

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Darrin Hall

RE: Week 8 – 83rd Legislature

DATE: March 1, 2013

Regents Spencer Armour, Roger Welder and Welcome Wilson, Jr. appeared before the Nominations Committee this week and were confirmed by the full Senate. Also this week, Vice Chancellor Roth Bose testified on recent commercialization successes at the University of Houston to the House Technology Committee chaired by Representative Gary Elkins (R-Houston).

Both the Senate Finance Higher Education Workgroup and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Article III are making progress on the appropriations bill. Both have tentatively added money into the formulas. In the House, it is a 3 percent increase. They have also both added money into different research funds including the Texas Competitive Knowledge Fund and the Texas Research Incentive Program.

On Thursday, the Senate Finance Workgroup on Capital Construction met and made tentative recommendations to the full committee on tuition revenue bonds. Universities eligible for Permanent University Fund funding were required to provide at least a fifty percent match. Higher Education Fund universities were not required to do so. All four of our campuses were preliminarily approved for their projects in the following amounts:

UH	Construct Pharmacy/Biomed Bldg.
\$70,000,000	
UHCL	Construct Science/Academic Bldg.
\$75,600,000	

UHD	Construct Science/Technology Bldg.
\$41,429,000	
UHV	Construct Campus Expansion
\$70,000,000	

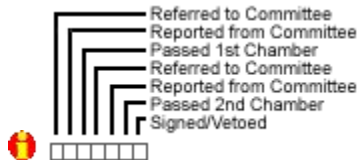
The House has not yet begun to discuss TRBs.

On Wednesday, the House Higher Education Committee met in their first public hearing. Among other legislation, they heard testimony on the fixed tuition bill and HB 30, which is intended to improve transferability. It originally included a provision requiring the acceptance of career and technical school credit but that provision was eliminated.

Next Friday, March 8, is the deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions. After that, special permission by either house is required. There will be thousands of bills filed in the coming days. The attached report shows the status of all the legislation we are tracking. For more information on legislation, including the text, go to <http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>



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HB 1 ■	Pitts, Jim(R)	General Appropriations Bill.
	Last Action:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 4 ■	Ritter, Allan(R)	Relating to the creation and funding of the state water implementation fund for Texas to assist the Texas Water Development Board in the funding of certain water-related projects.
	Last Action:	2-19-13 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources
HB 10 ■■■■■	Pitts, Jim(R) Williams, Tommy(R)	Relating to making emergency supplemental appropriations and providing direction and transfer authority regarding certain appropriations.
	Last Action:	3- 4-13 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
HB 11 ■	Ritter, Allan(R)	Relating to the appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to finance certain water-related projects.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 14 ■	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.
	Companions:	SB 14 Williams, Tommy(R) (Identical) 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
	Last Action:	2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to

		committee on House Appropriations
HB 20	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.
	Last Action:	2-22-13 H Filed
HB 22 ■	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:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 25 ■	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:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 28 ■	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:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 29 ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to offer a fixed tuition rate plan to undergraduate students.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 30 ■	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:	2-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 31 ■	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to certain requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of a state university or state university system.
	Last Action:	2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 66	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: 2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 67 	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: 2- 4-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 81 	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: 2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 82 	McClendon, Ruth Jones(D)	Relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state. Last Action: 2-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 88 	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations. Last Action: 2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 92 	White, James(R)	Relating to state formula funding for pharmacy schools and colleges and graduate-level pharmacy programs. Last Action: 2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 93 	White, James(R)	Relating to entities that qualify as historically underutilized businesses. Last Action: 2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 98 	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to zero-based budgeting for certain entities funded by this state. Last Action: 2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 99 	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to the state contributions to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

		Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
HB 110 ■	Raymond, Richard(D)		Relating to leave for junior college district or university system employees who are physically assaulted while on duty.
		Last Action:	2- 5-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 122 ■	Larson, Lyle(R)		Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
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:	2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
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:	2-20-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs
HB 171 ■	Alonzo, Roberto(D)		Relating to the establishment of veterans resource centers at certain institutions of higher education.
		Last Action:	2-28-13 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs
HB 173 ■	Alonzo, Roberto(D)		Relating to an optometry career program at the University of Houston.
		Last Action:	2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 175 ■	Martinez, Armando(D)		Relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
		Companions:	HB 498 Hernandez Luna, Ana(D) (Identical) 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
		Last Action:	2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions

HB 180 ■	Zedler, Bill(R)	Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
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: 2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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: 2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
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) 2-25-13 S Committee action pending Senate Open Government Last Action: 2-20-13 H Not heard in committee House State Affairs
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: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 228 ■	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to the maximum rate of growth of appropriations. Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
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:	2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 237 ■	King, Phil(R)		Relating to the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations from state tax revenues.
		Last Action:	2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
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) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
		Last Action:	2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
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:	2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 291 ■	King, Phil(R)		Relating to a hiring freeze of nonessential personnel employed by a state agency.
		Last Action:	2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 318 ■	Giddings, Helen(D)		Relating to prohibiting an employer from requiring or requesting access to the personal accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices.
		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 340 ■	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)		Relating to the power of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to authorize certain injection wells that transect or terminate in the Edwards Aquifer.
		Last Action:	2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources
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: 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 418](#)



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

Relating to leave for certain veterans returning to state employment.

Last Action: 2-28-13 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

[HB 432](#)



[Riddle, Debbie\(R\)](#)

Relating to charitable contributions by state employees to assist domestic victims of human trafficking.

Last Action: 2-20-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

[HB 443](#)



[Dukes, Dawnna\(D\)](#)

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: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 451](#)



[Dukes, Dawnna\(D\)](#)

Relating to restrictions on access to certain personal online accounts through electronic communication devices by employers or public or private institutions of higher education.

Companions: [SB 416](#) Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical)
2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Last Action: 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 463](#)



[Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)

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

Companions: [SB 80](#) Ellis, Rodney(D) (Identical)
1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Last Action: 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

[HB 476](#)



[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)

Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent

domain authority.

Companions: [SB 180](#) Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical)
1-29-13 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate State
Affairs

Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Land and Resource
Management

[HB 480](#)



[Alvarado, Carol\(D\)](#)

Relating to leave for certain state
employees who are attending educational
activities of their children.

Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House State Affairs

[HB 498](#)



[Hernandez Luna, Ana\(D\)](#)

Relating to a cost-of-living increase
applicable to benefits paid by the
Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Companions: [HB 175](#) Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)
2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred
to committee on House Pensions

Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Pensions

[HB 501](#)



[Hernandez Luna, Ana\(D\)](#)

Relating to the use of proceeds from
criminal asset forfeiture to provide
college scholarships to children of peace
officers killed in the line of duty.

Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Criminal
Jurisprudence

[HB 515](#)



[Pitts, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to the remittance of certain
taxes and fees and the allocation of
certain state money.

Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Appropriations

[HB 531](#)



[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to a cost-of-living increase
applicable to benefits paid by the
Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Pensions

[HB 535](#)



[Davis, Yvonne\(D\)](#)

Relating to the preference given by state
agencies to goods offered by bidders in
this state or manufactured, produced, or
grown in this state or in the United
States.

		Last Action: 2-20-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs
HB 539 ■	Alonzo, Roberto(D)	Relating to repealing certain limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.
		Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 551 ■	Cortez, Philip(D)	Relating to the payment of tuition for public high school students who participate in college credit programs.
	Companions:	SB 435 Duncan, Robert(R) (Identical) 3- 5-13 S Meeting set for 8:30 a.m., E1.028, Senate Education
		Last Action: 3- 5-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.036, House Public Education
HB 556 ■	Clardy, Travis(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University.
	Companions:	SB 177 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
		Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 558 ■	Davis, Yvonne(D)	Relating to the purchase of iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in the United States for certain state, state-aided, and governmental entity construction projects.
		Last Action: 2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 565 ■	Laubenberg, Jodie(R)	Relating to the vaccination against bacterial meningitis of entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 62 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical) 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
		Last Action: 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to

		committee on House Public Health
HB 581 ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state and local governmental entities in certain employment lawsuits filed by nurses. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 586 ■	Workman, Paul(R)	Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies. Companions: SB 296 Deuell, Bob(R) (Identical) 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs Last Action: 2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 602 ■	Lozano, Jose(R)	Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Last Action: 2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
HB 603 ■	Lozano, Jose(R)	Relating to exempting certain textbooks for university and college courses from the sales and use tax. Last Action: 2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 639 ■	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to the eligibility requirements for admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution. Companions: HB 874 Lavender, George(R) (Identical) 2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education Last Action: 2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 643 ■	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to the name of The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry. Last Action: 2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

<u>HB 662</u> ■	<u>Lewis, Tryon(R)</u>	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical education building for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Last Action: 2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
<u>HB 681</u> ■	<u>Davis, Sarah(R)</u>	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
<u>HB 690</u> ■	<u>Lewis, Tryon(R)</u>	Relating to reimbursing public institutions of higher education for tuition and fee exemptions for certain military personnel and their dependents. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
<u>HB 706</u> ■	<u>Capriglione, Giovanni(R)</u>	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
<u>HB 715</u> ■	<u>Creighton, Brandon(R)</u>	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
<u>HB 726</u> ■	<u>Alvarado, Carol(D)</u>	Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public lower-division institutions of higher education to certain undergraduate students. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
<u>HB 741</u> ■	<u>Walle, Amando(D)</u>	Relating to the right of a public employee to breast-feed, or to express breast milk for, the employee's child in the workplace. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
<u>HB 747</u> ■	<u>Raymond, Richard(D)</u>	Relating to the duty of certain professionals, including employees of

		public or private institutions of higher education, to report child abuse or neglect.
	Last Action:	3- 5-13 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m. or adj., E2.030, House Human Services
HB 754 ■	Ashby, Trenton(R)	Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for recreational purposes.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
HB 769 ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to reports of political contributions accepted during a budget session.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 774 ■	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student.
	Companions:	SB 779 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical) 2-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 778 ■	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to an annual football game between The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 783 ■	Sanford, Scott(R)	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 794 ■	Lozano, Jose(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for capital projects at Texas A&M University--Kingsville.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to

		committee on House Higher Education
HB 810 ■	Cook, Byron(R)	Relating to distribution of state agency reports to legislators.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Not heard in committee House State Affairs
HB 813 ■	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 814 ■	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund a Basic Science Research Building II at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 830 ■	Fletcher, Allen(R)	Relating to the portion of designated tuition set aside to provide student financial assistance at institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 841 ■	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Center for Innovative Desalination Technology at the University of Houston in partnership with The University of Texas at El Paso.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources
HB 854 ■	Lucio III, Eddie(D)	Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 856 ■	Lucio III, Eddie(D)	Relating to the liability of the state for a violation of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 870 ■	Bell, Cecil(R)	Relating to Prairie View A&M University's eligibility to participate in the research development fund.

		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 874 ■	Lavender, George(R)		Relating to the eligibility requirements for admission of undergraduate students to a general academic teaching institution.
	Companions:	HB 639	Patrick, Diane(R) (Identical) 2-14-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 889 ■	Fallon, Pat(R)		Relating to the requirement that certain governmental bodies broadcast meetings on the Internet.
		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Technology
HB 891 ■	Bell, Cecil(R)		Relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University.
		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 895 ■	Kolkhorst, Lois(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.
	Companions:	SB 146	Williams, Tommy(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
		Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 951 ■	Keffer, Jim(R)		Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
		Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 953 ■	Button, Angie(R)		Relating to a franchise tax credit for research and development activities performed in conjunction with institutions of higher education; authorizing a tax credit.
		Last Action:	2-27-13 H Sent to subcommittee House

		Economic and Small Business Development
HB 959 ■	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to historically underutilized businesses and the preference given for goods and services purchased by state agencies.
	Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 969 ■	Dukes, Dawnna(D)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain child protective services workers.
	Companions:	SB 737 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
	Last Action:	3- 5-13 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m. or adj., E2.030, House Human Services
HB 972 ■	Fletcher, Allen(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	SB 182 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice
	Last Action:	2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
HB 1000 ■	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to the creation of a new university in South Texas within The University of Texas System.
	Companions:	SB 24 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical) 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-20-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 1019 ■	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to conforming the eligibility under a major events trust fund of a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason event with the changes to the Bowl Championship Series system.

		Companions: SB 398 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
		Last Action: 3- 7-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.014, House Economic and Small Business Development
HB 1025 ■	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations. Last Action: 2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 1033 ■	Alvarado, Carol(D)	Relating to eligibility for tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel, veterans, and dependents residing in this state. Last Action: 2-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1052 ■	Lavender, George(R)	Relating to the automatic admission to a public institution of higher education of a child of a person who dies while on or as a result of active duty in the United States armed forces. Last Action: 2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1071 ■	Allen, Alma(D)	Relating to the use of state institutions of higher education to provide training to state agency employees. Last Action: 2-27-13 H Committee action pending House State Affairs
HB 1073 ■	Allen, Alma(D)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for speech-language pathologists or audiologists employed by a public school or as faculty members of certain graduate programs at public institutions of higher education. Companions: SB 620 Van de Putte, Leticia(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education Last Action: 2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

HB 1078 ■	Kleinschmidt, Tim(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
HB 1128 ■	Herrero, Abel(D)	Relating to posting suggestions and ideas on cost-efficiency on certain state agency websites.
	Last Action:	2-21-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform
HB 1140 ■	Naishtat, Elliott(D)	Relating to the authority of certain university systems to provide benefits to certain qualified individuals.
	Last Action:	2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
HB 1189 ■	Larson, Lyle(R)	Relating to interstate cooperation to address regional water issues.
	Last Action:	2-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources
HB 1229 ■	Dukes, Dawwna(D)	Relating to the establishment of a statewide task force to address sexual assault occurring on the campuses of public and private institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1284 ■	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to the offense of making or causing a false alarm or report involving a public or private institution of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
HB 1296 ■	Alvarado, Carol(D)	Relating to providing information to assist postsecondary educational institutions in addressing the state's projected workforce needs for training and education.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Economic and Small Business Development
HB 1298	Stickland, Jonathan(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed



handguns by certain license holders on certain locations associated with a public or private school or educational institution.

Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 1313](#)



[Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)

Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.

Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 1314](#)



[Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)

Relating to the unlawful seizure of a firearm by a governmental officer or employee.

Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on Federalism & Fiscal Responsibility

[HB 1315](#)



[Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)

Relating to annual reports regarding federal funding for state agencies.

Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 1351](#)



[Nevarez, Poncho\(D\)](#)

Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the initiation, consolidation, or elimination of a degree or certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education.

Companions: [SB 857](#) Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)
2-26-13 S Filed

Last Action: 2-26-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[HB 1363](#)



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

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

Companions: [SB 59](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization

Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government

		Efficiency and Reform
HB 1370 ■	Gonzalez, Mary(D)	Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-26-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1383 ■	Keffer, Jim(R)	Relating to the state contribution for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Last Action: 2-26-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
HB 1484 ■	Laubenberg, Jodie(R)	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1486 ■	Lavender, George(R)	Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana. Companions: SB 691 Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1517 ■	Sheffield, J.D.(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for capital projects at Tarleton State University. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1526 ■	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a medical science building for the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1527 ■	Gonzalez, Naomi(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a clinical sciences building for the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

HB 1569 ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at Austin. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
HB 1576	Taylor, Van(R)	Relating to prohibiting state officers and employees and related individuals from engaging in insider trading. Last Action: 2-20-13 H Filed
HB 1578 ■	Vo, Hubert(D)	Relating to a leave of absence for certain state employees who are donating adult stem cells. Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 1610	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler. Companions: SB 566 Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical) 2-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education Last Action: 2-21-13 H Filed
HB 1611	Perez, Mary Ann(D)	Relating to the date by which certain entering students at public and private or independent institutions of higher education must receive a vaccination against bacterial meningitis. Last Action: 2-21-13 H Filed
HB 1618	Munoz, Sergio(D)	Relating to limitations imposed on baccalaureate degree programs offered by public junior colleges. Last Action: 2-21-13 H Filed
HB 1629	Murphy, Jim(R)	Relating to information prepared by the Texas Education Agency for public school students regarding institutions of higher education in this state. Last Action: 2-21-13 H Filed
HB 1642	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the Port of Houston Authority. Companions: SB 203 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

		Last Action: 2-21-13 H Filed
HB 1675	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.
	Companions: SB 207	Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
		Last Action: 2-21-13 H Filed
HB 1749	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to the meeting of a governmental body held by viedoconference call.
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Filed
HB 1753	Patrick, Diane(R)	Relating to authorizing the board of regents of The University of Texas System to acquire certain property in the city of Arlington.
	Companions: SB 842	Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical) 2-26-13 S Filed
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Filed
HB 1778	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to abolishing the regulation of the practice of interior design.
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Filed
HB 1789	Sheffield, Ralph(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a research building at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine--Temple.
	Companions: SB 956	Fraser, Troy(R) (Identical) 2-28-13 S Filed
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Filed
HB 1805	Pitts, Jim(R)	Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.
		Last Action: 2-25-13 H Filed
HB 1834	Herrero, Abel(D)	Relating to a fixed tuition rate provided by general academic teaching institutions and public junior colleges to certain undergraduate students.
		Last Action: 2-26-13 H Filed
HB 1868	Villarreal, Mike(D)	Relating to conditioning certain TEXAS grant awards on a grant recipient's participation in a student engagement

		program.
	Last Action:	2-26-13 H Filed
HB 1884	Callegari, Bill(R)	Relating to the administration of and benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
	Last Action:	2-26-13 H Filed
HB 1892	Gonzales, Larry(R)	Relating to the composition and functions of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation.
	Companions:	SB 653 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-26-13 H Filed
HB 1915	Cortez, Philip(D)	Relating to the adoption of an ethics policy by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
	Last Action:	2-26-13 H Filed
HB 1938	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to curriculum requirements in American and Texas history at institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 1939	Orr, Rob(R)	Relating to a veteran's employment preference for employment with a public entity or public work of this state.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 1974	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to certain duties of public junior colleges and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in relation to baccalaureate degree programs offered by public junior colleges.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 1977	Kuempel, John(R)	Relating to construction manager-agents and managers-at-risk used by governmental entities.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 1993	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to the discharge of a firearm across the property line of an educational facility and educating hunters on that subject.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed

HB 1994	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the purchase of certain commodity items by a state agency.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 2000	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to career schools and colleges.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 2002	Otto, John(R)	Relating to a limit on state reimbursement to public institutions of higher education for debt service on tuition revenue bonds.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 2011	Fallon, Pat(R)	Relating to the service retirement annuity of certain state employees.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 H Filed
HB 2020	Crownover, Myra(R)	Relating to the adoption of wellness policies and programs by state agencies.
	Last Action:	2-28-13 H Filed
HB 2039	Giddings, Helen(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a library and student success center at the University of North Texas at Dallas.
	Last Action:	2-28-13 H Filed
HB 2051	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the authority of public institutions of higher education to make certain investments to support technology commercialization.
	Last Action:	2-28-13 H Filed
HB 2059	Branch, Dan(R)	Relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to study and report the feasibility of certain administrative staff budget reductions.
	Last Action:	2-28-13 H Filed
HB 2103	Villarreal, Mike(D)	Relating to education research centers and data sharing among cooperating state agencies.
	Last Action:	2-28-13 H Filed
HCR 59	Hunter, Todd(R)	Requesting the speaker and lieutenant governor to create a joint interim committee to study seawater desalination on the Texas coast.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 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: 2- 6-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 49 ■	Perry, Charles(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the maximum amount of appropriations for a state fiscal biennium. Last Action: 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 64 ■	Laubenberg, Jodie(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment discontinuing the authority to issue bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Companions: SJR 19 Eltife, Kevin(R) (Identical) 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HJR 67 ■	Howard, Donna(D)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 70 ■	King, Phil(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the maximum rate of growth of appropriations. Last Action: 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 89 ■	Harless, Patricia(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes. Companions: SJR 26 Estes, Craig(R) (Identical) 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance Last Action: 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 93	Hughes, Bryan(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the rate of growth of appropriations

		from all sources of revenue except the federal government and to authorize the legislature to appropriate money for tax rebates.
	Last Action:	2-21-13 H Filed
SB 1 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	General Appropriations Bill.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m., E1.036, Senate Finance
SB 3 ■ ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to public high school graduation, including curriculum requirements for graduation and funding in support of certain curriculum authorized for graduation.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Education
SB 4 ■	Fraser, Troy(R)	Relating to the administration and functions of the Texas Water Development Board.
	Last Action:	2-19-13 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources
SB 14 ■	Williams, Tommy(R)	Relating to the fiscal transparency and accountability of certain entities responsible for public money.
	Companions:	HB 14 Pitts, Jim(R) (Identical) 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 15 ■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the duties and responsibilities of members of governing boards of university systems and institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 22 ■	Fraser, Troy(R)	Relating to the administration of the Texas Water Development Board.
	Last Action:	1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 24 ■	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to the creation of a new university in South Texas within The University of Texas System.

		Companions: HB 1000 Oliveira, Rene(D) (Identical) 2-20-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
		Last Action: 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
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: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 27 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to eligibility for a Texas B-on-Time loan.
		Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 30 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund.
		Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 31 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to formula funding for certain semester credit hours earned for dual course credit.
		Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
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: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
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: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
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: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 59	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to certain required reports and



other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Companions: [HB 1363](#) Callegari, Bill(R) (Identical)
2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Efficiency and Reform

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization

[SB 62](#)



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

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

Companions: [HB 565](#) Laubenberg, Jodie(R) (Identical)
2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education

[SB 67](#)



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

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

Last Action: 2-18-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

[SB 80](#)



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

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

Companions: [HB 463](#) Johnson, Eric(D) (Identical)
2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 86](#)



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

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

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 96](#)



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

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

Last Action: 1-28-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 101 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues.
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 120 ■	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) 2- 7-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 121 ■	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) 2-20-13 H Not heard in committee House State Affairs
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Committee action pending Senate Open Government
SB 125 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to designated tuition.
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 143 ■	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to programs designed to enhance medical education in this state.
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 146 ■	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.
	Companions:	HB 895 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical) 2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to

		committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 149 ■ ■	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
	Last Action:	2-18-13 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Health and Human Services
SB 150 ■	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to the cancer prevention and research fund.
	Last Action:	2-26-13 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 177 ■	Nichols, Robert(R)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University.
	Companions:	HB 556 Clardy, Travis(R) (Identical) 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 180 ■	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)	Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.
	Companions:	HB 476 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical) 2-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 182 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	HB 972 Fletcher, Allen(R) (Identical) 2-18-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to

		committee on Senate Criminal Justice
SB 195 ■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a searchable database containing certain budget information.
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 203 ■	Whitmire, John(D)	Relating to the Port of Houston Authority.
	Companions:	HB 1642 Bonnen, Dennis(R) (Identical) 2-21-13 H Filed
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
SB 207 ■	Nichols, Robert(R)	Relating to governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.
	Companions:	HB 1675 Bonnen, Dennis(R) (Identical) 2-21-13 H Filed
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
SB 224 ■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the availability of money from the economic stabilization fund to be used for the purposes of projects in the state water plan.
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 235 ■	Fraser, Troy(R)	Relating to the creation of regional authorities for water infrastructure projects.
	Last Action:	1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources
SB 279 ■ ■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to certain information about high-value data sets provided by state agencies to the Department of Information Resources.
	Last Action:	2-27-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 296 ■	Deuell, Bob(R)	Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.
	Companions:	HB 586 Workman, Paul(R) (Identical) 2-20-13 H Introduced and referred

		to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
	Last Action:	2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 301 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue to a foreign postsecondary institution a certificate of authority to grant professional degrees.
	Last Action:	2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 328 ■ ■	Carona, John(R)	Relating to the hiring of entrepreneurs-in-residence by state agencies.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 386 ■	Davis, Wendy(D)	Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 398 ■ ■	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to conforming the eligibility under a major events trust fund of a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason event with the changes to the Bowl Championship Series system.
	Companions:	HB 1019 Patrick, Diane(R) (Identical) 3- 7-13 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.014, House Economic and Small Business Development
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 414 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 416 ■	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to restrictions on access to certain personal online accounts through electronic communication devices by employers or public or private institutions of higher education.

		Companions: HB 451 Dukes, Dawnna(D) (Identical) 2-11-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 431 ■	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to eliminating the set-aside of a portion of designated tuition for student financial assistance at public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 435 ■	Duncan, Robert(R)	Relating to the payment of tuition for public high school students who participate in college credit programs. Companions: HB 551 Cortez, Philip(D) (Identical) 3- 5-13 H Meeting set for 2:00 p.m. or adj., E2.036, House Public Education Last Action: 3- 5-13 S Meeting set for 8:30 a.m., E1.028, Senate Education
SB 436 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to administration of collegiate learning assessments to students at general academic teaching institutions. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 437 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 445 ■	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to an informed student document for prospective students of certain public institutions of higher education. Last Action: 2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 460 ■	Deuell, Bob(R)	Relating to inclusion of instruction in the detection and education of students with mental or emotional disorders in the requirements for educator training

		programs.
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
SB 496 ■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to review and approve capital projects and purchases of real property at public institutions of higher education in this state.
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 497 ■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to the number of semester credit hours required to earn an associate degree at public institutions of higher education.
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 498 ■	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student.
	Last Action:	2-13-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 533 ■	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to a review of cost savings to state agencies and institutions of higher education under energy savings performance contracts.
	Last Action:	2-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Government Organization
SB 541 ■	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to annual reports regarding federal funding for state agencies.
	Last Action:	2-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 566 ■	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler.
	Companions:	HB 1610 Schaefer, Matt(R) (Identical) 2-21-13 H Filed
	Last Action:	2-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 579	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of

		revenue bonds to fund capital projects on the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
	Last Action:	2-20-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 585	Hegar, Glenn(R)	Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.
	Last Action:	3- 6-13 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.028, Senate Economic Development
SB 620	Van de Putte, Leticia(D)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for speech-language pathologists or audiologists employed by a public school or as faculty members of certain graduate programs at public institutions of higher education.
	Companions:	HB 1073 Allen, Alma(D) (Identical) 2-19-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 629	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at Austin.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 667	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring certain researchers to make research papers available to the public.
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Open Government
SB 691	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana.
	Companions:	HB 1486 Lavender, George(R) (Identical) 2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
	Last Action:	2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 726	Paxton, Ken(R)	Relating to authorization by the Texas

		Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
		Last Action: 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 737	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to student loan repayment assistance for certain child protective services workers.
		Companions: HB 969 Dukes, Dawnna(D) (Identical) 3- 5-13 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m. or adj., E2.030, House Human Services
		Last Action: 2-25-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
SB 754	Patrick, Dan(R)	Relating to the reporting of the hiring of lobbyists on behalf of a governmental entity.
		Last Action: 2-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 779	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student.
		Companions: HB 774 Guillen, Ryan(D) (Identical) 2-27-13 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
		Last Action: 2-26-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Higher Education
SB 794	Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to the development, hosting, and management of computer software for state agencies.
		Last Action: 2-25-13 S Filed
SB 838	Birdwell, Brian(R)	Relating to giving priority to United States citizens and permanent resident aliens in awarding state-funded student financial assistance.
		Last Action: 2-26-13 S Filed
SB 842	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to authorizing the board of regents of The University of Texas System to acquire certain property in the

city of Arlington.

Companions: [HB 1753](#) Patrick, Diane(R) (Identical)
2-25-13 H Filed

Last Action: 2-26-13 S Filed

[SB 857](#) [Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the initiation, consolidation, or elimination of a degree or certificate program offered by a public institution of higher education.

Companions: [HB 1351](#) Nevarez, Poncho(D) (Identical)
2-26-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

Last Action: 2-26-13 S Filed

[SB 882](#) [Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#) Relating to limitations on the percentage of money awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas for certain uses.

Last Action: 2-27-13 S Filed

[SB 895](#) [Davis, Wendy\(D\)](#) Relating to access to records of a nonprofit organization supporting the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas under the public information law.

Last Action: 2-27-13 S Filed

[SB 940](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to the application of whistleblower protections to employees of an open-enrollment charter school.

Last Action: 2-28-13 S Filed

[SB 956](#) [Fraser, Troy\(R\)](#) Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a research building at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine--Temple.

Companions: [HB 1789](#) Sheffield, Ralph(R) (Identical)
2-25-13 H Filed

Last Action: 2-28-13 S Filed

[SB 974](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) Relating to the name of Texas State University--San Marcos.

Last Action: 2-28-13 S Filed

[SB 976](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to the temporary approval of an

institution to participate in the tuition equalization grant program.

Last Action: 2-28-13 S Filed

[SJR 19](#)



[Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment discontinuing the authority to issue bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Companions: [HJR 64](#) Laubenberg, Jodie(R) (Identical)
2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

Last Action: 1-29-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SJR 26](#)



[Estes, Craig\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes.

Companions: [HJR 89](#) Harless, Patricia(R) (Identical)
2-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

Last Action: 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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