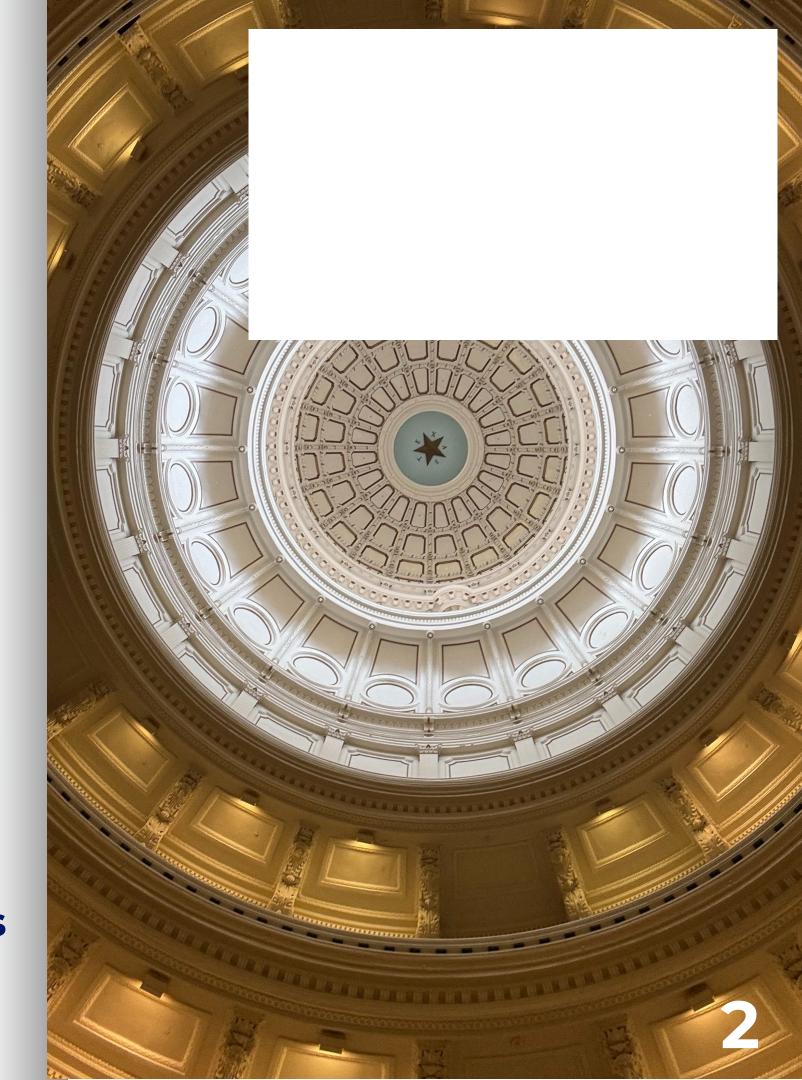


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## 89<sup>TH</sup> SESSION TIMELINE

| Jan. 14, 2025 | First Day of Regular Session |
|---------------|------------------------------|
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Mar. 8, 2025 Bill Filing Ends (60th Day)

May 15, 2025 Deadline - Consideration of HBs (122<sup>nd</sup> Day)

May 27, 2025 Deadline - Consideration SBs (134<sup>th</sup> Day)

Jun. 2, 2025 Regular Session Ends Sine Die

Jun. 22, 2025 Deadline for Governor to Veto Regular Session Bills

Jul. 21, 2025 First Day of First Special Session

Aug. 3, 2025 House Quorum Broken

Aug. 15, 2025
Legislature Sine Die - End of First Special Session
Start of Second Special Session

Sep. 4, 2025 Second Special Session Ends Sine Die

# GOVERNOR'S REGULAR SESSION PRIORITIES

- Property Tax Relief
- **Water Investments**
- Increased Teacher Pay
- Career Training Expansion
- School Vouchers
- Bail Reform
- Texas Cyber Security Command





## LT. GOV'S REGULAR SESSION PRIORITIES

- School Vouchers
- Increased Homestead Exemption
- Dementia Prevention Institute
- Bail Reform
- Stopping Al-Child Indecency
- Texas Bitcoin Reserve
- Making Texas Healthy Again
- **Business Tax Relief**
- **Wildfire Response**
- Prayer in Schools
- Parental Bill of Rights
- Public School Library Book Ban
- **Texas DOGE**
- Affordable Housing
- Stop Non-Citizen Voting

- Increased Teacher Pay
- **Banning Lottery Couriers**
- **Bail Reform**
- Teacher Bill of Rights
- Incorporate Texas!
- Curbing Nuclear Verdicts
- Life of the Mother Act
- Abortion Travel
- **Quality Roads**
- Foreign Land Owning
- **Orag Storytime**
- X Stop Lobbying
- **Texas Film Investment**
- Rainy Day Fund Cap
- Anti-Communism Lessons

- TX Dept. of Homeland Security
- Faculty Senates
- Squatting
- Protecting Texas Trucking
- Banning THC
- **Electric Grid Reliability**
- **Water Investments**
- Federal Immigration Help
- **10** Commandments



# GOVERNOR'S FIRST SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITIES

- Flood Warning Systems
- **Emergency Communications**
- **Disaster Relief**
- **Disaster Preparation**
- STAAR Test Elimination
- **Property Tax Reduction**
- **EX** Hemp Criminalization
- THC/Hemp Regulation
- **Impact Fees**

- Abortion
- **X** Lobbying Ban
- **Muman Trafficking**
- **X** Law Enforcement Public Discourse
- Protecting Women's Spaces
- State Election Crimes
- **Congressional Redistricting**
- Title Theft & Deed Fraud
- State Judicial Department



# LT. GOV'S FIRST SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITIES

- Natural Disaster Preparation & Recovery
- Flood Emergency
  Communications & Warning
  Systems
- Relief Funding for Hill Country
- Redistricting
- **Banning THC**
- Protecting Unborn Children
- **Eliminating STAAR Test**

- **Cutting Property Taxes**
- Protecting Human Trafficking Victims
- Attorney General Election Powers
- **Banning Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying**
- **Water Project Incentives**
- X Police Personnel Records
- Stopping Title Theft & Deed Fraud
- State Judicial Omnibus Package



## GOVERNOR'S SECOND SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITIES

- Flood Warning Systems
- **Emergency Communications**
- **Disaster Relief**
- **Disaster Preparation**
- STAAR Test Elimination
- **X** Property Tax Reduction
- Hemp Criminalization
- THC/Hemp Regulation
- Impact Fees
- **Quorum-Breaking Penalties**
- **OTC** Invermectin
- Abortion Ban

- **X**Lobbying Ban
- Human Trafficking
- **X** Law Enforcement Public Discourse
- Protecting Women's Spaces
- State Election Crimes
- **Congressional Redistricting**
- Title Theft & Deed Fraud
- State Judicial Department
- East Texas Groundwater Study
- Same-Day Voter Registration Ban
- Law Enforcement Contract Authority
- Law Enforcement Funding Transfer Rules

# LT. GOV'S SECOND SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITIES

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# 89<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION STATS

**Total Bills Filed** 

8,898 Bills

Total Bills Passed

1,200 Bills

Bill Passage Rate

13.5%



# FIRST SPECIAL SESSION STATS

**Total Bills Filed** 

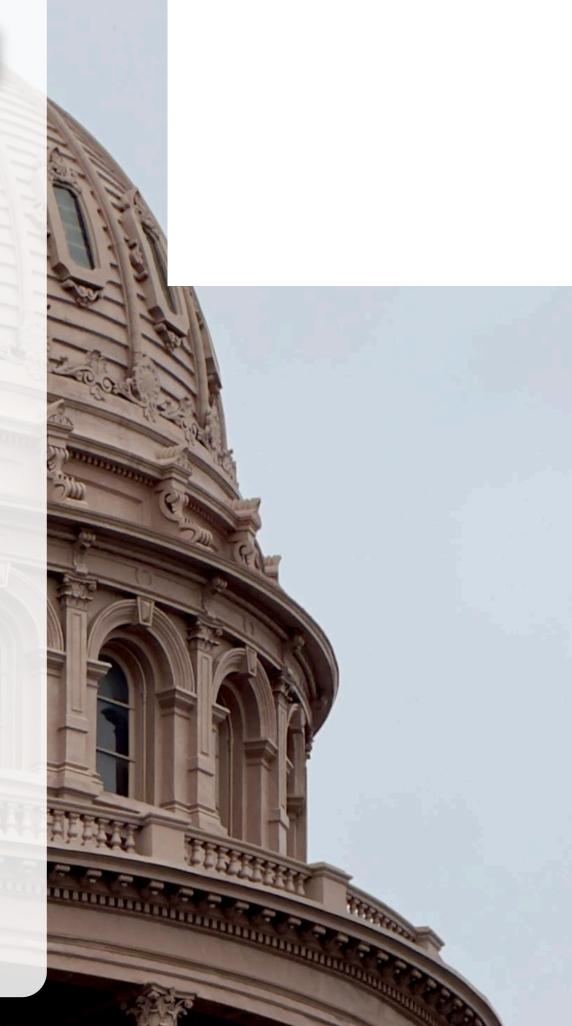
592 Bills

**Total Bills Passed** 

0 Bills

Bill Passage Rate

0%





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# SECOND SPECIAL SESSION STATS

**Total Bills Filed** 

395 Bills

Total Bills Passed

12 Bills

Bill Passage Rate

3.4%



## DOMINANT POLICY AREAS

Several key issues dominated the regular and first special sessions for cities, including:

#### **Regular Session Priorities**

- Preemption of Local Authority
- Land Use & Housing Affordability
- Financial Penalties for Policy Disagreements

#### First and Second Special Session Priorities:

- Property Tax Revenue Cuts
- Severe Spending Caps
- Lobbying Bans



### REGULAR SESSION PRIORITY BILLS

#### SB 2858 Senate: PASSED House: FAILED

- Expands state control over cities/counties in commerce, elections, & criminal justice codes
- Lets AG, private parties, & trade groups to sue over ordinances in conflict with state law
- PENALTIES: Freeze sales & property tax revenue; liable for recovery of attorney fees

#### **SB 15** Senate: PASSED House: PASSED

- Eases lot-size & density limits to boost affordable housing stock
- Caps single-family lot size in new subdivisions to 3,000 sq ft; bars restrictive rules on setbacks, height, bulk, & parking
- Applies only to "greenfield" tracts of at least 5 acres; doesn't override HOAs, historic regulations, or utility/flood codes
- Effective September 1, 2025



### REGULAR SESSION PRIORITY BILLS

SB 3016 Senate: PASSED House: FAILED

- Expands state control over city/county rules on land use, structures, business operations, & annexation
- Lets AG, private parties, & businesses sue over ordinances in conflict with state law
- PENALTIES: Freeze sales tax revenue, restrict budget/tax increases, & block grants

HB 4348 Senate: FAILED House: FAILED

- Blocks cities from closing streets or narrowing lanes without meeting strict state rules
- Cities in violation lose access to affordable housing funds
- Shifts routine street decisions to higher thresholds (e.g. elections, charter changes)



# FIRST & SECOND SPECIAL SESSION PRIORITY BILLS

**SB 10** Senate: PASSED House: FAILED

- Drops the tax rate multiplier from 3.5% to 2.5%
- Removes flexibility needed to address challenges, emergencies, & long-term investments
- House rejected Conference Committee report; Sent back to Senate

HB 46 House: FAILED

- Prohibits cities from exceeding previous year's expenditures unless increases are tied to growth + inflation or is approved by two-thirds voter approval
- Left pending in the House Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

**SB 13** Senate: PASSED House: FAILED

- Prohibits the use of public funds for lobbying activities
- Would cancel existing contracts with Focused Advocacy, future state/federal lobbying contracts, & prohibits our membership with TML
  - Referred to House State Affairs Committee

## POLICY ACTION TOOLS

To combat these bills, SLA successfully engaged in the following actions:



Mobilized
City
Departments



Organized
Messaging
with Partners



Coordinated Opposition Letters



Testified at Committee Hearings



Partnered with Delegation Staff



# 89<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION RESULTS

1,660+
Bills
Tracked

80
Action
Item Bills

33 Letters Authored

82% POLICY SUCCESS RATE



# 89TH REGULAR SESSION RESULTS



### **Defeated Significant Bills**

Made significant amendments to SB 15 (e.g. increasing min lot size to 3,000 sq ft).



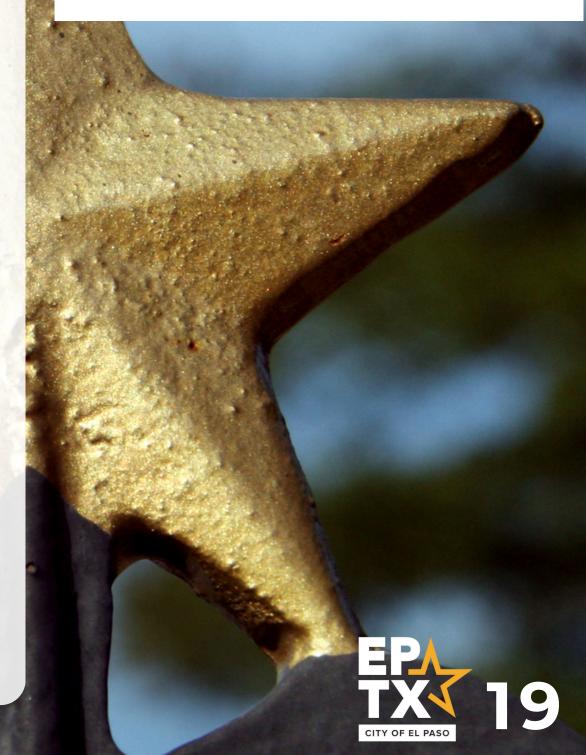
## Brought \$146M+ Back to El Paso

Notably, \$10M for the I-10 Deck Park Plaza Project & \$7M for the Wyler Aerial Tramway.



# Protected City & Taxpayers from Financial Losses

Preliminary estimates indicate that the City was saved from \$133M+ in financial losses.



# 89TH REGULAR SESSION BILLS PASSED

#### **SB 1008** Noise Regulations for Restaurants

- Changes Chapters 5.03 (Sound Amplification Permits) & 9.40 (Noise Nuisance)
- Sets new noise limits for restaurants measured at the property line

#### HB 2844 Food Establishment Regulation

- Creates Chapter 9.12, Section 9.12.007
- Sets an exception for food establishments to align with state restrictions on how cities may regulate them



# 89TH REGULAR SESSION BILLS PASSED

#### HB 2462 No-Impact Home Occupations

- Changes Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 120 (Supplemental Use Regulations), Section 20.10.270 (Home Occupation Uses), Subsection 20.10.270.B14
- Includes no-impact home businesses as an exception to home occupation licensing requirements

#### SB 1341 HUD-Code Manufactured Homes

- Changes the definition of "HUD-Code Manufactured Home"
- Matches local and state definitions with the federal definition



# 89TH REGULAR SESSION BILLS PASSED

#### HB 24 Zoning Changes

- Changes Title 20 (Zoning), Chapter 20.04 (Administrative Provisions), Article VI (Changes & Amendments), Section 20.04.460 (Protest Procedure) & Article VII (Public Hearings), Section 20.04.520 (Notice)
- Increases neighbor objection rate for a zoning change from 20% to 60% (supermajority)
- Clarifies that code changes only require a newspaper notice, unless text changes are made to increase housing (60% opposition requirement)

#### SB 840 Mixed-Use & Multifamily Development

- Limits restrictive zoning (density, height, parking, setbacks, design)
- Requires minimum density of 36 units/acre or highest allowed residential
- Allows commercial-to-residential conversions without zoning changes



# FIRST SPECIAL SESSION RESULTS

204
Bills
Tracked

26
Action
Item Bills

2 Letters Authored

# SECOND SPECIAL SESSION RESULTS

200 Bills Tracked

30 Action Item Bills 7 Letters Authored







### **MISSION**

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



### **VISION**

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



### **VALUES**

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



