



88th State Legislative Session & Federal Legislative Update

March 27, 2023



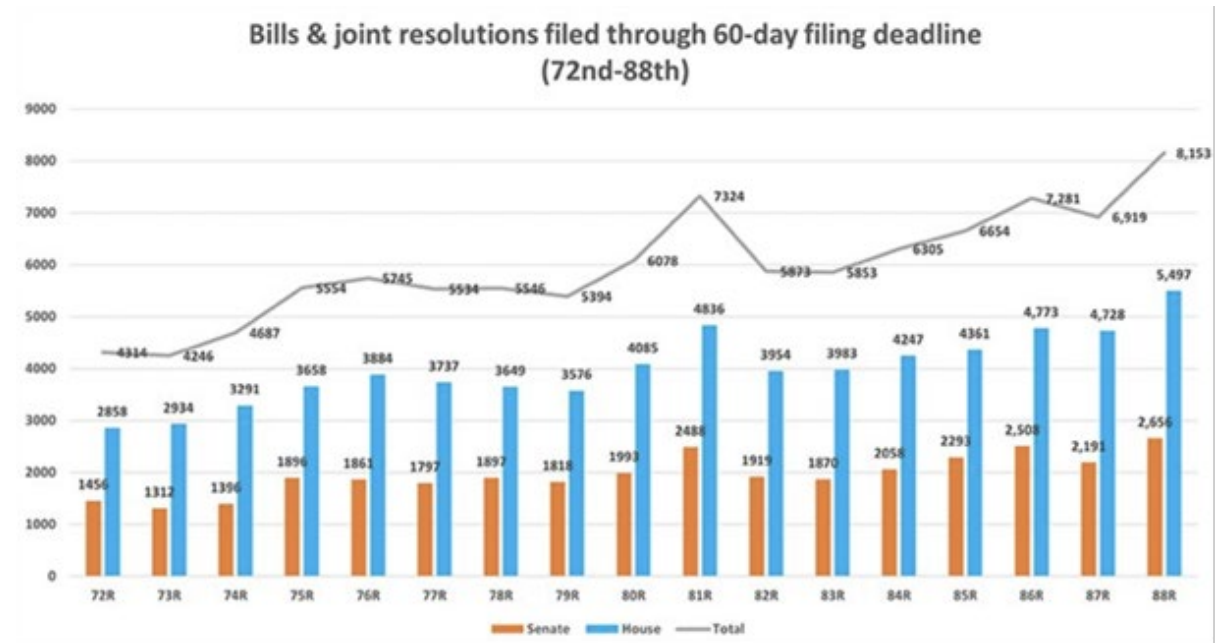


Purpose

- ❑ Monthly update on the 88th Session of the Texas state legislature

General Updates

- ❑ Bill filing deadline was **March 10, 2023**
 - ❑ 6,160 House Bills
 - ❑ 3,008 Senate Bills
 - ❑ Over 900 are city related



Committee Assignments- El Paso Delegation



Senator Blanco

- Border Security
- Health and Human Services
- Natural Resources and Economic Development
- Veteran Affairs
- Water, Agriculture and Rural affairs
- Whole Senate



Rep. Gonzalez

- Appropriations, VICE CHAIR
- Higher Education



Rep. Moody

- Criminal Jurisprudence, CHAIR
- House Administration
- Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
- Redistricting



Rep. Ortega

- Appropriations
- Land & Resource Management



Rep. Ordaz

- International Relations and Economic Development, VICE CHAIR
- Resolutions Calendar
- Transportation



Rep. Morales

- Elections
- Energy Resources, VICE CHAIR
- Healthcare Reform

Committee Hearings

- Committee hearings are in full swing
- As bills come forward the legislative team has been submitting cards of support/opposition based on the guidance of our Legislative agenda
- Written Testimony or in person testimony

Council Direction Needed

❑ **Electric Vehicle Fees Analysis:**

- ❑ Issue of parity. In Texas, every gallon of gasoline has a 20-cent state motor fuel tax and an 18.4-cent federal motor fuel tax. Electric vehicles do not pay.
- ❑ Fees collected go towards the maintenance of state roads. Both gasoline fueled vehicles and electric vehicles use the roads.
- ❑ Interim House Committee held hearing on how to address issue of parity.
- ❑ The TxDMV study - average driver pays approximately \$198 in state and federal motor fuel taxes

Council Direction Needed

Electric Vehicle Fees Analysis:

Bills have been filed related to this with multiple levels of fees

Need guidance from council to support/oppose or remain neutral on this fee

Options include:

Supporting all bills related to this topic

Supporting the fee up to a certain amount

Opposing all the bills

Remaining Neutral

Council Direction Needed

Police Department Reform Bills

PD Recommends we **Oppose**

Removal of Qualified Immunity

Police Officer Liability Insurance

Crowd Control

Anything that contradicts current EPPD policy

Council Direction Needed

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- Direction needed on a Utilities ability to own Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
 - Support Utility ownership of EV charging stations
 - Oppose Utility ownership of EV charging stations
 - Remain Neutral

Legislative Priorities Update

- ❑ **SB 1687(Blanco):** Skills Development Fund
- ❑ **SB 543 (Blanco) & HB 1492 (Ordaz):** City-owned land conveyance for Chapter 380 agreements
- ❑ **HB101 (Ortega):** Category 12 funding
- ❑ **HB78 (Ortega):** Vehicle registration fee increase to be taken to voters
- ❑ **Wylter Tramway (Ortega):** \$5 million Rider



Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



Values

Integrity, Respect, Excellence,
Accountability, People

