



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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OVERVIEW

Approved Bills Last Session (87th)

87th Interim Committee Charges

Dates of Interest

Bills Filed This Session (88th)

Additional Priorities of the Legislature



LEGISLATION APPROVED IN THE 87TH SESSION

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- 2022-2023 statewide budget for TxDOT: \$30.24 billion (SB 1)
 - Allows new bond issuances from the Texas Mobility Fund (HB 2219)
 - TERP funding changes, 35% of funds to TxDOT for congestion mitigation and air quality projects in nonattainment counties (HB 4472)
- Transportation Reinvestment Zones for counties, not to be used for toll projects (HJR 99)
 - Proposition 2
 - Voters Approved in November 2021
 - On Hold Due to Pending Lawsuit



LEGISLATION APPROVED IN THE 87TH SESSION

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- Addition of Move Over, Slow Down law to safety and education courses in Texas (HB 3319)
- TxDOT District Engineers to temporarily lower speed limits for short term maintenance activities (HB 3282)
- Adds protections for vulnerable road users, creates an offense for drivers who don't stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk (SB 1055)

MISCELLANEOUS

- Overweight vehicle report, effects on congestion, and permit fee recommendations (HB 2223)



87TH HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE CHARGES

- Study current and future transportation needs, adequately plan for the state's population growth, the impacts of COVID
- Impacts of IIJA, federal funds
- Impact of the increasing sale and use of electric and alternatively fueled vehicles on revenue
- Policies impacting truck transportation
- Ports, economic growth, cargo volumes



87TH SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE CHARGES

- Safety: Prevent and reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries
- Driver's License Efficiency: Improve the efficiency of driver's license services while maintaining individual privacy and security
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles: Review TxDOT plan for federal funding related to EV infrastructure development. Examine the increase of EVs and make recommendations for a road user fee.



November 14, 2022

Bill Filing Began for
the 88th Texas
Legislature

January 10, 2023

88th Legislature
Convenes

March 10, 2023

60th day – Last Day
of Bill Filing

May 29, 2023

140th Day – Last day
of Session

June 18, 2023

Last Day Governor
can sign or veto bills

LEGISLATIVE DATES OF INTEREST



LEGISLATION FILED FOR THE 88TH SESSION

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

- Adds an additional \$200/\$100 fee for the registration of electric/hybrid vehicles. (HB 820)
- Proposes a 20-cent gas tax increase. (SB 254)
- Authorizes the increase or decrease of the rates of the gasoline and diesel fuel taxes based on the cost of certain highway projects. (HB 321)
- Allows El Paso County to impose an additional \$10 vehicle registration fee if approved by voters. (HB 78)



LEGISLATION FILED FOR THE 88TH SESSION

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

- **Bicycle/Pedestrian:** 3/6 Foot Passing (HB 421)
- **Air Quality:** Climate Change Council and Reporting (HB 57) (HB 846)
- **High-Speed Rail:** Requires Bond to TxDOT (HB 366)
- **Safety:** School Bus Passing (HB 648), Driving Under the Influence (Multiple)
- **Temporary Paper Tags:** Database Requirements (HB 718)
- **Environmental Justice:** Establishes EJ Council (HB 642)



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES OF THE LEGISLATURE

- State Budget Surplus
- Property Tax Relief
- Border Security
- Electric Grid
- School Security
- Election Laws
- Education



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