



The 86th Legislative Session Wrap Up

Recap of the 86th legislature: School finance, first bill to the governor, the budget and much more!

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House Bill 3, The Texas Plan, passes the House and Senate!

HB 3, By Representative Dan Huberty - Harris, provides much needed funding and tax relief to our school districts,

- **Accelerates student achievement:** putting more money into classrooms at all grade levels
- **Lowers property taxes:** increasing the state share of education funding by 7 percent
- **Reduces recapture rates:** allow s school districts to keep more of the tax dollars they collect

[The Time Is Now!](#)



The Texas Budget

House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 500 provide essential funding for the great State of Texas.

- \$11.6 billion being spent on public education and property tax reform
- Over \$1 billion dedicated to Senate Bill 12: funding the Teacher Retirement System, providing a 13th check to teachers
- Over \$2 billion to rebuild communities devastated by Hurricane Harvey and improving the state's flood prevention infrastructure

And much more...

[House Bill 1](#)
[Senate Bill 500](#)

First Bill -- Signed by the Governor:

House Bill 2900 signed by the Governor

HB 2900, by Representative Fierro, allows commodity producers to hold board meetings via teleconference, in coordination with the Open Meetings Act. This legislation frees up resources for



everyone who works to ensure Texans have safe, abundant and affordable choices of food and other agriculture products.

[Read more about the bill here.](#)

Community College - to - University Transfers Made Easy:

Senate Bill 25, by Senator Royce West - Dallas, improves the transfer of credits between Community colleges and four year universities. This legislation will reduce the burden of extra, or repeated, course hours, saving students money and keeping them on track to graduation. SB 25 is a key factor in achieving the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Higher Education Plan.

The 60x30TX goal:

By the year 2030, 60% of Texans between the ages of 25-34 will have a college degree or certificate.



Awaiting Governor's Action:



House Bill 4559, by Representative Fierro, allows for mental health service providers to obtain an incarcerated person's insurance information to collect payments; shifting the financial burden off of Texas taxpayers.

HB 4559 is tax relief for Texans!

[Read more about the bill here:](#)

Working on next session:

More often than not, it takes multiple legislative sessions to pass a bill; here are a few that didn't get to the governor's desk:

HB 2898, by Representative Fierro, allows a parent with a child, or children 5 years of age or younger to receive curbside voting services; this legislation makes voting easier for parents.

HB 4558, by Representative Fierro, permits, not requires, an institution of higher education to count a Mexican-American political science class toward the core credit requirements, up to 3 semester hours.



YOUR El Paso Delegation working for YOU:



All session the El Paso delegation stood united for the betterment of the community.

- **House Bill 70**, by Representative Gonzalez, creates a strategic plan by the Texas Department of Agriculture for crop disease prevention and control; protecting our agricultural products
- **House Bill 853**, by Representative Moody, allow s non-ERCOT utilities, such as El Paso Electric, to recover costs associated with advanced metering technologies, creating lower utility bills.
- **Senate Bill 2038**, by Senator Rodriguez, (House Bill 4299, Fierro) shifts the financial burden of mental health services provided to incarcerated individuals from taxpayers to private insurance companies, saving taxpayer dollars.

These are only a few of the bills sent to the Governor's desk focused on growing and bettering El Paso.

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