Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)

Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

[HB 122](#)

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[Larson, Lyle\(R\)](#)

Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 H Filed

HB 136 □□□□□□	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.
Last Action:		11-12-12 H Filed
HB 142 □□□□□□	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to a prohibition against human cloning and regulating other uses of human tissue by institutions of higher education.
Last Action:		11-12-12 H Filed
HB 171 □□□□□□	Alonzo, Roberto(D)	Relating to the establishment of veterans resource centers at certain institutions of higher education.
Last Action:		11-13-12 H Filed
HB 173 □□□□□□	Alonzo, Roberto(D)	Relating to an optometry career program at the University of Houston.
Last Action:		11-13-12 H Filed
HB 180 □□□□□□	Zedler, Bill(R)	Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.
Last Action:		11-13-12 H Filed
HB 185 □□□□□□	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.
Last Action:		11-14-12 H Filed
HB 204 □□□□□□	Krause, Matt(R)	Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state and requiring a state agency that is undergoing review by the Sunset Advisory Commission to undergo a financial audit.
Last Action:		11-19-12 H Filed
HB 207 □□□□□□	Marquez, Marisa(D)	Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting to certain persons violations of law.
Companions:		SB 121 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical) 11-12-12 S Filed
Last Action:		11-20-12 H Filed
HB 219 □□□□□□	White, James(R)	Relating to the provision of certain public benefits and services to persons not lawfully present in the United States and

		reimbursement from the federal government for those benefits and services.
	Last Action:	11-27-12 H Filed
HB 228 □□□□□□	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to the maximum rate of growth of appropriations.
	Last Action:	11-30-12 H Filed
HB 230 □□□□□□	Isaac, Jason(R)	Relating to exempting textbooks purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from the sales and use tax for a limited period.
	Last Action:	11-30-12 H Filed
HB 237 □□□□□□	King, Phil(R)	Relating to the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations from state tax revenues.
	Last Action:	11-30-12 H Filed
HB 257 □□□□□□	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as a component institution of the Texas Tech University System.
	Companions:	SB 120 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical) 11-12-12 S Filed
	Last Action:	12- 6-12 H Filed
HB 285 □□□□□□	Zedler, Bill(R)	Relating to prohibiting discrimination by public institutions of higher education against faculty members and students based on their conduct of research relating to intelligent design.
	Last Action:	12-14-12 H Filed
HB 291 □□□□□□	King, Phil(R)	Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by a state agency.
	Last Action:	12-17-12 H Filed
HB 360 □□□□□□	Krause, Matt(R)	Relating to withholding state funding from a public or private institution of higher education that requires student organizations to allow student participation regardless of status or beliefs.
	Last Action:	1- 7-13 H Filed
HB 418 □□□□□□	Farias, Joe(D)	Relating to leave for certain veterans returning to state employment.
	Last Action:	1- 9-13 H Filed

HB 443 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Dukes, Dawнна(D)	Relating to the liability of certain public and private institutions of higher education for failure by an administrator to report child abuse or neglect.
Last Action:		1-10-13 H Filed
HJR 26 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Raymond, Richard(D)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an annual state budget and annual legislative sessions for budget purposes.
Last Action:		11-12-12 H Filed
HJR 49 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Perry, Charles(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the maximum amount of appropriations for a state fiscal biennium.
Last Action:		11-30-12 H Filed
SB 26 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.
Last Action:		11-12-12 S Filed
SB 27 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to eligibility for a Texas B-on-Time loan.
Last Action:		11-12-12 S Filed
SB 30 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund.
Last Action:		11-12-12 S Filed
SB 31 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to formula funding for certain semester credit hours earned for dual course credit.
Last Action:		11-12-12 S Filed
SB 46 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to exempting books purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from the sales and use tax for a limited period.
Last Action:		11-12-12 S Filed
SB 52 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers from payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.
Last Action:		11-12-12 S Filed
SB 54 ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on

duty.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 59](#)

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[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 62](#)

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[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 67](#)

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[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to reporting requirements for institutions of higher education conducting human stem cell research.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 80](#)

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[Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)

Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.

Companions: [HB 463](#) Johnson, Eric(D) (Identical)
1-10-13 H Filed

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 86](#)

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[Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)

Relating to the elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 96](#)

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[Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for recreational purposes.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 101](#)

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[Patrick, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues.

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 120](#)

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[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as a component institution of the Texas Tech University System.

Companions: [HB 257](#) Gonzalez, Naomi(D) (Identical)
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[SB 121](#)

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[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for

reporting to certain persons violations of law.

Companions: [HB 207](#) Marquez, Marisa(D) (Identical)
11-20-12 H Filed

Last Action: 11-12-12 S Filed

[SB 125](#)
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[Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#)

Relating to designated tuition.

Last Action: 11-14-12 S Filed

[SB 143](#)
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[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to programs designed to enhance medical education in this state.

Last Action: 12-11-12 S Filed

[SB 146](#)
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[Williams, Tommy\(R\)](#)

Relating to access by a public institution of higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing.

Last Action: 12-12-12 S Filed

[SB 149](#)
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[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Last Action: 12-19-12 S Filed

[SB 150](#)
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[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to the cancer prevention and research fund.

Last Action: 12-19-12 S Filed